



# The MCW Common Read

*Stories often have a way of transcending age, gender, or race. It is in those moments where a reader is allowed into someone else's world, that we begin to see and understand a version of someone else's reality. It is for this reason and more, that MCW Common Read is so indispensable to our community at this time in life.*

*This year, the book selection committee chose "How to be an antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi because it asks classmates, colleagues, friends, and strangers to relate to one another on a topic so often unspoken. We are challenging each other to connect with one another, to "meet" each other wherever we may be in life, and to make inspire one another.*

*– Erica Engstrand*

## How to Participate in the MCW Common Read

We are extremely moved by the overwhelming interest shown in our program and, in particular, this year's Common Read *How to Be an Antiracist* by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi. It is a true testament to your devotion to racial equity and determination to make the MCW community a safer and more inclusive place for all. We understand that many of you are eager to get involved, so we have outlined some ways that you can participate below:

## How to Get a Copy of the Book

- All first-year Medical, Graduate, Pharmacy and Masters Students should have received a free copy of the Common Read, donated by the Dean, School of Medicine's Office.
- Copies are also available through the following venues:
  - **Borrow** a copy from the MCW Library
  - **Purchase** a copy from a local Black-owned books store
    - [Niche Book Bar](#) – Milwaukee, WI
    - [Source Booksellers](#) – Detroit, MI
    - [Detroit Book City Bookstore](#) – Detroit, IL
    - [AfriWare Books](#) – Chicago, IL
    - [Da Book Joint](#) – Chicago, IL

- Interested in buying in bulk for your department? Email [commonread@mcw.edu](mailto:commonread@mcw.edu) for the publisher's bulk purchasing form.

## Upcoming Events

- **Book Discussion #2 | Thursday, Nov. 19 – noon–1 p.m. via Zoom**
  - Join us for another highly anticipated discussion for *How to Be an Antiracist* moderated by Dr. Joseph Kerschner, Dean of the School of Medicine and Executive Vice President of MCW, and Dr. Greer Jordan, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer and Assistant Professor. Please note that you do not need to have read the book to participate!
- **Twitter Book Club | Ongoing!**
  - Follow us on Twitter @MCWREADS for once-weekly prompts posted on Thursdays from **October 1 – December 17**
  - Twitter book club is *asynchronous*, so hop on whenever to chime in!
- **Madison College Talks: A Crucial Conversation with Dr. Ibram X. Kendi (Free online event by Madison College) | Wednesday, Nov. 4 – 6:30–8 p.m.**
  - Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/madison-college-talks-dr-ibram-x-kendi-tickets-119644665415>
  - Madison College's Vice President of Equity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement, Lucía Nuñez, will facilitate this discussion with Dr. Kendi, one of America's foremost historians and leading antiracist voices.

## Interested in Hosting a Book Discussion?

If you or your department are interested in hosting a book discussion but don't know where to start, please see our [Common Read website](#) for a discussion guide for facilitators and list of potential questions. Given the limitations due to COVID-19, discussions are currently being held virtually via Zoom (or other web

conferencing program). Please visit the [Common Read website](#) for more information.

## Stay Connected

- Social Media
  - Follow @MCWREADS on Instagram and Twitter for the latest updates, giveaways, and opportunities to participate in ongoing virtual discussions.
  - Don't forget to tag us in your posts (we love to re-share!) and use the hashtags #MCWReads and #MCWxKendi
- Email List
  - Subscribe to our mailing list on the [Common Read website](#) so you never miss a beat!

For any additional questions/concerns, please email [commonread@mcw.edu](mailto:commonread@mcw.edu).  
Happy reading! The Common Read Leadership Team.