

Editorial

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing

~ Edmund Burke

The events in America over the past weekend along with the post Brexit vote increase in bigotry and intolerance over the past year has fuelled the growing realisation that fascism and Nazism are not so firmly locked in their crypts as we may have liked.

Welcome to the August issue of TLM, this month we will be looking at some resources to help librarians and libraries take a stand against fascism. Apart from an excellent twitter-sourced list of books for younger readers that contain antifascist/nazi themes, I have included books for slightly older readers and several films that may be interesting for adult viewers as well as older teens.

I know that Libraries, no matter how awesome we all know them to be, cannot solve this growing problem, but we can make sure that they can play a part by combatting extremism of every stripe as well as educating the young people that we work for and with by helping them avoid being caught up in racial hatred and prejudice.

The information contained herein will enable you to put together displays to help young readers understand what fascism is and to protect themselves against being drawn in to racial hatred and prejudice as well as providing links to outside organisations that may be of help for further information.

I know that no resource list can be exhaustive but I hope that what I have put together can help you make a start and if you know of other resources that will be of use to colleagues around the country please do not hesitate to reach out and share them via email teenlibraryservice@gmail.com, on twitter (I am @mattlibrarian if you do not already know that).

Book Lists

Twitter-sourced list of books with antifascist/nazi themes

- Number the Stars - Lois Lowry
- The Diary of Anne Frank – Anne Frank
- The Devil’s Arithmetic – Jane Yolen
- Tarzan & the Blackshirts – Andy Croft
- A is for Activist – Innosanta Nagara
- Who are Refugees and Migrants? – Michael Rosen
- Girl with a White Dog – Anne Booth
- Hitler’s Canary – Sandi Toksvig
- Tender Earth – Sita Bramichari
- Maggot Moon – Sally Gardner
- Noughts and Crosses – Malory Blackman
- The Big Lie – Julie Mayhew
- The Tripods – John Christopher
- Code Name Verity – Elizabeth Wein
- Defending Multiculturalism: a Guide for the Movement
- When Hitler Stole the Pink Rabbit – Judith Kerr
- The Silver Sword – Ian Serrailier
- I Am David – Ann Holm
- The Wave – Todd Strasser
- A Wrinkle in time – Madeleine L’Engle
- The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas – John Boyne
- The Boy at the Top of the Mountain – John Boyne

For older readers

- The Handmaid’s Tale – Margaret Atwood
- It Can’t happen Here – Sinclair Lewis
- 1984 – George Orwell
- Animal farm – George Orwell
- Brave New World – Aldous Huxley
- Fahrenheit 451 – Ray Bradbury
- Slaughterhouse Five – Kurt Vonnegut

Amnesty Top Summer Reads

Amnesty International UK has compiled a list of recommended books for young readers to enjoy over the summer.

Amnesty’s top picks explore and celebrate human rights - including themes of family life, justice, racism and the refugee crisis - and have been selected for three age ranges: younger readers (3-7 years); junior readers (8-12 years); and teens (13-16 years)

<http://teenlibrarian.co.uk/2017/07/31/amnesty-international-uk-has-compiled-a-list-of-recommended-books-for-young-readers-to-enjoy-this-summer/>

Graphic Novels about the Holocaust

<http://teenlibrarian.co.uk/2015/01/26/graphic-novels-about-the-holocaust-updated/>

Films with anti-fascist/nazi themes

- American History X
- The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
- Swing Kids
- The Edelweiss Pirates
- Sophie Scholl: the Final Days

Online Reading List

Equality is Not Pie; Libraries and the Insidiousness of Subtle Racism - Fobazi Ettarh

<https://fobaziettarh.wordpress.com/2017/08/13/white-female-aggression/>

On Racism, Ignorance, and Librarianship - R. David Lankes

<https://davidlankes.org/on-racism-ignorance-and-librarianship/>

Information Literacy Won't Save Us; or, Fight Fascism, Don't Create A LibGuide - I.J. Clark

<http://infoism.co.uk/2016/12/information-literacy/>

Reading While White: Allies for Racial Diversity and Inclusion in Books for Children and Teens

<http://readingwhilewhite.blogspot.com/>

Social Justice and You <http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2017/01/social-justice-and-you/>

LIBRARIES RESIST: A ROUND-UP OF TOLERANCE, SOCIAL JUSTICE, & RESISTANCE IN US LIBRARIES by

Kelly Jensen <http://bookriot.com/2017/02/10/libraries-resist-round-tolerance-social-justice-resistance-us-libraries/>

Middle School Monday: What We Say—and Don't Say—Matters - Julie Stivers

<http://www.teenlibrariantoolbox.com/2017/01/middle-school-monday-what-we-say-and-dont-say-matters/>

How the alt-right's sexism lures men into white supremacy - Aja Romano

<https://www.vox.com/culture/2016/12/14/13576192/alt-right-sexism-recruitment>

Organisations

The Wiener Library <https://www.wienerlibrary.co.uk/Schools>

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust <http://hmd.org.uk/>

We Need Diverse Books <http://weneeddiversebooks.org/>

#LibrariesResist <https://sites.google.com/site/librariesresist/>

American bias but contains links to dozens of useful resources

Other Resources

The Southern Poverty Law Center has published *Ten Ways to Fight Hate: A Community Response Guide* which sets out 10 principles for fighting hate in your community. As with many of the resources mentioned in TLM this has an American bias but can be used internationally. It can be read online & downloaded as a pdf here:

<https://www.splcenter.org/20170814/ten-ways-fight-hate-community-response-guide>

The Little Rebels Children's Book Award recognises children's fiction (for readers aged 0-12) which promotes social justice or social equality, challenges stereotypes or is informed by anti-discriminatory concerns. The shortlists are composed of fantastic books that will be a boon to every library collection. <https://littlerebels.org/>

Author Abie Longstaff has resources on her website to enable teachers & librarians to help young readers improve their critical thinking and empathy. These are freely downloadable here:

http://www.abielongstaff.com/?page_id=662

The National Archives Answer the fascist challenge

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/resources/thirties-britain/answer-fascist-challenge/>

The TUC has a brilliant booklet on organising against fascism in the workplace, I know it is highly unlikely that any of us work for a fascist organisation but it makes for interesting reading

https://www.tuc.org.uk/sites/default/files/extras/tuc_fascism.pdf

A Time for Treason: a reading list created by a group of Black, Brown, Indigenous, Muslim, and Jewish people who are writers, organizers, teachers, anti-fascists, anti-capitalists, and radicals.

<https://thenewinquiry.com/a-time-for-treason/>

International Report Bigotry & Fascism resources: <http://irbf.org.uk/resources/>

The Antifascist Network has a great resources page including practical antifa advice and infographics looking at the British far right: <https://antifascistnetwork.org/category/resources/>