

# ADULT READING CHALLENGE 2023

## FEBRUARY: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**Prize:** \$25 gift card to *Sweet Cakes* by Rachael.

Read any book by a Black author and celebrate Black History Month! As always, there is a suggested reading list but you can ask staff for recommendations or pick a different book.

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### Fiction

*Homegoing*, Yaa Gyasi  
*Black Cake*, Charmaine Wilkerson  
*The Mothers*, Brit Bennett  
*The Kindest Lie*, Nancy Johnson  
*An American Marriage*, Tayari Jones

### Nonfiction

*How the Word is Passed*, Clint Smith  
*Revolution in Our Time*, Kekla Magoon  
*Eloquent Rage*, Brittany Cooper  
*Men We Reaped*, Jesmyn Ward  
*Somebody's Daughter*, Ashley C Ford

### Poetry

*Call Us What We Carry*,  
Amanda Gorman  
*Citizen*, Claudia Rankine  
*Love Poems*, Nikki Giovanni  
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*,  
Maya Angelou  
*Chlorine Sky*, Mahogany L Browne

### Graphic Novels

*Wash Day Diaries*, Jamila Rowser  
*Nubia: Real One*, L. L. McKinney  
*I Am Alfonso Jones*, Tony Medina  
*The High Desert*, James Spooner  
*The Sacrifice of Darkness*, Roxane Gay

### Classics

*The Bluest Eye*, Toni Morrison  
*If Beale Street Could Talk*, James Baldwin  
*Their Eyes Were Watching God*, Zora Neale Hurston  
*The Color Purple*, Alice Walker  
*Kindred*, Octavia Butler