



Fall 2025 Reading List

These reading lists will serve as a resource throughout the commemoration, guiding individuals and book groups to diverse and enriching literary works that promote knowledge and critical thinking centered around Colorado and US History, authors, and illustrators. Many, but not all, of these titles may be found at your local public library. *Please note: The suggested reading list is provided exclusively as a courtesy, and readers should note that not all books will be appropriate for all readers.*

Nonfiction

Being and Becoming Ute: The Story of an American Indian People by Sondra Jones

Citizen Coors: A Grand Family Saga of Business, Politics and Beer by Dan Baum

Colorado Women: A History by Gail Beaton

The First Migrants: How Black Homesteaders' Quest for Land and Freedom Heralded America's Great Migration by Richard Edwards and Jacob K Friefeld

How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America by Clint Smith

On the Road by Jack Kerouac

These Truths: A History of the United States by Jill Lepore

Fiction

Tallgrass by Sandra Dallas

Variation by Rebecca Yarros

Woman of Light by Kali Fajardo-Anstine

Youth

Jefferson's Masterpiece: The Story of the Declaration of Independence for Young Readers by Dennis Parker



Arlo Finch In the Valley of Fire by John August



Scout Moore, Junior Ranger: Rocky Mountain National Park by Theresa Howell

