

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

2019

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Celebrate Black History Month!

By Maribel De Jesús, Multicultural Outreach Services Librarian

In branches throughout the entire county we will be offering events that honor the heritage, contributions and achievements of the African American community. Join us for book discussions, musical performances, films, African American genealogical research, and much more. With over 20 events being offered, there will be something for all ages and interests.

Black History Month has its national roots in a week-long observation initiated by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926, it was expanded into Black History Month by President Ford in 1976, and became Public Law 99-244 in 1986.

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Black History Month Kickoff Event

Kick off our Black History Month celebration with performances by Afrique Ngozi Children's Dance and Drum Company, and jazz saxophonist Shenole Latimer. (90 min.) Preregister.

Sat, Feb 02, 2:00 pm
Lantana Road Branch | Phone: 304-4500

Musical Events



Unorthodox Duo: Samm & Jamie Ousley

Delight your senses and relax while listening to smooth jazz vocals and cool acoustic bass. (60 min.) Preregister, beginning Wed, Jan 23.

Tue, Feb 05, 2:00 pm
West Boynton Branch | Phone: 734-5556



This Lady Sings the Blues

Bessie Smith, Billie Holiday and others come alive as Dr. Naima Johnston Bush shares and sings the history behind the early years of this American art form. (60 min.) Preregister.

Mon, Feb 11, 6:00 pm
Gardens Branch | Phone: 626-6133

Dance

Afrique: West African Dance Instruction

Cardio meets culture in this beginning dance class presented by Afrique Ngozi Dance and Drum. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Space is limited. Ages 12 & up. (60 min.) Preregister.

Thu, Feb 07, 6:00 pm
West Boynton Branch
Phone: 734-5556



Adults

A History of African American Literature 📖

Dr. Sika Dagbovie-Mullins, Department of English professor at Florida Atlantic University, presents a brief history of African-American literature and provides recommendations. (60 min.) Preregister.

Tue, Feb 19, 2:00 pm

Glades Road Branch | Phone: 482-4554

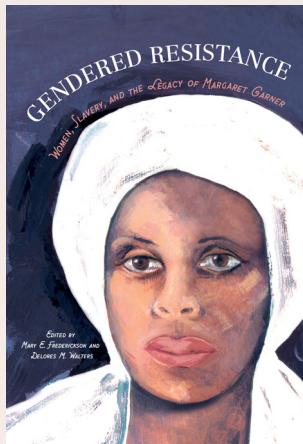


The Legacy of Margaret Garner: Lessons of Survival & Empowerment for Today 📖

Margaret Garner's life story is the basis for Toni Morrison's novel, "Beloved," and though a tragic story, it is inspirational. Dr. Delores Walters discusses Garner's life, as well as the resistance and survival of other Black women in various settings, including Yemen, Brazil, India, and the United States during the enslavement era. (60 min.) Preregister.

Mon, Feb 25, 6:00 pm

Wellington Branch | Phone: 790-6070



African-American Genealogy With Cultural Anthropologist & Family Historian

Dr. Delores Walters 📖

Introduces participants to the basic tools, resources and genealogical methods, including DNA in researching and documenting family history. (60 min.) Preregister.

Tue, Feb 26, 6:00 pm

Main Library | Phone: 233-2600



Book Discussions

Copies available at the research services desk.

"Becoming," by Michelle Obama

Copies available for check out at the Mangonia Park Town Hall. (2 hr.)

Tue, Feb 12
10:00 am

Wed, Feb 20, 7:00 pm
Mangonia Park Town Hall

1755 East Tiffany Drive
Mangonia Park, Florida 33407
Phone: 848-1235

Sat, Feb 16, 12:00 pm
Clarence E. Anthony Branch
Phone: 992-8393

"The Hate U Give," by Angie Thomas

(60 min.)
Preregister.

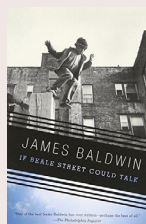
Sat, Feb 16
2:30 pm
Lantana Road
Branch | Phone: 304-4500



"If Beale Street Could Talk," by James Baldwin

(60 min.)
Preregister.

