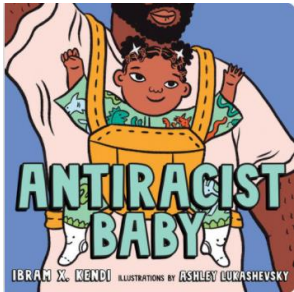
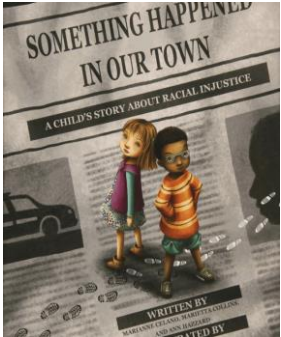
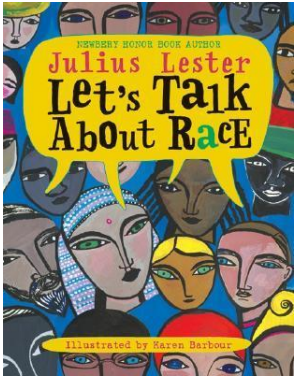


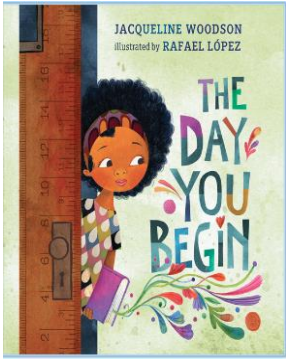
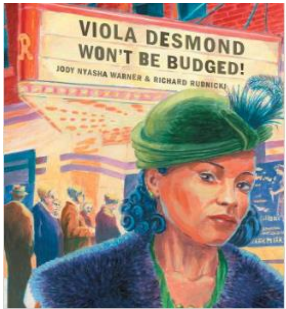
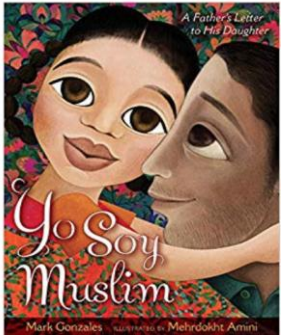


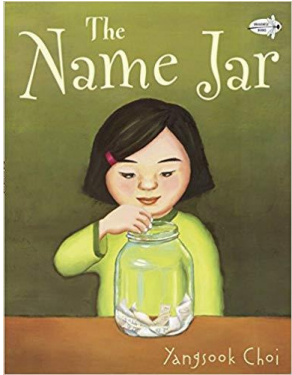
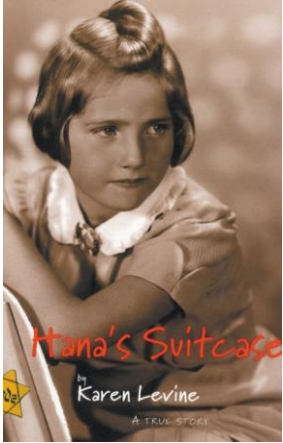
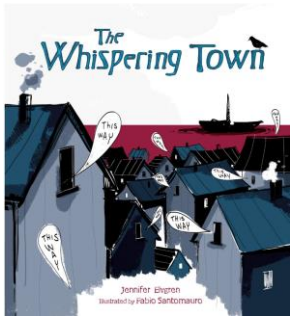
This document is an introductory and sample list of resources intended to support parents/guardians to begin critical conversations around race and racism. The document presents a range of websites, novels and picture books for early years learners to secondary students. It is important that we talk about race and racism as it affects a wide range of identities and allow students to begin to understand the ways race and racism impacts all of our lives. This is part one of an expanding list to address a variety of issues related to discrimination, positive identity development and social justice.

