



Bridge the Divide, Ozaukee County and UW–Madison Extension Ozaukee County are excited to announce a partnership with our local libraries with the goal of turning the page on long–standing issues on race and social justice in our communities.

Ozaukee County Talks About Race has a simple goal of continuing the community conversation about the impact of race in our relationships and interactions today, while deepening the understanding of how our shared past history has shaped the communities where we live. The discussions that Ozaukee County Talks About Race initiate will open lines of communication among our friends and neighbors.

Coinciding with the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month, Ozaukee County Talks About Race will kickoff with a Community Conversation Event on January 11th at 6:00pm held via Zoom. The event, hosted by UW–Madison Extension Ozaukee County and Bridge the Divide, will welcome those interested in learning about the impact of race in Ozaukee County and introduce the planned book discussions at local libraries. Registration is available at

<https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/2649/Ozaukee-County-Talks-About-Race#>

Whether actively engaging in diversity work in the community, interested in how to begin the conversation at work or home or if attending a conversation on race issues creates feelings of uncertainty, the event is an opportunity for all.

The Book Discussions Schedule is:

- January 18 at 6:30 PM: Cedarburg Public Library, "The Color of Law" by Richard Rothstein
- January 18 at 6:30 PM: Port Washington , WJ Niederkorn Library, "Stamped From the Beginning" by Ibram X. Kendi and "(YA) Stamped: Racism, Anti-racism, and You" by Jason Reynolds
- January 19 at 6:00 PM: Grafton, USS Liberty Memorial Public Library, "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Oluo
- January 21 at 6:00 PM: Saukville, Oscar Grady Public Library, "How to Be an Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi
- February 4 at 6:00 PM: Mequon, Frank L. Weyenberg Library, "The Color of Law" by Richard Rothstein

The discussion events will be virtual and safely socially distanced at some libraries.

Erica Turner, Executive Director, Bridge the Divide explains, "This community collaboration is

the fulfilment of a vision that Bridge the Divide has long held for Ozaukee County. Educating ourselves about the roots of racism and building our collective awareness, no matter the discomfort, is necessary and transformational. Take this courageous first step to partner with us, with your neighbors, your family, and friends on this journey towards an equitable, just, and anti-racist society."

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- 2/4 Frank L. Weyenberg Library, "The Color of Law"

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USS MEMORIAL LIBRARY – WILLIAM J NIEDERKORN LIBRARY

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