



Diversity Statement

Service is at the core of what we deliver to the Brookfield community. Integral to our mission is an inclusive workforce driven to help create welcoming collections, classes and events, and spaces for all. We value diversity and inclusion which powers an innovative culture.

At the Linda Sokol Francis Brookfield Library, we value equity, diversity and inclusion which in turn powers an innovative culture. Excellent service is at the core of what we deliver to the Brookfield community. Integral to our mission is an inclusive workforce driven to help create welcoming collections, classes and events, and spaces for all.

Suggested Titles / Resources for the EDI Journey

Adult and Young Adult

Adult Fiction

The Map of Salt and Stars by Zeyn Joukhadar

One, Two, Three by Laurie Frankel

Speak No Evil by Uzodinma Iweala

The Only Good Indians by Stephen Graham Jones

Adult Nonfiction

How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond

Disability Visibility: the First Person Stories from the 21st Century by Alice Wong

The Pink Line: Journey's Across the World's Queer Frontiers by Mark Gevisser

Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHStHPQUzke> "Why Diversity Matters" Columbia University

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCS7Rus4_-Y "Equality vs Equity" University of Maine

Young Adult Fiction

Dear Martin by Nic Stone

Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens by Marieke Nijkamp

Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo

Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley

Young Adult Nonfiction

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds

A Queer History of the United States for Young People by Michael Bronski

Disability Visibility: 17 First Person Stories for Today: Adapted for Young Adults by Alice Wong

Wild Tongues Can't Be Tamed: 15 Voices from the Latinx Diaspora by Saraciea J. Fennell

Children

Board Books:

Antiracist Baby by Ibram X Kendi

A is for Activist by Innosanto Nagara

Pride Colors by Robin Stevenson

Picture Books:

Something Happened in Our Town by Marianne Celano

A House for Everyone by Jo Hirst

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold

Nonfiction:

Sometimes People March by Tessa Allen

It Feels Good to Be Yourself by Theresa Thorn, Illustrated by Noah Grigni

Racism and Intolerance by Louise Spilsbury

Middle Grade:

New Kid by Jerry Craft

This is Our Rainbow edited by Katherine Locke and Nicole Melleby

The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman

Videos:

CBC Kids "Proud to Be Me": <https://youtu.be/lffb-RHtyF8>

"Diversity and Social Inclusion for Kids" https://youtu.be/euRtz813o_M