

# THE T.A.G. CONNECTION

Abilene Public Library T.A.G. Newsletter



## NEW HOURS

**Monday - Friday**  
**9:00 am - 5:30 pm**

**Saturday**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**



## T.A.G. Update

*by Sponsor Kat McKee*

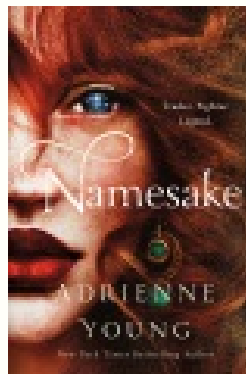
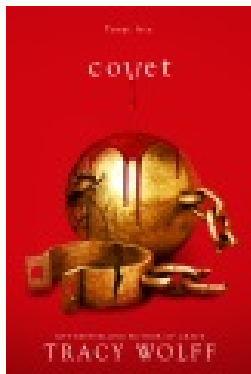
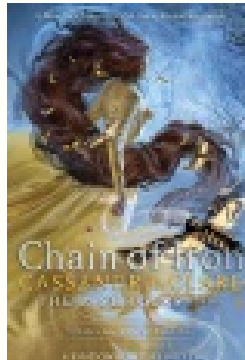
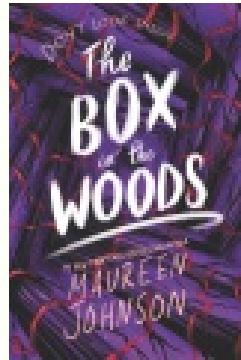
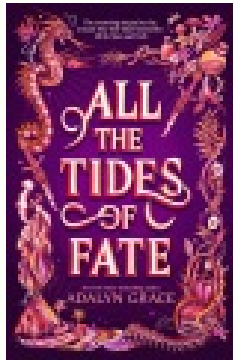
**Happy New Year! 2021 promises to be a better year. The Abilene Public Library will be hosting "The Art of Voting," a pop-up exhibition examining the 150th anniversary of the 15th Amendment and the enduring pursuit of voting rights for all Americans. The exhibit will be on display from mid-January thru February 28th in honor of black history month. Come up to the 3rd floor and take a look.**

**The library continues to have COVID restrictions in place. As more people are vaccinated we hope to be able to lift some restrictions. Watch the websites for more information. Regardless of the restrictions, the library is a great place to study. Come in and try out a whiteboard table or one of our study carrels.**

**Stay healthy :)**



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## Upcoming New Releases

*Check out these upcoming releases.*

*They are all the next book in a series.*

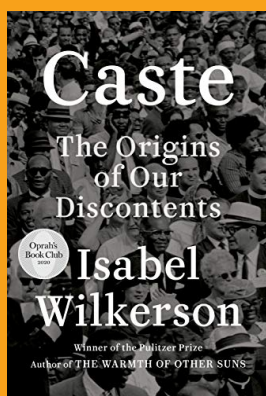
*They will all be released by mid-March.*

## Book of the month

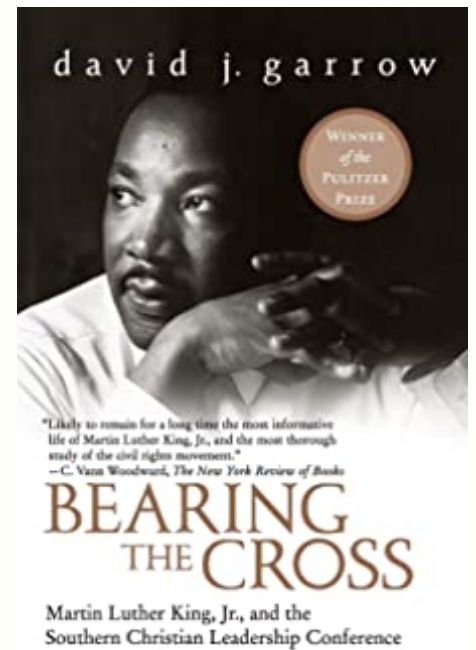
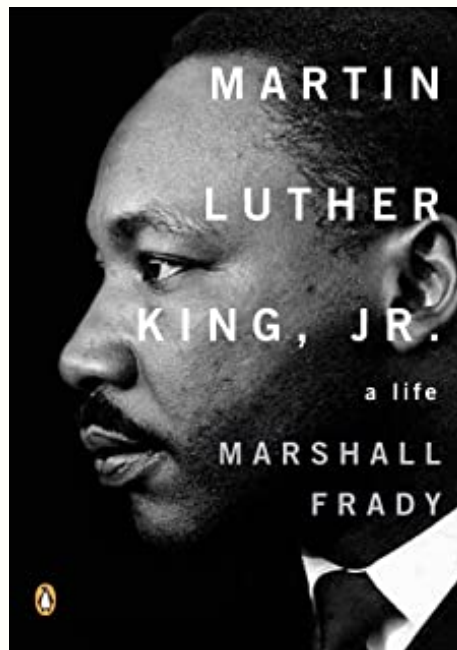
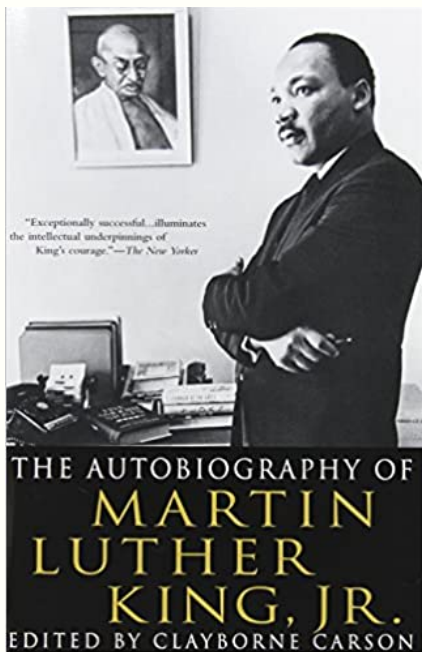
In this brilliant book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings.

Beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influences people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more. Using riveting stories about people—including Martin Luther King, Jr., baseball's Satchel Paige, a single father and his toddler son, Wilkerson herself, and many others—she shows the ways that the insidious undertow of caste is experienced every day. She documents how the Nazis studied the racial systems in America to plan their out-cast of the Jews; she discusses why the cruel logic of caste requires that there be a bottom rung for those in the middle to measure themselves against; she writes about the surprising health costs of caste, in depression and life expectancy, and the effects of this hierarchy on our culture and politics. Finally, she points forward to ways America can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions, toward hope in our common humanity.

Beautifully written, original, and revealing, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* is an eye-opening story of people and history, and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary lives and of American life today. – Amazon



# CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



## Social Justice

**I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered men have torn down men other-centered can build up. - Martin Luther King Jr.**

# TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

## TAG

Teens grades 9-12 are welcome to become members of the Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Members commit to attending one meeting per month and give their advice on how to make the library and the Teen Space better. TAG members can also volunteer to help with other projects like preparing for and/or assisting with programs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we text you? \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions, sign, and return this form to APL.

● Why do you want to join TAG?

● What are your hobbies or interests?

● Do you have a community service requirement for school, NHS, or other group?

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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