A reading list of books, articles, and essays has been compiled by the Chisenhale Gallery team. The reading list focuses on acts of resilience, both throughout history and in our current moment of crisis.

The books, poems and essays collected here revisit historic strategies of resilience, as well as consider what resistance can look like in this current moment of crisis. Also included are texts that explore resilience through acts of hope, refusal and retreat both within and beyond our present moment. Others call for a re-imagination of social and political life, seeking out alternative futures, or entirely new worlds.


