

# So what is a "Community Read"?...

A Community Read is a book club for the entire city, intended to cultivate a culture of reading, discussion, and growth, by bringing people together around impactful works of literature.

In discussing and better understanding important issues that affect our community, we can work towards change that will improve everyone's quality of life.

## Community Read Event Calendar

- **July 7th**

*The Sum of Us* books available for checkout at the library.

- **July 19th**

Community Read officially kicks off! Patrons may sign up in-library to be on Community Read e-mail list.

- **July 26th - August 12th**

Discussion question primers are posted regularly on library social media ([www.facebook.com/PortagePublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/PortagePublicLibrary))

- **August 12th, 6:00 pm**

In-person comprehensive Book Discussion with Stephen Rodrigues-Pavao, held at the Portage Public Library

- **August 19th, 6:00 pm**

In-person keynote speech and Q&A with **Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes** at the Pauquette Park Beasley Pavilion!



Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes

The Portage Public Library has purchased 45 Community Read copies of *The Sum of Us* for our patrons to check out in-library. These books do not circulate to other libraries, and cannot be put on hold. They check out for 14 days, with no renewals. Books available while supplies last!

*The Sum of Us* is also available as a digital audiobook (for purchase or checkout via Libby & Overdrive) and is beautifully narrated by the author, Heather McGhee.

Want more info? Visit: [www.portagelibrary.us/CommunityRead2021](https://www.portagelibrary.us/CommunityRead2021)

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