BLACK HISTORY MONTH

We will be offering events that honor the heritage, contributions and achievements of the African American community. This national celebration initiated by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, also known as the father of Black History, has its roots in a weeklong observation in 1926. We invite you to enjoy a wide variety of events in-person and virtually via Zoom. To learn more about African American history, visit nmaahc.si.edu.

IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES

Unless noted, activities are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Call/visit the branch to preregister.

ALL AGES

Black History Month
Celebration: Jazz Musical
Performance
Sat, Feb 11, 2:30 pm ()
Lantana Road Branch
Thu, Feb 16, 6:00 pm ()
West Boca Branch
Delight your senses while
listening to jazz standards
performed by awardwinning vocalist and
composer Morgan Minsk.



Black History Month Trivia Boogie Sat, Feb 11, 2:30 pm ()
Wellington Branch

Test your knowledge, get your groove on and have some fun! (90 min.)

Traditional Hair Wrapping With Beautiful Ankara Fabric Sat, Feb 18, 3:00 pm → Main Library

Fiber artist Kianga Jinaki and artist Ayize Hanif offer an overview of the history of head wraps and demonstrate how to wrap using various lengths of Ankara fabric from Africa. You will receive your very own half yard of Ankara fabric. Materials provided. All ages. (90 min.) Preregister.



ADULT

(60 min.)

PBS Documentary Wed, Feb 01, 2:00 pm Belle Glade Branch

"BOSS: The Black Experience in Business." ©2019 PBS Studios. Refreshments provided. (2 hr.) Shown with permission. TV-PG

Film Festival: Black History Stories Wednesdays, 2:00 pm West Boca Branch

PG-13

02/02: "Selma." ©Paramount Pictures. (128 min.)

02/09: "Harriet." ©Focus Features. (125 min.)

02/16: "Respect." ©Universal Pictures. (145 min.)

02/23: "Loving." ©Focus Features. (123 min.)

Black History Month Weekend Movie Sat, Feb 04, 2:00 pm •

Clarence E. Anthony Branch "42." ©Warner Bros. (128 min.) Snacks provided. (2 hr.) PG-13

Black History Month: Paint & Sip Sun, Feb 05, 2:00 pm () Main Library

Experience the Motherland through an African American-inspired canvas painting while sipping on refreshing non-alcoholic drinks. (60 min.)

Nurtured by Nature Book Discussion: "We Are Each Other's Harvest: Celebrating African American Farmers, Land, and Legacy," by Natalie Baszile Sun, Feb 05, 2:00 pm

Jupiter Branch

Discuss this anthology about Black people's connections to American lands from Emancipation to today. Pick up a copy at the Research Desk. (60 min.) Preregister.

Traveling While Black VR Experience Mon, Feb 06, 3:30 pm

Wellington Branch

This short immersive documentary depicts the long history of restricted movement for black Americans and how they created safe spaces in their community. (2.5 hr.) Preregister.

Book Talks: Black History Month Tue, Feb 07, 6:30 pm Wellington Branch

Discover new books in all genres by African American authors. Get recommended reads for your TBR list! (60 min.)

Black History Trivia
Sat, Feb 11, 2:30 pm ()
Clarence E. Anthony Branch
Test your Black History knowledge! Snacks

Test your Black History knowledge! Snacks provided. (60 min.)

Book Discussion: "Finding Me," by Viola Davis Mon, Feb 13, 6:30 pm Wellington Branch (60 min.) Preregister. Reconstruction: America's First Civil Rights Movement Tue, Feb 14, 3:00 pm Lantana Road Branch

Stephen Katz, Professor Emeritus of Excelsior College from Albany, New York, examines America's first civil rights movement that came after the Civil War. (60 min.)

Book Discussion: "Kindred," by Octavia E. Butler Wed, Feb 15, 2:00 pm Lantana Road Branch Copies available at the Lantana Road Branch. (60 min.)

Book Discussion: "Where the Crawdads Sing," by Delia Owens Thu, Feb 16, 2:00 pm (

Gardens Branch

Led by Donna Gruber Adair. Pick up your book at the Research Desk. (90 min.) Preregister.

Black History Month Movie Sun, Feb 19, 2:30 pm Lantana Road Branch

"The Photograph." ©Universal Pictures. (106 min.) Presented by the African American Alliance. PG-13

Book Discussion: "Jonah's Gourd Vine," by Zora Neale Hurston Sun, Feb 19, 3:30 pm ()
Belle Glade Branch

Copies are available at the Member Services Desk. Refreshments provided. (60 min.) Preregister.



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Black Culture Book Discussion: "Uphill," by Jemele Hill

Sat, Feb 25, 10:00 am

Okeechobee Boulevard Branch

Presented by the African American Alliance (90 min.) Preregister.

Adult Book Discussion: "In the Name of Emmett Till: How the Children of the Mississippi Freedom Struggle Showed Us Tomorrow," by Robert H. Mayer Sat, Feb 25, 12:00 pm •

Clarence E. Anthony Branch

Led by Dr. Esther Berry. Pick up a copy of the book from the Member Services Desk. Refreshments provided. (2 hr.)

