

International Day of Peace Displays For Public & School Libraries

Compiled by the Maine Peace Education Initiative

A coalition of peace groups across Maine is working together to encourage widespread peace education throughout the state. Amidst worrisome global crises and ongoing wars, we are fostering peace awareness in local communities through libraries, schools, arts groups, activist networks, and other local events.

The International Day of Peace Displays at public and school libraries use literature, posters, and art to lift up the common longing for peace. Librarians and educators are encouraged to pull books from their collections to display on a revolving book display, special shelf, or other area of their library.

We have compiled resources to make this task easy and fun. These include a book list, free posters that can be printed out, and other materials.

Questions? Email Rivera Sun: rivera@paceebene.org

If your local library agrees to put up a Peace Display, please let us know! rivera@paceebene.org

Book List

Here is a list of books that can be put on a book display or added to the library's collection.

Picture Books:

- *The Story of Ferdinand the Bull* by Munro Leaf
- *The Butter Battle Book* by Dr. Suess
- *Hiawatha and the Peacemaker* by Robbie Robertson, illustrated by David Shannon
- *Can You Say Peace?* by Karen Katz
- *Amazing Peace* by Maya Angelou
- [*The Peace Jubilee*](#) by Alicia Potter
- [*Walking toward peace: the true story of a brave woman called Peace Pilgrim*](#) by Kathleen Krull
- *Peace* by Baptiste Paul & Miranda Paul; illustrated by Estelí Meza
- [*A Bowl Full of Peace : a true story*](#) by Caren Stelson
- *Paulie Pastrami Achieves World Peace* by James Proimos
- *Ashoka the fierce : how an angry prince became India's emperor of peace* by Carolyn Kanjuro illustrated by Sonali Zohra

- *War and Peace* by Child's Play Ltd.

Chapter Books For Young People

- *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr
- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
- [*The Way Between & the Ari Ara Series*](#) by Rivera Sun
- [*Habibi*](#) by Naomi Shihab Nye

Nonfiction for Kids

- *Peace, Love, Action: Everyday Acts of Goodness* by Tanya Zabinski
- *Peace Tales: World Folktales To Talk About* by Margaret Read MacDonald
- *The Diary of Anne Frank* by Anne Frank
- *Paths to Peace: People Who Changed the World* by Jane Breskin Zalben
- *Peace One Day* by Jeremy Gilley
- *Peace* by Tucker Shaw

Nonfiction For Adults

- *Peace Pilgrim: Her Life & Work In Her Own Words* by Peace Pilgrim
- *High Conflict: Why We Get Trapped & How We Get Out* by Amanda Ripley
- *The Art of Waging Peace* by Paul K. Chappell
- *Being Peace* by Thich Nhat Hanh
- *Peace Is In Every Step* by Thich Nhat Hanh
- *Peace By Peaceful Means* by Johann Galtung
- *America's youngest ambassador: the Cold War story of Samantha Smith's lasting message of peace* by Lena Nelson
- *Soup for Syria: building peace through food* / collected and photographed by Barbara Abdeni Massaad
- *Sweet Fruit from the Bitter Tree* by Mark Andreas,
- *Conversational Intelligence* by Judith Glaser
- *The Anatomy of Peace* by Emery Reves
- *Just Peacemaking - Ten Practices for Abolishing War* edited by Glenn Stassen
- *The Beatitudes of Peace* by John Dear
- *Gandhi's Peace Army* by Thomas Weber
- *Peace and Bread in Time of War* by Jane Addams
- *The Trial of the Catonsville Nine* by Daniel Berrigan
- *Talking Peace: A Vision for the Next Generation* by Jimmy Carter
- *War Is a Racket* by General Smedley D. Butler
- *Africa's Peacemakers: Nobel Peace Laureates of African Descent* by Adekeye Adebajo
- *A Global Security System: An Alternative to War* by World BEYOND War
- *The Anatomy of Peace* by The Arbinger Institute
- *Permanent Peace* by Robert Oats
- *The Future of Peace* by Scott Hunt
- *A Path to Peace* by George Mitchell
- *War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning* by Chris Hedges

- *Approaches to Peace: A Reader in Peace Studies* by David Barash, ed.

Fiction For Adults

- *The Foundation Trilogy* by Issac Asimov
- *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller
- *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy
- *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway
- *Johnny Got His Gun* by Dalton Trumbo
- [*Lysistrata*](#) – [Aristophanes](#) play, 411 BCE
- [*Slaughterhouse Five*](#) – [Kurt Vonnegut](#)
- [*The War Prayer*](#) – [Mark Twain](#) short story
- *Binti* by Nnedi Okorafor
- *Mother Courage and Her Children* - a play by Bertolt Brecht
- *The Lamb's War* by Jan de Hartog

10 Ways To Build Peace

From the local to the global, there are many ways to build peace in our communities and around the world. Here are some places to start:

1. Be kind.
2. Listen more.
3. Be curious about different cultures
4. Teach and learn skills for conflict resolution.
5. Spread facts, not rumors.
6. Refuse to make money from weapons.
7. Tell officials to support peace, not war.
8. Support human rights and social justice for all.
9. Take a visible stand for peace with posters, art, and protests.
10. Uplift peacemakers from every side of a conflict.



