

UV's Resource Library

Whether you're a brand new volunteer looking to get their feet wet, a veteran volunteer looking to go deeper, or a group leader looking to gain more insight, thank you for your desire to learn and grow!

We divided the library into 3 sections: who, how, and why. Many of these books/DVDs cover multiple sections, but it's a start. There are a variety of styles of books ranging from storytelling to academic, and everything in between.

Let Nate know if you'd like to check a book out and if you need help picking a book to get started.

Happy Reading 😊

<i>WHO – these books provide understanding of who we are serving</i>	
A Framework for Understanding Poverty: A Cognitive Approach	Payne
America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America	Wallace
Under Our Skin: Getting Real about Race – and Getting Free from the Fears and Frustrations that Divide Us	Watson
Undaunted: My Struggle for Freedom and Survival in Burma	Phan
The Compact Guide to World Religions: Understanding and Reaching World Faiths	Halverson
Race Matters	West
The Next Evangelicalism: Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity	Rah
Let Justice Roll Down	Perkins
There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America	Kotlowitz
Rosa Lee: A Mother and Her Family in Urban America	Dash
Hand to Mouth: Living in Bootstrap America	Tirado
Between the World and Me	Coates
The Line (DVD) – Documents the Lives of People Living at or Below the Poverty Line	Sojourners
The Karen (DVD) – Forgotten But Not Forsaken	Vision Beyond Borders

HOW part 1 – these books provide insight into the overall strategy and philosophy driving Urban Vision’s programs

Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (And How to Reverse It)	Lupton
Making Neighborhoods Whole: A Handbook for Christian Community Development	Gordon & Perkins
Real Hope in Chicago: The Incredible Story of How the Gospel is Transforming a Chicago Neighborhood	Gordon
Compassion, Justice, and the Christian Life: Rethinking Ministry to the Poor	Lupton
With Justice for All: A Strategy for Community Development	Perkins
Leadership Revolution: Developing the Vision and Practice of Freedom and Justice	Perkins & Gordon
Bridges to Sustainable Communities: A System-Wide, Cradle-to-Grave Approach to Ending Poverty in America	DeVol
When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor – and Yourself	Corbett and Fikkert
God Space: Where Spiritual Conversations Happen Naturally	Pollock
Bridges out of Poverty – Strategies for Professionals and Communities	Payne, DeVol, Dreussi Smith

HOW part 2 – these books examine what it takes for children to succeed

Whatever It Takes – Geoffrey Canada’s Quest to Change Harlem and America	Tough
Mindset – The New Psychology of Success, How We Can Learn to Fulfill Our Potential	Dweck
Lost at School – Why Our Kids with Behavioral Challenges Are Falling Through the Cracks and How We can Help Them	Greene
The Way They Learn – How to Discover and Teach to Your Child’s Strengths	Tobias
How Children Succeed – Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character	Tough
Why We Do What We Do – Understanding Self-Motivation	Deci with Flaste
The Excellent 11 – Qualities Teachers and Parents Use to Motivate, Inspire, and Educate Children	Clark

What Kids Need to Succeed – Proven, Practical Ways to Raise Good Kids	Benson, Galbraith, and Espeland
<i>WHY – these books discuss God’s call to serve</i>	
The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical	Claiborne
Where the Cross Meets the Street: What Happens to the Neighborhood When God is at the Center	Castellanos
Theirs is the Kingdom: Celebrating the Gospel in Urban America	Lupton
Who is My Neighbor?: Lessons Learned from a Man Left for Dead	Gordon
The Hole in our Gospel: What Does God Expect of us? The Answer that Changed my Life and Might Just Change the World	Stearns
The Poverty and Justice Bible, CEV	The Bible Society
The Dot	Reynolds