

2019 Book to Action Programs

25 libraries were selected to participate in creating a Book to Action series. 48 Locations across California and more than 50 community partners will be involved. The libraries, program coordinators, title selected, issue/theme, and community partners are listed below.

Library	Program Coordinator	Title	Community Issue/Need	Community Partner(s)
Blanchard Community Library	Justin Formanek	Strays: A Lost Cat, a Homeless Man, and Their Journey Across America by Britt Collins	Homelessness	SPIRIT of Santa Paula, Project HOPE
Burlingame Public Library	Elaine Tai	March by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, ill. by Nate Powell	Voter Education and Civic Engagement	League of Women Voters of North and Central San Mateo
County of San Luis Obispo Public Library	Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer	Hey Kiddo, by Jarrett J. Krosoczka	Childhood trauma influenced by addiction; opioid addiction; Art as a lifeline	Behavioral Health (Drug and Alcohol), the SLO Opioid Safety Coalition, Restorative Partners, CARE trainers, Cuesta community college and high schools.
El Segundo Public Library	Melissa McCollum	There There by Tommy Orange	Urban Native American and Indigenous Experiences	El Segundo Museum of Art (ESMoA), City of El Segundo Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, City of El Segundo Recreation and Parks Department, El Segundo Unified School District, and {pages}: a bookstore
Goleta Valley Library	Allison Gray	Ocean Country: One Woman's Voyage from Peril to Hope in her Quest To Save the Seas by Liz Cunningham	Ocean conservation/environmentalism	City of Goleta Environmental Services Department
Inglewood Public Library	Tommy Vinh Bui	Bad Feminist by Roxane Gay	Complex issues of modern feminism contextualized by race, socio-economic factors, and immigration.	Libros Schmibros

Los Angeles Public Library – Exposition Park Regional Library	Eugene Owens	Algorithms of oppression: How search engines reinforce racism by Safiya Noble	Digital/Tech Divide in underserved and unserved communities in the City of Los Angeles	DSTL Arts
Los Angeles Public Library – West Los Angeles Regional Library	Ramin Naderi	Bottom of the pot : Persian recipes and stories by Naz Deravian	Supporting diversity in the West LA community	West LA Chamber of Commerce, West LA Farmers' Market
Los Angeles Public Library System – Studio City Branch	Emily Aaronson	Fruit of the Drunken Tree by Ingrid Rojas Contreras	Immigration and refugees	International Rescue Committee and Reforma LA
Los Angeles Public Library-Edendale Branch	Angi Brzycki	The Mars Room by Rachel Kushner	Women's reentry after being incarcerated in Los Angeles County	A New Way of Life Reentry Program
Mendocino County Library-Coast Community Library Branch	Julia Larke	The bee-friendly garden by Kate Frey and Gretchun Lebuhn	Creating a pollinator friendly world, Citizen Science research	Local schools
Merced County Library-Delhi Branch	Christina Castro	A Dogs Purpose by Bruce Cameron	Pet adoption and shelters	Merced County Sheriff Department-Animal Control Bureau
Mill Valley Public Library	Andrew Murphy	The Far Away Brothers by Lauren Markham	Immigration	Multicultural Marin Center
Nevada County Community Library	Laura Pappani	Ties That Bind: Stories of Love & Gratitude from the First Ten Years of StoryCorps by Dave Isay	Human Connection	Nevada County Superintendent of Schools
OC Public Libraries – OC READ	Susan Pina	My Way Home: Growing Up Homeless in America by Michael Gauden	Literacy support for teen parents and families experiencing homelessness & financial difficulty	Families Forward, and UCI Jumpstart
OC Public Libraries – Fountain Valley Branch	Kimberly Banks	The Longevity Project by Howard S. Friedman, Ph.D. and Leslie R. Martin, Ph.D.	Social Connections /Community Involvement	City of Fountain Valley Senior Center

Oceanside Public Library	Monica Chapa Domercq	Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond	Housing Crisis/Homelessness	City of Oceanside Housing Division
Ontario City Library – Ovitt Family Community Library & Chaffey High School	Alysha Cisneros	The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater	Anti LGBTQ+ and Bullying Issues	Chaffey High School
Orange County Public Libraries- Brea Branch Library	Sofia Araya	The Nature Fix: Why Nature Makes us Happier, Healthier, and More Creative by Florence Williams	Power of the natural world to improve health, promote reflection and innovation, and ultimately strengthen our relationships.	Orange County Parks
Riverside Public Library	Jon Andersen	No Place by Todd Strasser	Homelessness in Riverside County	City of Riverside Office of Homeless Solutions & Path of Life Ministries
San Diego County Library – Fallbrook Branch	Kris Jorgensen	Vitamin N by Richard Louv	Connection to the Natural World	Fallbrook Land Conservancy, Boys and Girls Club, Sage Yoga, Fallbrook Health Care District, Angel Society, Friends of Fallbrook Library, and San Diego County Parks and Recreation
Santa Barbara Public Library	Jen Lemberger	The Unending Hunger: Tracing Women and Food Insecurity Across Borders by Megan A. Carney	Food insecurity in Santa Barbara County	Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE), Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara Foundation
South San Francisco Public Library	Stacy Lein	A Hole in the Wind: A Climate Scientist's Bicycle Journey Across the United States by David Goodrich	Sustainable transportation choices	San Mateo County Office of Sustainability, South San Francisco Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Tulare County Library	Carol Beers	The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning by Margareta Magnusson	Conversations about death and dying	Kaweah Delta Medical Center, Tulare County Health and Human Services
Whittier Public Library	Bonnie Weber	Life is So Good by George Dawson	Aging with dignity	City of Whittier Community Services Department