

Book Selections for Adelante 2020-2021

September 16

The Truths We Hold: An American Journey by Kamala Harris

Learn more about the history-making Democratic candidate for vice president. Harris' book came out in 2019 and was a best seller. In it she explores the "core truths that unite us, and the long struggle to discern what those truths are and how best to act upon them, in her own life and across the life of our country".

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October 21

Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait: Alice Paul, Woodrow Wilson, and the Fight for the Right to Vote by Tina Cassidy

An exploration of the relationship between President Wilson and suffragist leader Alice Paul in the fight for women's suffrage. Paul, the author of the ERA, is less well known than some of the other suffragist leaders but shouldn't be. Learn about her and Wilson's parts in this battle.

C-1, U-1

December 2

On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century by Timothy Snyder

Snyder, an historian of fascism, serves up lessons in how to recognize and resist a turn towards authoritarianism. His book makes connections between the past and the times we live in and has been a best-selling book.

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January 20

The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History by John M. Barry

This is the definitive history of the 1918 Flu Pandemic. It's a long book so you might want to give yourself extra time to read it. It's another best-seller and certainly, and tragically, timely.

C-5, U-1

February 17

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein

Winning multiple awards and accolades when it was published in 2018, Rothstein's book documents how government policies purposely worked to deny Blacks opportunities to live in neighborhoods with jobs, good schools, and upward mobility.

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March 17

To Protect and Serve: How to Fix America's Police by Norm Stamper

Stamper is a former Seattle police chief. He offers a blueprint for restructuring the law enforcement system by creating a community-based police department. He also advocates fundamental changes in the role of the federal government and citizen involvement.

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April 21

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson

Wilkerson is the author of *The Warmth of Other Suns* which was a former Adelante selection. Here she explores the hidden hierarchical caste systems across the world and here in the U.S. which influence our lives, behaviors, and our nations' histories. It's an Oprah's Book Club pick.

C-2, U-1

May 19

Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope by Nicolas Kristof and Sheryl Wu Dunn

Kristof explores the left-behind America by revisiting his former schoolmates in rural Oregon. He "brings a human face to issues such as drug addiction, incarceration, family dysfunction, and declining prospects for employment" and offers solutions.

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June 16

Rage Against the Minivan by Kristin Howerton

Howerton, a marriage and family therapist, writes with humor and insight into what it means to be a parent in today's culture and how to free oneself from the cult of perfect motherhood.

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July 21

The Bridge Ladies: A Memoir by Betsy Lerner

Lerner learns to understand her mother and their fraught relationship through friendship with her mother's bridge club members. This was a former CPL book club pick.

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August 18

Hissing Cousins: The Lifelong Rivalry of Eleanor Roosevelt and Alice Roosevelt Longworth by March Peyser

Another CPL book club pick, this is a double biography of the famous first cousins and their places in history.

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