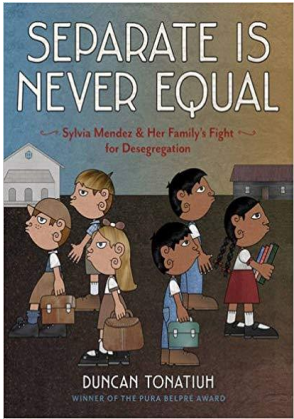
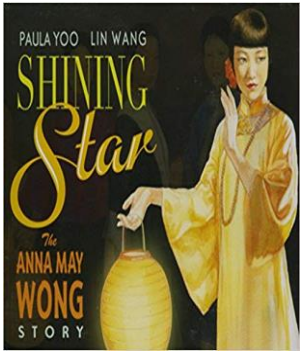
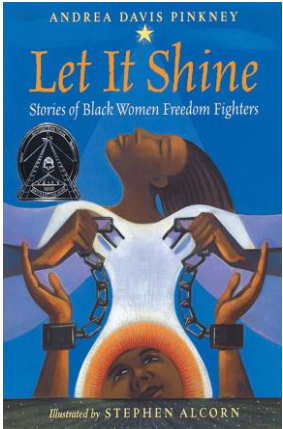
A resource that explores anti-Indigenous racism is forthcoming.

TALKING RACE AND RACISM PICTURE BOOKS					
Title	Front Cover	Author	Summary	Accessibility	Other Information
Primary & Junior Resources					
Antiracist Baby		Ibram X. Kendi	The book introduces young readers and adults to the concept and language of antiracism. The book uses images and text to engage all readers, especially children, language necessary to engage in critical conversations about justice.		Kendi is the National Book Award-winning author of <i>Stamped from the Beginning</i> and <i>How to Be an Antiracist</i>
Something Happened In Our Town: A Child's Story About Racial Injustice		Dr. Marianne Celano, Dr. Marietta Collins, and Dr. Ann Hazzard ISBN-13: 978-1433828546	Emma and Josh heard that something happened in their town. A Black man was shot by the police. "Why did the police shoot that man?" "Can police go to jail?" Something Happened in Our Town follows two families -- one White, one Black -- as they discuss a police shooting of a Black man in their community. The story aims to answer children's questions about such traumatic events, and to help children identify and counter racial injustice in their own lives. Includes an extensive <i>Note to Parents and Caregivers</i> with guidelines for discussing race and racism with children, child-friendly definitions, and sample dialogues.	Click link to access opening pages of the book. https://www.apa.org/pubs/magination/pdf/something-happened-our-town-sample-pages.pdf	A Little Free Library Action Book Club Selection National Parenting Product Award Winner (NAPPA)


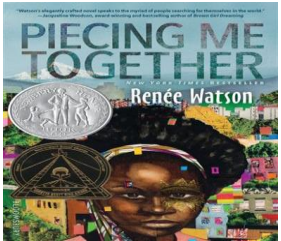
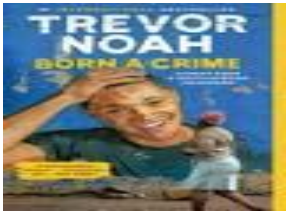


<p><i>Let's Talk About Race</i></p>		<p>Julius Lester Karen Barbour</p> <p>ISBN-13: 978-0064462266</p>	<p>This picture book introduces the topic of race and provides through storytelling a way to engage in the conversation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard copy is available at the Toronto Public Library	
<p><i>English:</i> <i>Say Something</i> <i>French:</i> Ta voix compte</p>		<p>Peter H. Reynolds</p> <p>ISBN-13: 978-0545865036</p>	<p><i>Say Something</i> is an empowering picture book that explores the many ways that a single voice change. The book inspires children to share their ideas and voice to help create a better world for everyone.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard copy is available at the Toronto Public Library	
<p>Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness</p>		<p>Anastasia Higginbotham</p> <p>ISBN-13: 978-1948340007</p>	<p>Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness is a picture book about racism and racial justice, inviting white children and parents to become curious about racism, accept that it's real, and cultivate justice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard copy is available at the Toronto Public Library	