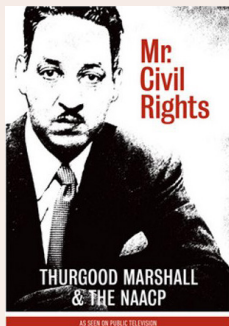
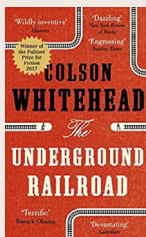
Thu, Feb 21
1:30 pm
Greenacres Branch |
Phone: 641-9100



"The Underground Railroad," by Colson Whitehead

(60 min.)

Tue, Feb 26
2:00 pm
West Boca Branch |
Phone: 470-1600



Black History Month Documentary

Mr. Civil Rights: Thurgood Marshall & the NAACP

©PBS. (60 min.) Preregister. Shown with permission. Not rated.

Wed, Feb 20, 2:00 pm
Tequesta Branch | Phone: 746-5970

Family

What's All That Jazz About? With Shenole Latimer

Jazz saxophonist Shenole Latimer leads young audiences through a highly interactive and entertaining presentation that will introduce them to the colorful and expressive American music known as jazz. All ages. (45 min.) Preregister.

Sat, Feb 02, 11:00 am

Greenacres Branch | Phone: 641-9100

Fri, Feb 08, 10:00 am

Hagen Ranch Road Branch | Phone: 894-7500

Fri, Feb 08, 2:30 pm

West Boca Branch | Phone: 470-1600

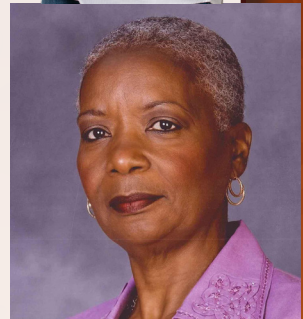


Black History Month Story Nights

Read aloud and showcase of selected storybooks featuring black characters. Featuring guest reader Mary Ross Wilkerson, City of Belle Glade vice mayor. All ages. (45 min.)

Tue, Feb 05 & 19, 6:00 pm

Belle Glade Branch | Phone: 996-3453



Mamma Griot & Her Rocking Story Bag! 📖

An engaging, joyous celebration of music and the universal bonding that occurs through storytelling and the beauty of diversity. (60 min.) Preregister.

Tue, Feb 12, 10:00 am

Belle Glade Branch | Phone: 996-3453



Orisirisi African Folklore Presents Moonlight Stories 📍

Orisirisi shares the beauty of African life and culture through storytelling. With African drumming, spirited call and response songs and fun-filled audience participation. Moonlight Stories will appeal to the child's heart in everyone. All ages. (60 min.) Preregister.

Fri, Feb 15, 10:00 am

Royal Palm Beach Branch | Phone: 790-6030

Fri, Feb 15, 3:00 pm

Wellington Branch | Phone: 790-6070

Thu, Feb 21, 10:00 am

Loula V. York Branch | Phone: 924-5928

Thu, Feb 21, 3:00 pm

Acreage Branch | Phone: 681-4100

Mon, Feb 25, 10:30 am

Okeechobee Boulevard Branch | Phone: 233-1880

Mon, Feb 25, 3:30 pm

Jupiter Branch | Phone: 744-2301



Arts & Crafts: Black History's Inventions

In celebrating Black History's Inventions, we're inviting you to come and create your own! We'll provide the materials, and you bring your thinking caps! Ages 8 & up. (90 min.)

Wed, Feb 20, 4:00 pm

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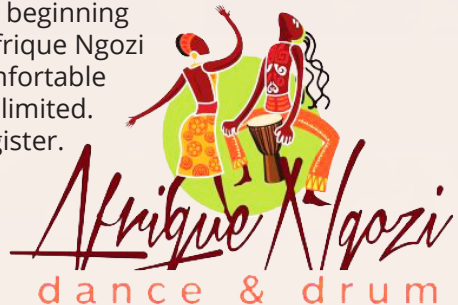
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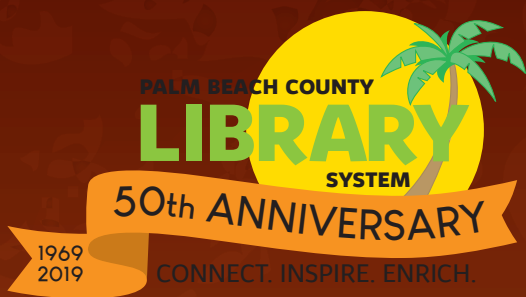
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Wed, Feb 27, 4:00 pm

Wellington Branch

Phone: 790-6070





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