



One Community, Three Books:

Creating connections with a citywide book club

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The Idea

What:

- Community reading with related activities.

Who:

- A member of our Friends Group

Why:

- To build community and start conversations after the isolation of COVID-19

When:

- March 21 – April 20, 2022



The Funding

Friend's money not used for programing during COVID-19

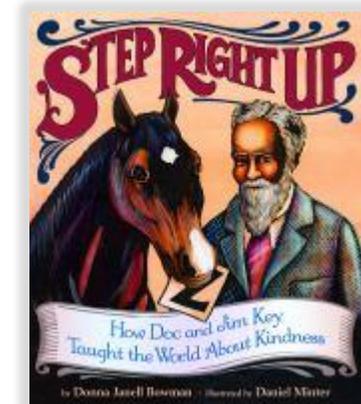
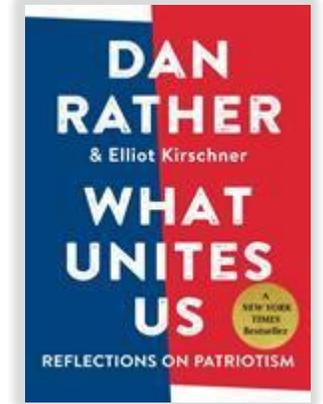
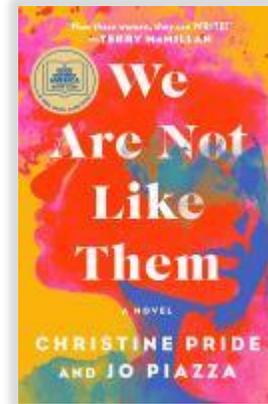
The following year the Friends received a grant from Whole Foods that could be used for any neighborhood-wide program or event.



The Selection

Book Selection Criteria:

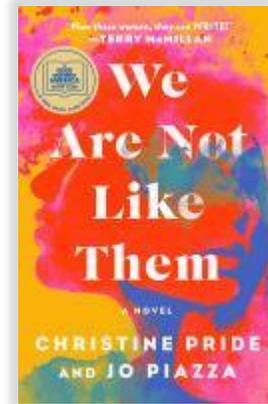
- Themes of unity, community and kindness.
- Something for everyone.
 - Adult Fiction
 - Adult Nonfiction
 - Youth
- Titles available through 'Cost per Circ' purchase model.



The Activities

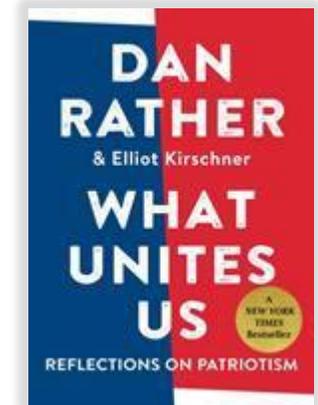
Grown-Up Book Discussion *We Are Not Like Them*

- Led by authors Christine Pride and Jo Piazza



Panel Discussion: Overcoming Community Disagreements *What Unites Us*

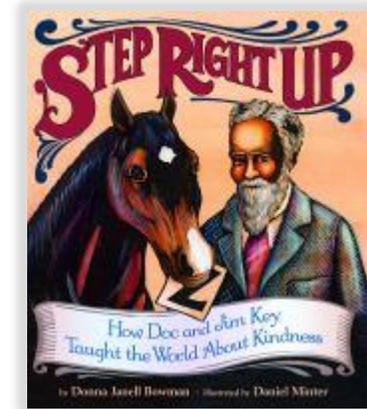
- Panel of community leaders



The Activities

Respecting One Another: A Presentation for Kids *Step Right Up*

- Led by author Donna Janell Bowman



Writing Workshop for Teens:

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One Community: Mingle and Music

- Face painting, community photo booth, music, and more.

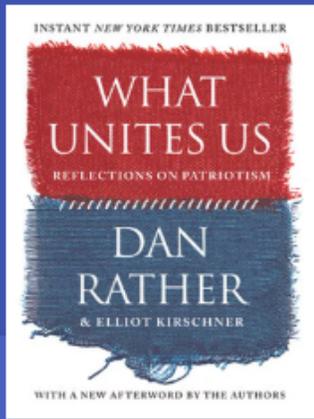


**Don't forget to register for the
door prize drawing**

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Banner on Overdrive/Libby Home Page

ROUND ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM



Join us in reading **What Unites Us** by Dan Rather, one of our three title selections for One Community, Three Books.