The Day You Begin		Jacqueline Woodson	National Book Award winner Jacqueline Woodson has created a poignant, yet heartening book about finding the courage to connect, even when you feel scared and alone. There will be times when you walk into a room and no one there is quite like you. There are many reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look or talk, or where you're from; maybe it's what you eat, or something just as random. It's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody really knows you yet, but somehow you do it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard copy• Free E-audio book (via Toronto Public Library)• Free E-book (via Toronto Public Library)	#1 New York Times Bestseller Languages: English & Spanish, as <i>El Día En Que Descubres Quién Eres!</i>
Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged		Jody Warner	<p>In Nova Scotia, in 1946, an usher in a movie theatre told Viola Desmond to move from her main floor seat up to the balcony. She refused to budge. Viola knew she was being asked to move because she was black. After all, she was the only black person downstairs. All the other black people were up in the balcony. In no time at all, the police arrived and took Viola to jail. The next day she was charged and fined, but she vowed to continue her struggle against such unfair rules. She refused to accept that being black meant she couldn't sit where she wanted.</p> <p>Viola's determination gave strength and inspiration to her community at the time. She is an unsung hero of the North American struggle against injustice and racial discrimination whose story deserves to be widely known.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard copy• Free E-book (via Toronto Public Library website)	Finalist for the 2011 Norma Fleck Award for Canadian Children's Non-Fiction
Yo Soy Muslim		Mark Gonzales	<p>From Muslim and Latino poet Mark Gonzales comes a touching and lyrical picture book about a parent who encourages their child to find joy and pride in all aspects of their multicultural identity.</p> <p>Written as a letter from a father to his daughter, Yo Soy Muslim is a celebration of social harmony and multicultural identities. The vivid and elegant verse, accompanied by magical and vibrant illustrations, highlights the diversity of the Muslim community as well as Indigenous identity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard copy available via Toronto Public Library)	CCBC Choices (Cooperative Children's Book Council) Huffington Post Most Powerful Children's Book of 2017 NCTE Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts ILA Notable Books for a Global Society Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year Selection

The Name Jar		Yanksook Choi	Being the new kid in school is hard enough, but what about when nobody can pronounce your name? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that American kids will like her. So instead of introducing herself on the first day of school, she tells the class that she will choose a name by the following week. Her new classmates are fascinated by this no-name girl and decide to help out by filling a glass jar with names for her to pick from. But while Unhei practices being a Suzy, Laura, or Amanda, one of her classmates comes to her neighborhood and discovers her real name and its special meaning. On the day of her name choosing, the name jar has mysteriously disappeared. Encouraged by her new friends, Unhei chooses her own Korean name and helps everyone pronounce it— <i>Yoon-Hee</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard copy• Free E-book (via Toronto Public Library website)	
Hana's Suitcase		Karen Levine	This book traces the life of a Czech girl who died in the Holocaust. It is told in alternating chapters with an account of how the curator of a Japanese Holocaust center learned about her life after Hana's suitcase was sent to her.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard copy available at the Toronto Public Library	
The Whispering Town		Jennifer Elvgren illustrated by Fabio Santomauro	<p>Based on a true story, the dramatic story of neighbors in a small Danish fishing village who, during the Holocaust, shelter a Jewish family waiting to be ferried to safety in Sweden.</p> <p>It is 1943 in Nazi-occupied Denmark. Anett and her parents are hiding a Jewish woman and her son, Carl, in their cellar until a fishing boat can take them across the sound to neutral Sweden. The soldiers patrolling their street are growing suspicious, so Carl and his mama must make their way to the harbor despite a cloudy sky with no moon to guide them. Worried about their safety, Anett devises a clever and unusual plan for their safe passage to the harbor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard copy• Read-along and eVideo available via TPL	

