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Pictured: A.W. Roberson, local Civil Rights activist

TALK Book Discussion Series Spring 2019, Newton Public Library

January 23, 7 pm

March by John Lewis

Discussion Leader: **Carmaletta Williams**, retired English and African American Studies professor from Johnson County Community College

February 20, 7 pm

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

Discussion Leader: **Annette Billings**, African-American Kansas poet, playwright, actress and nurse

March 27, 7 pm

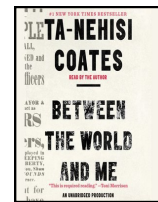
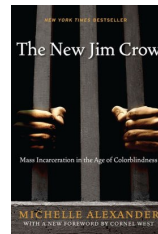
Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudia Rankine

Discussion Leader: **Dennis Etzel, Jr.**, instructor of English at Washburn University

April 17, 7 pm

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Discussion Leader: **Sheryl Wilson**, Director of KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution)



***March*, Books 1, 2 & 3** by John Lewis

Civil Rights icon and United States Congressman John Lewis writes this series of graphic novels based on his experiences in the Civil Rights Movement during the early 1960s. A 1958 comic about Martin Luther King, Jr. inspired him as a young man growing up in rural Alabama, and he sought to instill that same sense of pride in a new generation of youth.

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

The author examines the role of race in the American judicial system. In a powerful tour de force, she steps back, looks at the big picture, and concludes that the prison industrial complex picks up where slavery and Jim Crow segregation left off.

Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudia Rankine

Rankine turns a critical eye to everything from tennis superstar Serena Williams to everyday micro aggressions on the subway in this sojourn into race relations in the twenty-first century.

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

This searingly honest reflection on contemporary race relations is written as a letter to the author's teenage son. Part autobiography, part history lesson, Coates forces the reader to grapple with the meaning of being American.

Use your NPL card to borrow books for the Spring 2019 *Civil Rights Revisited* discussion series by contacting Newton Public Library.

These events are free and open to the public.

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