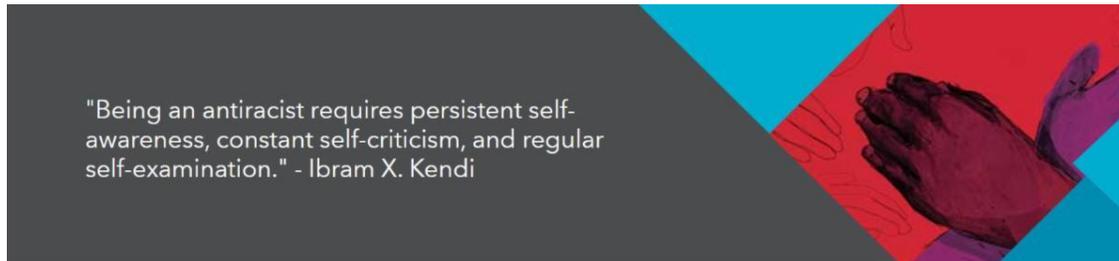




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LET'S TALK ABOUT RACE & ENGAGE IN COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

Richland Library Offers Guidance with Variety of Resources

Columbia, SC- In an effort **to address the topic of systemic racism in our state and country, Richland Library is** encouraging members of the community to take part in this difficult and sometimes emotional dialogue. We are **offering a variety of resources to help further the conversation.**

Gain a better understanding of race, equity and inclusion through the library's [new online service](#). It features recommendations to read, listen and watch, tools to guide discussions with family and friends, a look back at historical injustices, and ways to take action right now.

Introduce children and families to diverse books. Try these suggested titles from our Children's Room:

- [The Other Side](#) by Jacqueline Woodson & illustrated by E. B. Lewis
- [Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills](#) by Renee Watson & illustrated by Christian Robinson
- [A Ride to Remember: A Civil Rights Story](#) by Sharon Langley and Amy Nathan & illustrated by Floyd Cooper
- [Blended](#) by Sharon Draper
- [Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry](#) by Mildred D. Taylor

Engage in an honest and courageous conversation. Let's talk about race by utilizing an activity that was featured in a 2018 issue of the library's ACCESS magazine. You can download it [here](#). As you go through each step, be prepared to learn more about yourself and others around you.



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About Richland Library

Awarded the National Medal in 2017 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Richland Library is a vibrant, contemporary organization that provides resources and information that advance the Midlands. Offering state-of-the-art technology, a variety of literary and cultural programs and 13 bustling facilities located throughout the county, Richland Library provides a truly customizable, modern library experience for residents and visitors alike.

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