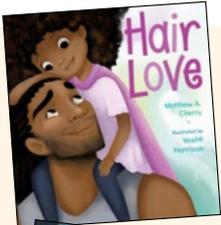


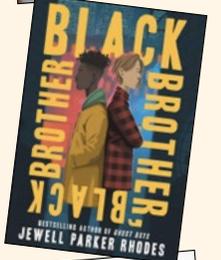
Join us this October for San Mateo County Reads! 2021 Theme: **GOOD TROUBLE**

Transformative change requires grit, perseverance, and hope. With the non-violent principles of Martin Luther King, Jr. in his heart, John Lewis led the fight for voting rights, believing them to be a precious commodity. Lewis stated, “When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up. You have to say something; you have to do something.” We hope that this slate of selections from **GOOD TROUBLE** will open dialogue and create opportunities for students and families to reflect on issues meaningful to them and provide inspiration to act, whether in small or big ways.



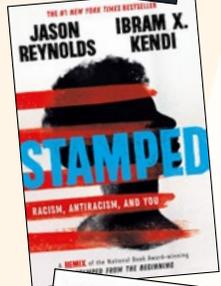
Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry, illustrated by Vashti Harrison

(Picture Book) It’s up to Daddy to give his daughter an extra-special hair style in this ode to self-confidence and the love between fathers and daughters, from Academy-Award winning director and former NFL wide receiver Matthew A. Cherry and *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Vashti Harrison.



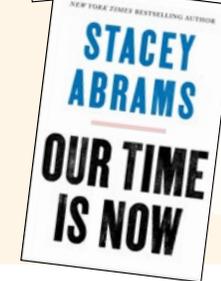
Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes

(Chapter Book) From award-winning and bestselling author Jewell Parker Rhodes comes a powerful coming-of-age story about two brothers, one who presents as white, the other as black, and the complex ways in which they are forced to navigate the world, all while training for a fencing competition.



Stamped by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi

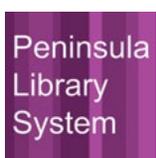
(Young Adult Book) A timely, crucial, and empowering exploration of racism – and anti-racism – in America. This remarkable reimagining of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi’s National Book Award-winning *Stamped from the Beginning* reveals the history of racist ideas in America, and inspires hope for an antiracist future. It proves that while racist ideas have always been easy to fabricate and distribute, they can also be discredited.



Our Time is Now by Stacey Abrams

(Adult Companion Book) A recognized expert on fair voting and civic engagement, Abrams gives a chilling account of how the right to vote has been and continues to be under attack. The book compellingly argues for the importance of robust voter protections, an elevation of identity politics, engagement in the census, and a return to moral international leadership. *Our Time Is Now* draws on extensive research from national organizations and renowned scholars, as well as anecdotes from Abrams’ own life.

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