**2024 UWF Reading Program** Highlighted books are in our UPUMC

 Collection Books for children and youth are not included in this list, although several children’s books have been donated.

Other books may be available through your local public library

**Education for Mission**

30 Days with E. Stanley Jones

The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story (for adults)

The Book of Rosy: A Mother’s Story of Separation at the Border

The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez: A Border Story

Defiant: What the Women of Exodus Teach Us About Freedom

The House That Love Built: Why I Opened My Door to Immigrants and

 How We Found Hope Beyond a Broken System

How Beautiful We Were: A Novel

I’m Black. I’m Christian. I’m Methodist

Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival, and Hope in an American City

Let Your Light Shine: Mobilizing for Justice with Children and Youth

Apple: Skin to the Core- (a racial slur toward Native Americans)

**Leadership Development**

Beautiful Country: A Memoir

Becoming Brave: Finding Courage to Pursue Racial Justice Now

Carved in Ebony: Lessons from the Black Women Who Shape Us

Fierce Love

I Am a Girl From Africa: A Memoir of Power, Community and Hope

For Brown Girls with Sharp Edges and Tender Hearts

High Conflict: Why We Get Trapped and How We Get Out

The Purpose of Power: How We Get Together When We Fall Apart

Our Strangely Warmed Hearts: Coming Out into God’s Call

You’ve Been Chosen: Thriving Through the Unexpected

Notable Native People: 50 Indigenous Leaders, Dreamers and Change

 Makers

**Nurturing for Community**

A Little Piece of Light: A Memoir of Hope, Prison and Life Unbound

The A B Cs of Diversity: Helping Kids (and Ourselves) Embrace Our

 Differences

Blessed Youth: Breaking the Silence About Mental Illness with Children

 and Teens

Choosing Us: Marriage and Mutual Flourishing in a World of

 Difference

Crying in H Mart: A Memoir

In My Grandmother’ House: Black Women, Faith, and the Stories

 We Inherit

The Loneliness Epidemic: Why So Many of Us Feel Alone—and How

 Leaders Can Respond

Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother’s Will to Survive

Prey Tell: Why We Silence Women Who Tell the Truth and How Every-

 One Can Speak Up.

The Seed Keeper: A novel

The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr,

 Malcom X and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation.

Truth’s Table: Black Women’s Musings on Life, Love and Liberation

Everything Comes Next: Collected and New Poems

Josie Dances

See You Soon

**Social Action**

As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice

Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence

The Color of Compromise

Conditional Citizens: On Belonging in America

The Nickel Boys: -The real story of a reform school through the eyes of two boys who were wrongly sentenced.

The Rage of Innocence: How America Criminalizes Black Youth

Saving Us: A Climate Scientist’s Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World

The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone

Until I am Free: Fannie Lou Hammer’s Enduring Message to America

Echoes of Grace

**Spiritual Growth**

Abuelita Faith: What Women in the Margins Teach Us About Wisdom,

 Persistence, and Strength

Bipolar Faith: A Black Woman’s Journey with Depression and Faith

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants

Church of the Wild: How Nature Invites Us into the Sacred

Colors of Hope: A Devotional Journal From LGBQTA+ Christians

The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings for Times of Grief

Entering the Passon of Jesus: A Beginner’s Guide to Holy Week

Glory in the Margins: Sunday Poems

Land of Silence

Red Lips Theology

The Seeker and the Monk: Everyday Conversations with Thomas

 Merton

This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation and the Stories that Make Us

We Go On: Finding Purpose in All of Life’s Sorrows and Joys

The Wisdom of Your Body: Embodiment as The Road to Healing,

 Wholeness, and Connection

Womanist Midrash: A Reintroduction to The Women of Torah and The Throne

Worth It: Overcome Your Fears and Embrace the Life you Were Made

 For

Why Do I Feel Like This? Understanding Your Difficult Emotions and

 Find Grace to Move Through