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More Ways To Build Peace

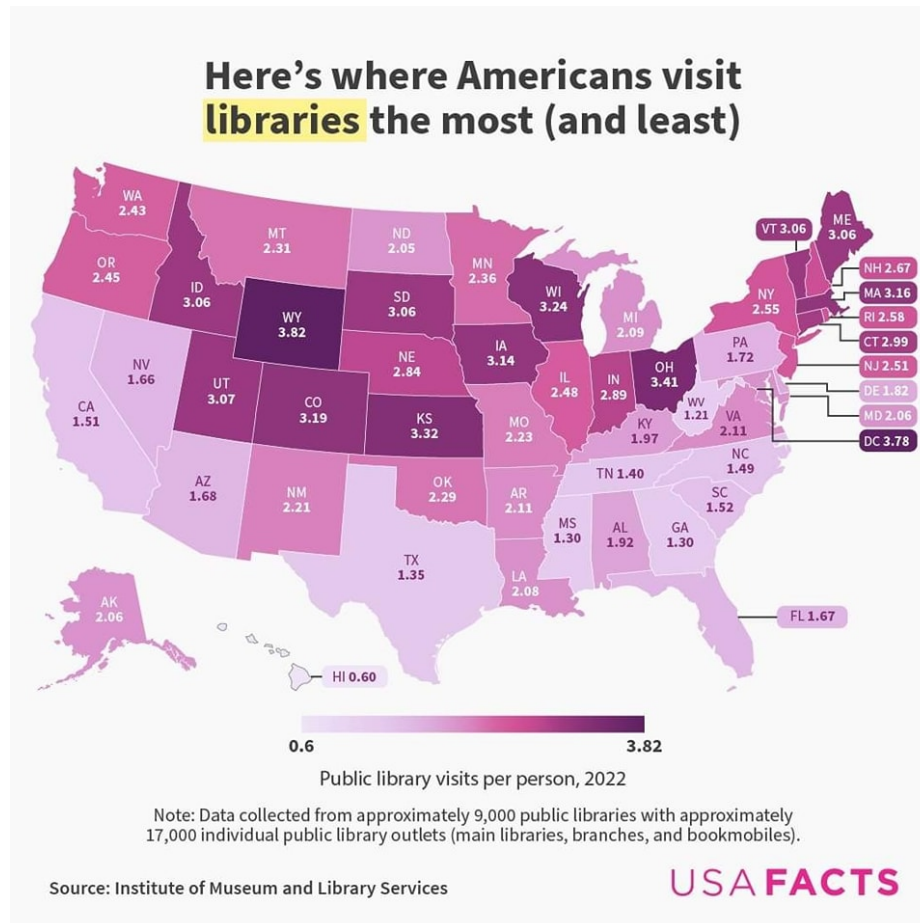
Peace can be built in a multitude of ways. Here are more ideas that didn't fit on the poster!

- Cultivate respect for life among yourself and your community
- Uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms
- Foster the promotion of non-violence through education, dialogue and cooperation
- Urge people to maintain a commitment to the peaceful settlement of conflict
- Demand adherence to the values of freedom, justice, democracy, tolerance, solidarity, cooperation, pluralism, cultural diversity, dialogue and understanding at all levels of society and among nations.

Posters

Here is a collection of posters you can download, print, and put up as part of your peace display. We also encourage you to work with local children to create peace art.

- [Wage Peace](#)
- [No War](#)
- [Does Your Tax Money Go To War?](#)
- [Nonviolence Means ... Wage Peace](#)
- [Build Windmills, Not Weapons](#)
- [I Will Not Raise My Child To Kill Another Mother's Child](#)



Did you know that Maine has one of the highest library visit rates in the country? This is one reason why uplifting peace in our libraries is a powerful choice.

About the Maine Peace Education Initiative

The Maine Peace Education Initiative is a coalition of Maine peace groups working together to advance peace education and awareness across the state. Members include Maine Veterans For Peace, Pax Christi Maine, [Peace Action Maine](#), [Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine](#), Maine members of [World Beyond War](#), [Americans Who Tell The Truth](#), Peace and Justice Group of Waldo County, PeaceWorks, [Unity Center For Spiritual Growth](#).

This effort is organized in conjunction with the [International Day of Peace](#) (Sept 21) and [Campaign Nonviolence Action Days](#) (Sept 21-Oct 2).

September 21 will also be the start of the Maine Peace Education Initiative's collaborative yearlong effort to inspire Mainers' interest in learning how creating a culture of peace will allow human and economic resources now devoted to warfare to be used instead to improve the

well-being of all living things and their environment. For example, the Initiative is also coordinating a day-long presentation at the Common Ground Fair on peace on September 21st.

More Resources on War & Peace

Educational Resources From [World BEYOND WAR](#):

- [Debunking Myths](#)
- [Reasons to End War](#)
- [Fact Sheets](#)
- [Flyers](#)
- [Mapping Militarism](#)
- [Infographics](#)
- [More](#)

Sample Letter

Want to share this with a fellow librarian, educator, or friend? Here is a sample letter that you can use. Thank you for spreading this idea.

SAMPLE LETTER:

Dear [NAME],

Every September 21st, cities and towns across the United States and around the world celebrate the International Day of Peace.

Would you support peace by putting up a book display at your library?

Here are resources of book lists, posters, and other materials to make it easy, beautiful, and fun! As you'll see, library collections often include books that encourage peace education.

By making a book display, you are affirming the widely-held longing in our communities for an end to violence and war. From children to military veterans to families, people yearn to see a just and lasting peace in our homes, communities, and in the world.

Thank you for taking time to set up a book display. Thinking of joining in? Let Rivera Sun know at rivera@paceebene.org She is part of a network of peace organizations - the Maine Peace Education Initiative - who are encouraging libraries to participate in this effort.

As we approach September 21st, you can also take a photo and send it to Rivera so your efforts can be uplifted and celebrated.

With gratitude for all the ways you educate, inform, and uplift our communities,
[Your name]