# READING RESOURCES: PICTURE BOOKS AND READERS

#### Juneteenth for Mazie By Floyd Cooper



Mazie is ready to celebrate liberty.
She is ready to celebrate freedom.
She is ready to celebrate a great day in American history — the day her ancestors were no longer slaves.
Mazie remembers the struggles and the triumph, as she gets ready to celebrate Juneteenth.

#### The Undefeated By Kwame Alexander

NON-FIC



This poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest heroes.

## The Juneteenth Story NON-FIC By Alliah L.Agostini



On June 19, 1865 —more than two years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation— the enslaved people of Texas first learned of their freedom.

That day became a day of remembrance and celebration that changed and grew from year to year.

### RECCOMENDED AUTHORS FOR FURTHER READING:

- Dinah Johnson
- Jason Reynolds
- Nyasha Williams
- Jacqueline Woodson

### RESOURCES

#### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

https://naacp.org/campaigns/juneteenth

**NAACP** 

https://naacp.org/campaigns/juneteenth

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

https://now.org/juneteenth-resources-and-celebration/

# PROGRAMS FOR JUNETEENTH AT THE CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

## JUNETEENTH



JUBILEE Exploring the theme

of Juneteenth via text from the book

by Ralph Ellison

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# **CELEBRATE FREEDOM**



#### READING **RESOURCES:** MIDDLE GRADE

#### Stamped (For Kids)

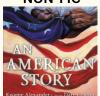
#### Adapted By Sonja Cherry-Paul

**NON-FIC** 

Adapted from the groundbreaking bestseller, this book takes readers on a journey from present to past and back again. Kids will discover where racist ideas came from, identify how they impact America today, and meet those who have fought racism with antiracism.

#### An American Story **By Kwame Alexander**





This is a story of a people's struggle and strength, horror and hope. This is the story of American slavery, a story that needs to be told and understood. A testament to the resilience of the African American community, this book honors what has been and envisions what is to be.

#### What is Juneteenth? By Kirsti Jewel





On June 19, 1865 the inhumane practice of forced labor with no pay was now illegal in all of the United States. This news was cause for celebration, so the group of people jumped in excitement, danced, and wept tears of joy. They did not know it at the time, but their joyous celebration of freedom would become a holiday--Juneteenth--that is observed each year by more and more Americans.

#### RECCOMENDED AUTHORS FOR **FURTHER READING:**

- Christopher Paul Curtis
- Jason Reynolds
- Jewell Parker Rhodes
- Renee Watson

#### **READING RESOURCES: YOUNG ADULT**

#### **And We Rise By Erica Martin**

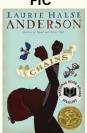
**NON-FIC** 



In stunning verse and vivid use of white space, Erica Martin's debut poetry collection walks readers through the Civil Rights Movement-from the well-documented events that shaped the nation's treatment of Black people, and introduces lesser-known figures and moments that were just as crucial to the Movement and our nation's centurieslong fight for justice and equality.

#### **Chains By Laurie Halse Anderson**

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Isabel and her sister, Ruth, become the property of a malicious couple who have no sympathy for the American Revolution. When Isabel meets a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners. She is reluctant at first, but when the unthinkable happens to Ruth, Isabel realizes her loyalty is available to the bidder who can provide her with freedom.

#### Stolen Justice By Lawrence Goldstone

**NON-FIC** 



In this vivid portrait of the systematic suppression of the African American vote, Goldstone traces the injustices of the post-Reconstruction era through the eyes of incredible individuals and examines the legal cases that made the Supreme Court a partner of white supremacists in the rise of Jim Crow.

#### **RECCOMENDED AUTHORS FOR FURTHER READING:**

- Elizabeth Acevedo
- Kwame Alexander
- Tiffany Jackson
- Nic Stone

#### READING **RESOURCES: ADULT**

#### On Juneteenth

NON-FIC By Annette Gordon-Reed



Combining personal anecdotes with poignant facts gleaned from the annals of American history, Gordon-Reed shows how, from the earliest presence of Black people in Texas to On June 19, 1865, when Major General Gordon Granger announced the end of legalized slavery in the state, African-Americans played an integral role in the Texas story.

#### **Underground Railroad By Colson Whitehead**

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Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. When a recent arrival from Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they decide to take a risk and escape. Though they manage to head north, they are being hunted. Their first stop is a city that initially seems like a haven. But the city's placid surface masks an insidious scheme.

#### Kindred By Octavia E. Butler

**FIC** 



Dana, a modern Black woman, is celebrating her 26th birthday with her new husband when she is snatched and transported to the antebellum South. Dana has been summoned to save the white son of a plantation owner. Dana is drawn back repeatedly through time and each time the stay grows longer and more dangerous until it is uncertain whether or not Dana's life will end.

#### **RECCOMENDED AUTHORS FOR FURTHER READING:**

- Ralph Ellison
- Edward P. Jones
- **Annette Gordon-Reed**
- Toni Morrison