



Library Resources for Kitchen Table Conversations

To learn more about the topics discussed today, check out a book or DVD from the library. A selection of titles appears on this list; ask a librarian for help finding additional materials.

Books available at the WFPL

American Dialogue: The Founders and Us by Joseph Ellis **973.3 ELL 2018**

The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters by Priya Parker **302.1 PAR 2018**

Becoming a Citizen Activist by Nick Licata **324.2092 LIC 2016**

Conversations Worth Having by Jackie Stavros and Cheri Torres **158.2 STA 2018**

Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High by Kerry Patterson et al. **153.6 PAT 2012**

Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most by Douglas Stone et al. **158.2 STO 1999**

Fearless Dialogues: A New Movement for Justice by Gregory C. Ellison II **305.235 ELL 2017**

Get Out the Vote: How to Increase Voter Turnout by Donald Green and Alan Gerber **324.70973 GRE 2015**

Slow Democracy by Susan Clark and Woden Teachout **321.8 CLA 2012**

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo **305.8 OLU 2018**

When We Fight, We Win! by Greg Jobin-Leeds **303.48 JOB 2016**

DVDs available at the WFPL

“Disturbing the Peace” **303.66 DIS 2017**

“Our Constitution: A Conversation” **342.73 OUR 2005**

> Ask a librarian how to find the “America Divided” series, as well as documentaries such as “Gaining Ground: Building Community on Dudley Street” and “Bring It to the Table: Republicans & Democrats, Dialogue Not Diatribe” on **Kanopy**.

Available by request from our partner libraries in the Minuteman Library Network

Citizen You: Doing Your Part to Change the World by Jonathan Tisch

Dialogue and the Art of Thinking Together by William Isaacs

Healing the Heart of Democracy by Parker Palmer

The Magic of Dialogue: Transforming Conflict into Cooperation by Daniel Yankelovich

You're More Powerful than You Think by Eric Liu

Websites Recommended by the WFPL & Watertown Community Conversations:

CityLab <http://www.citylab.com>

A spin-off from “The Atlantic” magazine, CityLab is a source for “sharp analysis, original reporting, and visual storytelling” around “the biggest ideas and most pressing issues facing the world’s metro areas and neighborhoods.”

Harwood Institute for Public Innovation <http://theharwoodinstitute.org/resources>

Publications and tools from an organization dedicated to convening conversations that lead to change in communities. The 1999 report “Meaningful Chaos,” for instance, explores how people learn about and engage with public concerns.

League of Women Voters <http://www.lwv.org>

The well-known voter education and empowerment group also advocates around issues such as voter suppression and gerrymandering. Some local chapters also hold workshops on how best to get your message across to legislators.

National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation <http://www.ncdd.org>

This coalition of hundreds of individuals and organizations working to gather people across differences has an online resource center that boasts 3,000+ discussion guides, methodologies, articles, case studies, links, and other tools.

National Conversation Project <http://www.nationalconversationproject.org>

Born from the first National Week of Conversation in 2018, this collaborative project now supports conversations in many contexts, and offers tools/guides from a variety of sources on topics like free speech, immigration, and race & justice.

World Café <http://www.theworldcafe.com>

“A way of thinking and being together sourced in a philosophy of conversational leadership,” the World Café website includes an overview of its trusted method, research on its impact, success stories, and an extensive reading list.

Your Government: Massachusetts.gov <http://www.mass.gov/topics/your-government>

The state’s guide to its executive, legislative, and judicial branches. Includes links to related offices, directories, agencies, and departments, as well as information on public records requests.