Separate Is Never Equal		Duncan Tonatiuh	Almost 10 years before <i>Brown vs. Board of Education</i> , Sylvia Mendez and her parents helped end school segregation in California. An American citizen of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage who spoke and wrote perfect English, Mendez was denied enrollment to a “Whites only” school. Her parents took action by organizing the Hispanic community and filing a lawsuit in federal district court. Their success eventually brought an end to the era of segregated education in California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard copy • Read-along and eVideo available via TPL 	
Shining Star: The Anna May Wong Story		Paula Yoo	Anna May Wong's story, her aspirations, disappointments, and the need to make peace with who she was will resonate. Born in 1905 in Los Angeles' Chinatown, Anna worked at her parents' laundry. While her hands were in soapy water, her head was filled with stars movie stars. Against her father's wishes, she tried acting and eventually got a few leading roles; but prejudice against Asians (and the rule of no on-screen interracial romance) limited her career. For a long time she was forced to play either the China doll or the dragon lady, but after Wong both asserted herself and learned about her heritage, she pushed beyond stereotypes. Well paced and full of interesting detail, this picture book for older readers is a fascinating snapshot of what life was like for actresses of color.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard copy available in TPL 	
Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters		Andrea Davis Pinkney	<p>Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus and sparked a boycott that changed America. Harriet Tubman helped more than three hundred slaves escape the South on the Underground Railroad. Shirley Chisholm became the first black woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.</p> <p>The lives these women led are part of an incredible story about courage in the face of oppression; about the challenges and triumphs of the battle for civil rights; and about speaking out for what you believe in - even when it feels like no one is listening. Andrea Davis Pinkney's moving text and Stephen Alcorn's glorious portraits celebrate the lives of ten bold women who lit the path to freedom for generations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard copy available in TPL 	

Intermediate & Secondary Resources

Slay		Brittney Morris	Kiera is a Black female honour-roll student, math tutor and game-developer of SLAY. The game is home to thousands of Black gamers. She finds herself stuck between protecting her online identity and being unapologetically Black after SLAY becomes the target of anti-Black racism following a murder resulting from a dispute on SLAY.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard copy available in TPL 	
Piecing Me Together		Renée Watson	Jade believes that in order for her to succeed, she must leave her neighbourhood that has been described as unsafe. This book follows Jade's last year at a mostly white high school as she faces challenges with her friends, politics within the school and experiences of racial injustice (both within and outside of the black community).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard copy available in TPL Free E-book (via Toronto Public Library website) 	2018 Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner NPR's Best Books of 2017 A 2017 New York Public Library Best Teen Book of the Year
Born A Crime		Trevor Noah	This nonfiction text is about the life of Trevor Noah - a young man, who in South Africa, struggles to find himself and fit into a community where he was never meant to exist. Noah was born to a white Swiss father and Black Xhosa mother during the apartheid, which was considered a criminal act. He shares his experiences of racism, poverty and unconditional support from his mother as he navigates the world.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard copy available in TPL 	#1 New York Times Bestseller Named one of <i>PASTE's</i> Best Memoirs of the Decade
The Skin We're In: A Year of Black Resistance		Desmond Cole	Community activist and journalist, Desmond Cole chronicles the struggles Canadians have had and continue to have with race and racism. In the span of one year, Cole examines the systemic inequities experienced by Black Canadians and the role and responsibility we have to engage in anti-racist practices in all aspects of our lives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard copy available in TPL 	
So You Want to Talk About Race		Ijeoma Oluo	This text examines the realities of racism, power and oppression. Oluo offers a conversational guide to support people as they think about and navigate issues of race and identity. Incorporating many personal stories with practical solutions, this thought-provoking text offers entry into teaching and talking about race and racism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard copy available in TPL 	New York Times bestseller

Considerations for Parents & Families

Online Resource	Engaging My Child: Parent Tip Tool https://www.apa.org/res/parent-resources/engaging-my-child	
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Online Resource	How to Talk to Kids about Race and Racism https://www.parenttoolkit.com/social-and-emotional-development/advice/social-awareness/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-race-and-racism	These resources outline and explain how families can speak to their children about race and racism and how that looks differently for different ages.
Online Resource	RESilience: Uplifting Youth Through Healthy Communication About Race https://www.apa.org/res/parent-resources/index	
Online Resource	Dear Child- When Black Parents Have to Give the Talk https://youtu.be/Mkw1CetjWwI	
Online Resource	Muslim Parents Open Letter to their Children https://youtu.be/-TBPsf7w0k	
Online Resource	Teaching Tolerance Magazine https://www.tolerance.org/magazine	