Reading Together exists to build a stronger community with deeper connections through the common experience of reading the same book and exploring its themes together. When we do that, we engage and learn, not only about ourselves, but more importantly about each other and the world around us.

About the Book
Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter navigates between the poverty-stricken neighborhood where she lives and the upper-crust suburban prep school she attends. Her life is up-ended when she is the sole witness to the shooting of her childhood best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. As Starr finds herself even more torn between the two vastly different worlds she inhabits, she also has to contend with speaking her truth and, in the process, trying to stay alive herself.

For a complete list of events visit, [www.readingtogether.us](http://www.readingtogether.us).

Be sure to check out all of the “Literary Arts” stops in April’s Art Hop:

- [Kalamazoo Book Arts Center](#)
- [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#)
- [Judy K. Joffriffe Theater](#)
- [Nature Connection](#)
- [Kalamazoo Public Library](#)
- [Flow Theory](#)
**Kalamazoo Book Arts Center**
Park Trades Center - Suite 103A
326 W. Kalamazoo Avenue
5:00 – 8:00 pm
2019 Edible Book Festival. KBAC joins libraries and book arts centers from around the world in this delightful April Fool’s celebration of the art of the book!

**Glass Art Kalamazoo**
Park Trades Center - Suite 100
326 W. Kalamazoo Avenue
5:00 – 9:00 pm
Exciting boro glass demonstrations and gallery exhibit by visiting artist Kit Paulson (kitpaulsonglass.com). Also, live glass blowing by resident artists & “make-your-own” fused glass project.

**Jazz and Creative Institute**
310 N. Rose Street
7:00 – 8:00 pm
Jay Jay Ross sings originals and arranges obscure standards to unsettle your idea of what jazz is. Carmen McRae and Thelonious Monk are main influences.

**Kalamazoo Piano Company**
310 N. Rose Street
5:00 – 9:00 pm
The creative process is a significant source of enrichment for Erik Vasilievus, and he’s only just beginning. www.bestoneyet.art

**Kalamazoo Valley Museum**
230 N. Rose Street
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Foodways Symposium 2019: The Foods We Carried: Middle Eastern Foodways in Michigan focuses on Middle Eastern food and culture immersing you in this vibrant region.

**Civil House Coffee**
344 N. Rose Street
5:00 – 8:00 pm
Corby Deford creates digital art of mundane environments with surreal components + sense of vague familiarity. It's like trying to remember an experience you've never actually had.

**Colors & Cocktails: The Mobile Art Party**
Park Trades Center - Studio 309
326 W. Kalamazoo Avenue
5:00 – 8:00 pm
Please join us for the grand opening of Colors & Cocktails: The Mobile Art Party showcasing artist Lauren Parker Lasater’s paintings, photography, and glassware!

**ARCADIA**
**SAV E THE DATE!**
Fri, June 7th, 12 – 8 p.m.
Sat, June 8th, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Enjoy creations from local and regional artists!

**Park Trades Center**
326 W. Kalamazoo Avenue
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One of the largest art communities with 95 studios and over 100 artists, artisans, and small businesses. Works in glass, paint, wood, pottery, metalsmithing, and much more!
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Each of the artists and venues listed below is located on the 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall. Each is open from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This is an outstanding opportunity to support our local artists and shops.

**Aardema Wood Floors**
316 S. Kalamazoo Mall
Suite 112
5:00 – 8:00 pm
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**Black Arts & Cultural Center**
Epic Center, Suite 202
359 S. Kalamazoo Mall
5:00 – 8:00 pm
The Black Arts & Cultural Center (BACC) will feature artwork inspired by The Black Arts Movement by Anthony Fitzpatrick.

**Judy K. Jolliffe Theatre**
Epic Center
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Together with the KPL’s “Reading Together” selection, The Hate U Give, by Angie Thomas, the BACC and ACGK present a screening of the film adaptation.

**Nature Connection**
Epic Center, Suite 102
359 S. Kalamazoo Mall
5:00 – 8:00 pm
Mary Robertson is a watercolor artist focusing mainly on landscapes and nature. As a hobby, she writes, illustrates and self-publishes picture books for children.

**Webster’s Prime**
Radisson Plaza Hotel, 2nd Floor
100 W. Michigan Avenue
5:00 – 8:00 pm
Explore the landscape of Michigan through Randy Bronkema’s black and white photography.

**KALAMAZOO MALL**
KVCC Center for New Media & Arcus Gallery
100 W. Michigan Avenue
5:30 – 8:00 pm
KVCC Center for New Media & Arcus Gallery Alumni+ Art Show: an annual juried exhibition of visual artwork created by Kalamazoo Valley alumni.

**Pop City Popcorn**
346 S. Kalamazoo Mall
5:00 – 8:00 pm
Artist/Illustrator Clarissa Krajewski creates whimsical pen and ink drawings that are always meant to draw the viewer in for a closer look.

**The Gilmore**
Epic Center, Suite 101
359 S. Kalamazoo Mall
5:00 – 8:00 pm
In collaboration with The Gilmore, Jazz Pianist Rufus Ferguson performs on the first floor of the Epic Center. Gilmore box office will also be open.

**MRC artWorks**
330 S. Kalamazoo Mall
5:00 – 9:00 pm
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**Consumers Credit Union**
125 S. Kalamazoo Mall
5:00 – 8:00 pm
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**Artisan Sandwich Co.**
348 S. Kalamazoo Mall
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**Vine Neighborhood Association**
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435 W. South Street
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