



The Racial Justice Committee is encouraging FPCW members to join in the One Book, Everyone Reads annual reading program sponsored by the Wilmette Public Library. This year, librarians have chosen Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate and Sisterhood written by Dawn Turner, former columnist and reporter for The Chicago Tribune.

Publishers' Weekly described the book as a “beautiful, tragic and inspiring memoir” about three Black girls from the storied Bronzeville section of Chicago. The book offers a penetrating exploration of race, opportunity, friendship sisterhood and the powerful forces at work that allow some to flourish...and others to falter.

Members of the FPCW congregation will have at least two opportunities to gather for group discussions about the book. Carol Korak's book group that meets monthly has selected Three Girls from Bronzeville as the subject of their April 20 discussion. All FPCW members are invited to join the 7 p.m. meeting at the church in the Upper Room in person/Zoom. (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88460445544?pwd=S2VpK0NldzRMVDhqQ2hmdFZKK29qUT09#success>). Then on Wednesday, May 11, members can come together for dinner at the church at 5:45 p.m (reservations are not necessary), and then watch the library-sponsored on-line conversation between author Dawn Turner and Alex Kotlowitz, American journalist and best selling writer Kotlowitz is probably best known for his 1991 book There Are No Children Here that chronicles the experiences of two brothers growing up in Chicago's Henry Horner Homes. FPCW members are invited to stay around after the conversation to share in a discussion of the program.

The Wilmette library has paper and ebook copies of the book, as well as books on CD and downloadable audio. There is also a copy in the FPCW office available for borrowing.

Additionally, the library is offering a number of supplemental programs in support of the reading selection, including:

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Virtual Bronzeville Walking Tour

Tuesday, April 5, 2–3pm, Virtual

For Kids! Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks

Monday, April 11, 7–8pm, Virtual, Kids Ages 5+

An Afternoon with Ida B. Wells

Tuesday, April 19, 2–3pm, Virtual

The Great Migration and the Great War

Tuesday, May 3, 7–8pm, Virtual

Chicago's Harlem: Bronzeville, the Literary Mecca of the Midwest

Wednesday, May 4, 7–8pm, Virtual