

LWVDE BOOK CLUB Announcement

Dear Friends,

We are excited to offer a LWVDE on-line Book and Discussion Group and hope you will join us!

The purpose of this reading and discussion group is to take a deep dive into lived experiences, the value of proximity, diversity, equity and inclusion, and their importance to examining major issues that impact our Nation, Delaware, and the Legislation needed to meet individual and community needs.

Our first meeting will allow space for welcome and introduction to the thought process behind the formation and trajectory of the materials chosen, and will include a definition of terms, group touchstones, and booklist. In providing a foundation and platform for our dialogue, the first book we will be reading is a highly regarded edition of The Federalist Papers.

The book club will meet monthly on-line and the anticipated schedule of topic areas and booklist will unfold over 18 months (taking July and August as a summer hiatus).

Our introductory meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Together we will then schedule our next meeting for January and the months forward.

If you have any questions, please contact either Denise Davis <u>ddavisdrph@yahoo.com</u> or Lori Yadin <u>4hoping@gmail.com</u>.

We hope you will join us and look forward to seeing you! Denise Lori

List of Lived Experience Books we will be choosing from to read and discuss:

African American Experience : "Between the World and Me" – Ta-Nehisi Coates; "Faces at the Bottom of the Well"- Derrick Bell; "Caste"- Isabel Wilkerson

Latino/Hispanic Experience: "America Like Me" – America Ferrara; An African-American and Latinx History of the U.S. – Paul Ortiz

Indian/Asian Experience: "The Namesake" and "Interpreter of Maladies" – Jhumpa Lahiri; "The Kiterunner" – Khaled Hosseni

Native American Experience: "Trail of Tears – Guide to the removal of Indian Nations"- Captivating History ; Forced Removal of 5 Civilized Tribes" - Charles River Editors and Dave Wright

LBGTQ Experience: "Real Queer America" – Samantha Allen; "Life as a Unicorn" – Amrou Al-Kadhi

Jewish Experience: "Antisemitism Here and Now"- Deborah Lipstadt; " How to Fight Antisemitism" – Bari Weiss

<u>List of League of Women Voters Legislative Priority Books we will be choosing from to read</u> and discuss:

Criminal Justice – "Just Mercy" Bryan Stevenson; "The New Jim Crow"- Michelle Alexander; "Redeeming Justice" – Jarrett Adams

Education – The Flat World and Education: How America's Commitment to Equity Will Determine Our Future - Linda Darling-Hammond

Elections/Voting – "Now is our Time"- Stacey Abrams

Health Care – "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks"- Rebecca Skloot; "The Health Care Mess" – Julius Richmond and Rashi Fein; "The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down"- Anne Fadiman