FEATURED

What Unites Us

BORROW

ONE COMMUNITY, 3 BOOKS

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Round Rock Unites Through Reading!
Check out the titles for this special program, then join us at community events to further explore the theme...



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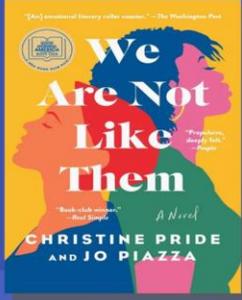
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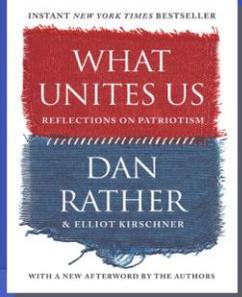
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STEP RIGHT UP

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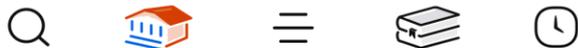
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juvenile nonfiction 350

Join us in reading **Step Right Up** by Donna Janell Bowman, our childrens' title selection for One Community, Three Books.

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A biography of William "Doc" Key, a formerly enslaved man and self-trained veterinarian who taught his horse, Jim, to read, write, and do math, and who together with Jim became a famous traveling performance act and proponent for the humane treatment of animals around the



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Program Information added to each book's details on Overdrive/Libby



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WE ARE NOT LIKE THEM: A NOVEL

Read Sample

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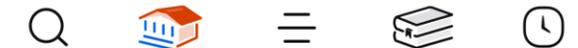
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african american fiction 248

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A GOOD MORNING AMERICA BOOK CLUB PICK



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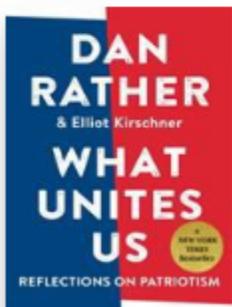


A Community Reading Program

March 21 - April 30, 2022

A community that reads together stays together.

Choose a book and join the conversation!



1) What unites us: reflections on patriotism

Author: Rather, Dan
Language: English

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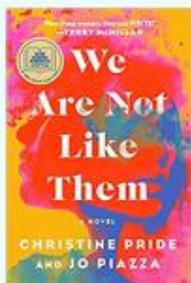


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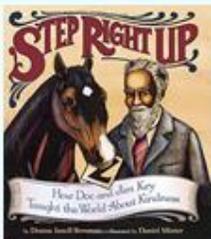
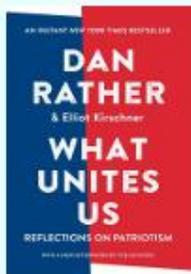


We Are Not Like Them

By Christine Pride
and Jo Piazza

What Unites Us

By Dan Rather and
Elliot Kirschner



Step Right Up:
How Doc and Jim Key
Taught the World
About Kindness
By Donna Janell
Bowman

Learn more at
[roundrocktexas.gov/
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Bookmarks



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Special Events

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WHAT UNITES US

Overcoming community
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- Posters
- Fliers
- Website

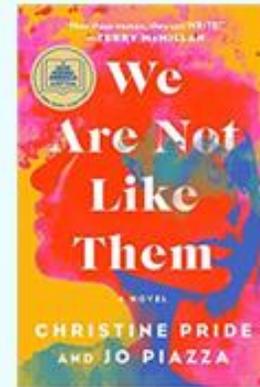


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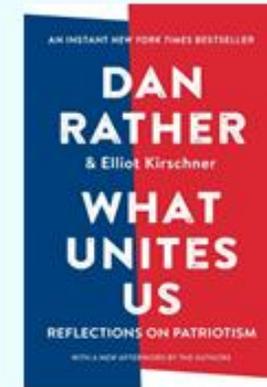
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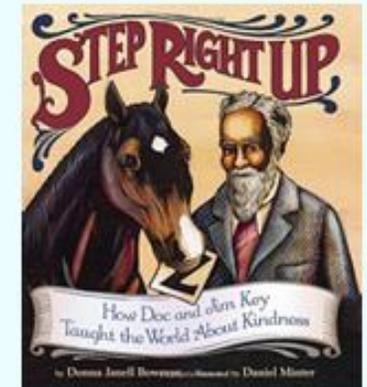
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Conversation Time!

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