Fun With African Fabric: Mini Quilt Coaster Sat, Feb 25, 2:30 pm () Acreage Branch

A fun afternoon with fiber artist Kianga Jinaki creating a mini quilt coaster as we learn about and celebrate the importance of African American quilting. (90 min.) Preregister.

Pride & Prose LGBTQ+ Book Discussion: "The Color Purple," by Alice Walker Tue, Feb 28, 6:00 pm Lantana Road Branch (60 min.)

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CHILDREN

Arts & Crafts: Artist Alma Thomas Thu, Feb 02, 3:00 pm Gardens Branch

Create your own art in celebration of Black History Month. Ages 6 & up. (45 min.) Preregister.

Inclusivity By the Month: Lizzo & Lil Nas X Tue, Feb 07, 3:30 pm Lantana Road Branch

Celebrate Black figures with us! Learn about the artists Lizzo and Lil Nas X then practice some of their TikTok choreography. Dress comfortably! Ages 8-12. (60 min.) Preregister.

Norton Mini Book + Art: Black History Month Tue, Feb 07, 3:30 pm Main Library

This dual-language activity highlights a selected book and artwork in the Norton Museum of Art's Collection or in a special exhibition. Snacks provided. Ages 8-12. (90 min.) Preregister.

iLUMA Tezen Presented by the South Florida Chamber Ensemble Wed, Feb 08, 4:00 pm

Hagen Ranch Road Branch

Listen, dance and color to a Haitian story about a girl and a talking fish. iLUMA pairs art, music, world culture and literature. Ages 3-13. (45 min.) Black is Beautiful Too! Storytime Sat, Feb 11, 11:00 am Belle Glade Branch

Celebrate Black History Month with some cool stories and crafts! (60 min.)

Black Excellence in Art Thu, Feb 16, 3:30 pm Acreage Branch

Celebrate Black History Month by learning about two awesome Black artists. Then make a masterpiece of your own! Dress for a mess. Supplies provided. Ages 8-12. (45 min.) Preregister.

Inclusivity by the Month: Romare Bearden Fri, Feb 17, 3:30 pm Lantana Road Branch

It's Black History Month and we are learning about American artist Romare Bearden. We'll create a collage in his style. Dress for a mess. Ages 8-12. (90 min.) Preregister.

Black History Month Storytime Sat, Feb 25, 10:30 am

Clarence E. Anthony Branch
Hear stories about influential Black
leaders, artists, activists and scientists in
American history. (30 min.)

Black Excellence in Business: Madam C. J. Walker Thu, Feb 23, 3:30 pm Acreage Branch

With business savvy and beauty products, Mrs. Walker improved life for many African Americans. Learn some business basics and make a facial scrub just for you! Ages 7-12. (60 min.)

TEEN

The Book Was Better: Book Club Sun, Feb 05 & 12, 2:30 pm ()
Lantana Road Branch

Discuss the book versus the documentary, share ideas and eat snacks. Copies available at the Children's desk. Snacks provided. Grades 9 & up. Preregister. 02/05: "The Awakening of Malcolm X," by Ilyasah Shabazz and Tiffany D. Jackson. 02/12: "Malcolm X." ©Warner Bros. (91 min.) PG

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. & Malcolm X Fri, Feb 24, 3:30 pm ()
Clarence E. Anthony Branch

A conversation about the lives and legacies of the two influential leaders. Receive an optional reading list. Ages 12-18. (45 min.) Preregister.

Anime Club: Black History Month Specials Sat, Feb 25, 2:30 pm ()
Lantana Road Branch

Celebrate the contributions of Black manga artists, studio heads, voice actors, anime leads and content creators, and showcase your original video animation tributes this month! Snacks provided. Ages 13-17. (90 min.) Preregister.

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

ADULT

Poetry Recitation: Maya Angelou Wed, Feb 01, 4:00 pm
Enjoy a recitation of a poem written by Maya Angelou followed by a short biography of the acclaimed poet. (60 min.)

History's Lost Black Towns Wed, Feb 15 & 22, 3:00 pm What became of these once thriving and prosperous towns? Let's discuss in this two-part series. (30 min.) Preregister.

Book Chat: "Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge," by Erica Armstrong *Fri, Feb 17, 4:00 pm* (60 min.) Preregister.

Book Discussion: "Jonah's Gourd Vine," by Zora Neale Hurston Sun, Feb 19, 3:30 pm ()
Copies are available at the Member Services Desk. Refreshments provided. (60 min.) Preregister.

African American Folktales:
A Tale of a Few Tricksters!
Thu, Feb 23, 11:00 am
Join storyteller Chetter Galloway for a lively storytelling presentation of African and African American folktales.
Ages 7 & up. (45 min.) Preregister.

The Golden Thirteen
Mon, Feb 27, 3:00 pm
Learn about the first Naval African
American commissioned officers.
Presented by the National Museum of
the American Sailor. (60 min.)

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