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Informed & Engaged

*Connecting Palm Beach County to Reliable Information
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The Palm Beach County Library System is partnering with the County's Criminal Justice Commission to offer Informed & Engaged activities. Beginning in March 2019, these activities offer public dialogue opportunities that focus on the current state of and work being done to reform the criminal justice system.

The Palm Beach County Library System's mission, "To connect communities, inspire thought and enrich lives," is a continual effort to identify areas in which the Library can leverage resources to better serve the needs and interests of all. One identified opportunity is actively positioning the Library as a premier source of civic engagement in the County. The Library's commitment to democratic values and providing access to quality information, combined with available safe, public places, make this aim a natural aspect of our services. It is our goal to connect all County communities to a path of active citizenry through informative Library activities that focus on government processes and foster public conversation around timely issues.

Visit pbclibrary.org for more information.

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Wed, Jul 24, 6:30 pm

Michelle Alexander's, "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness." A Panel Discussion

Michelle Alexander's New York Times best-seller is a stunning account of the rebirth of a castelike system in the United States, one that has resulted in millions of African Americans locked behind bars and then relegated to a permanent second-class status—denied the very rights supposedly won in the Civil Rights Movement. Discuss the book along with a panel facilitated by the PBC Criminal Justice Commission. Copies of the book available in the library catalog. (90 min.) Preregister.

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