

Get to Know Your AREA!

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AREA NEWSLETTER

Ashland Residents for Equity & Action

Greetings, Ashland residents!

We would like to introduce you to the group **AREA**, Ashland Residents for Equity and Action. AREA is a group of people of color and their allies in Ashland working together to ensure that their voices are represented in local civic organizations, government, and schools.

We support and promote people of color-run businesses in Metrowest as engines of economic development that benefit the community at large. AREA is committed to working with the Ashland Public School systems to ensure an equitable education for all students.

Through community action, we want to make Ashland a safe and inclusive community for all.

We would love to have you involved! Please visit our website at <https://www.ashlandequity.org/>. On the website, you can contact us to join us in our efforts to make Ashland an equitable community for us all. We look forward to hearing from you!

We hope to connect with you soon! Happy holidays and stay safe,

A.R.E.A team

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Holiday Shopping?

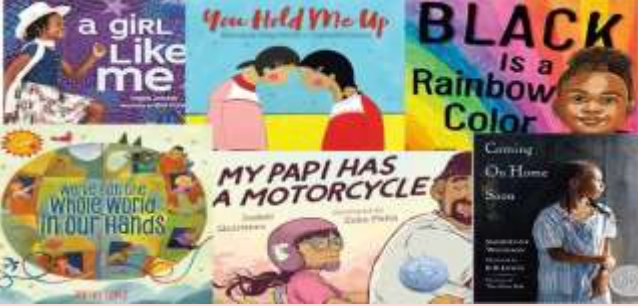

How about a book?

Give the gift of reading and learning about equity all at once! The books below are organized by school, so if you have a student on your gift list, check out the titles under the school they attend. Many teachers get free books from their classrooms if you order through [scholastic.com](https://www.scholastic.com) (ask your child's teacher for their code) or use [bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org) to support local bookstores.

Do you prefer to borrow books? Many of these titles are available through the Ashland Public Library Minuteman Library Network, as well!

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Recommended Books

Pittaway Preschool	Warren Elementary
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Don't Touch My Hair by Sharee Miller (available as ebook through Minuteman Library Network)➤ What Makes Us Unique by Dr. Jillian Roberts (available as ebook through Minuteman Library Network)➤ The Skin I'm In: A First Look At Racism by Pat Thomas (available to purchase through bookshop.org)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ I am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes & Gordon C. James➤ All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold, Suzanne Kaufman 9780525579649 (Read-alikes link)➤ Most People by Michael Leannah
Mindness	Middle School
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson ; illustrated by Rafael López 9780399246531➤ Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson➤ Miles Morales: Spider-Man by Jason Reynolds 

High School

- The Hate U Give by **Angie Thomas**
- Dear Martin by **Nic Stone**
- Read Alikes for The Hate you Give
- Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by **Jason Reynolds** and **Dr. Ibram X. Kendi**

Parents & Community Members

- How to Be an Antiracist By **Dr. Ibram X. Kendi**
- Biased by **Jennifer Eberhardt**
- White Fragility by **Robin DiAngelo**

