“Climb inside of his skin and walk around in it”

In Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird, Atticus Finch says, “If you can learn a simple trick, Scout, you’ll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view, until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it.” This theme of trying to understand someone else from their point of view is central in this well-known book.

On Saturday, February 1 from 3:00-5:00, you have the opportunity to walk around in the skin of African-Americans at Bastrop Juneteenth Committee’s youth panel on “The Importance of Juneteenth and Black History.” This reception will include local teens speaking on the topic, entertainment, and hors d’oeuvres in the library’s meeting room.

If you can’t make it on the 1st, you can still “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history,” as President Gerald Ford said of Black History Month in 1976, by reading a book by or about African-Americans. Here are some of our favorite “climb inside of his skin” books:

- The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead (NOV Whi + Libby ebooks)
- Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates (305.8 Coa + Libby ebooks)
- Becoming by Michelle Obama (92 Oba + CD Book 92 Oba + SPA 92 Oba + Libby ebooks)
- When I Was the Greatest by Jason Reynolds (YA F Rey (New))
- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (YA F Tho + Libby)
- Firebird by Misty Copeland (E Cop)
- Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes (JF Rho + Libby ebooks)

Walk around in someone else’s skin for a little bit: attend the Youth Panel and read a book by/about African-Americans.
"The Book I Want Isn't In! Now What?"

Ever wanted a book but someone else has it checked out? Don’t despair, put a on hold it! It’s simple to put yourself in line:

Step 1: Log-in to your library card account in the top right corner of the card catalog. (You can access the card catalog anywhere you have internet at bastrop.biblionix.com/catalog/.)

Step 2: Click on "Reserve this item."

Step 3: In the pop-up box, select how you’d like to be notified (via email, text, or phone call) when it’s ready for you to pick up.

You’ll see an estimate of when it should be returned, so that you can anticipate when it’ll be ready for you.

Step 4 (the hardest step): Wait until you get the notification.

If you need something to read in the meantime, librarians at the Information Desk are happy to recommend read-alikes!

Book and Plant Sale will be March 27-28

The Friends of Bastrop Public Library and the Lost Pines Garden Club will be hosting their annual Book and Plant Sale on Friday, March 27th from 10:00-6:00 and Saturday, March 28th from 10:00-4:00.

There will be great native plants, cheap books, a silent auction, and more with proceeds going toward the library’s summer programming. Mark your calendars today so you don’t forget!
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**Black History Month Youth Panel and Reception** 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Becca Sexton:
The Murderbot Diaries by Martha Wells
The Murderbot Diaries, a series of novellas beginning with “All Systems Red,” is a funny and warm look at the possible future of artificial intelligence. Murderbot is a security robot/AI tasked with protecting a team of humans when all he really wants to do is binge watch his favorite TV show. He ends up caring about his charges and their well-being despite himself, and action and adventure ensue as Murderbot uncovers a major corporate conspiracy.
Find it: SFF Wel + CD Book Wel + Libby ebooks

Judy Waits:
Wherever She Goes by Kelley Armstrong
Aubrey is having a rough time of it: she’s had a bit of a mental breakdown, she’s recently divorced, and her husband got custody of their daughter. When she witnesses a boy taken from the park against his will, the police don’t believe her. So she investigates on her own. Along the way, she learns to have faith and trust in herself. While it starts off slow, once the kidnapping happens, the pace picks up, and I had a hard time putting it down.
Find it: MYS Arm + Libby ebooks

Sheila Bowman:
Miracles on Maple Hill by Virginia Eggertsen Sorensen
After Marly’s father returns from WWII where he had been a prisoner of war, the family moves to the countryside. There, they experience the natural miracles of life and simplicity, and Father finds peace.
Find It: JF Sor

Arlette Castro:
Maze Runner by James Dashner
This is one of the best books I’ve ever read before! In the center of a maze live boys. When they come into the maze for the first time, they don’t remember their name. Every day, people go out into the maze to find the way out. But they never find it because the maze changes every day.
Find it: Libby ebooks

Bethany Dietrich:
The Infinite Noise by Lauren Shippen
In therapy, Caleb learns that he is an empath, someone who can feel the emotions that others around him have. To counteract how overwhelmed he is by his “powers,” Caleb hone’s in on the emotions of classmate Adam, whom he befriends. This friendship-to-romance is the focus of the story, but a threat lurks: an organization that Adam’s parents work with tracks Atypicals like Caleb so that they can experiment on them. This magical realism-like story has a beautiful gay relationship at its heart, but also explores Othering and how we are often afraid of what is different from “normal.”
Find it: YA F Shi (New)