

RECOMMENDED READS FOR EQUITY

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SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION: [TINYURL.COM/READS4EQUITY](https://tinyurl.com/reads4equity)

Recommended Reads for Equity is a collection of equity, diversity, and inclusion-focused books curated by members of the University of Washington community and housed in Odegaard. Each book added to the collection is done so on the recommendation of a UW community member. We set out to revitalize the project through enhanced accessibility, promotion, organization, and participation.

"It's one of the most revered plays in the U.S. that powerfully weaves together personal and social conditions of being a gay, queer, or racial minority person under the neoliberal political environment seen in Reagan and Bush eras." -Sumyat T.

"West African fantasy by a Nigerian American author! The more non-"swords and sorcery"/ White European fantasy (and science fiction) literature we can support and provide access to, the better." -Nicole G.



Assess Current Engagement	Re-Organize Taxonomy	Re-design webpage	Grow the collection	Establish protocols	Host Virtual Booktalks
To inform our direction and project needs, we reviewed the circulation data, recommendation counts, page views, and more.	The collection was alphabetically organized by title on the website. We shifted the taxonomy to be organized by genre, based on user testing.	The webpage was re-designed to reflect the new taxonomy and added booktalks, reading guides, and collection guidelines presented in a modernized style.	We promoted the initiative through social media and outreach, then processed and purchased the new books, updating the webpage to reflect additions.	We created procedures for: promotion, outreach, purchasing, acquisition, and management to be followed by future library employees.	We implemented an activity for library student employees and other staff to create a virtual booktalk recommendation to be shared.

This collection builds connections between community members by bridging themes of equity, diversity, and inclusion in books through sharing meaningful personal experiences.