

CELEBRATE
BLACK HISTORY
MONTH
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Black History Month, observed annually in February, is a time dedicated to honor and celebrate the achievements, contributions and cultural heritage of African Americans. The Library plays a crucial role in this celebration by curating diverse collections of books, documentaries and multimedia materials that highlight the significant impact of Black individuals and communities throughout history.

We provide a window into the historical struggles and triumphs that have shaped the Black experience with works by authors such as James Baldwin and Maya Angelou, along with documentaries detailing the civil rights movement.

In the digital age, the Library leverages technology to make Black history more accessible. Online databases, virtual exhibits and digital archives allow users to explore historical documents, photographs and recordings remotely, facilitating engagement with pivotal moments in Black history.

The Library is a space where all individuals can come together to learn, reflect and celebrate the achievements and contributions of the Black community. Active engagement with library resources and programs contributes to a more inclusive understanding of history, promoting unity and equality for the future.

Educational activities, including author talks, panel discussions and movie screenings, occur across all the branches of the Palm Beach County Library System. These events foster a deeper understanding of Black history, encouraging dialogue and reflection among community members.

We offer 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 virtual on Zoom.

To learn more about Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), visit <https://bit.ly/3vLThIW>

ALL AGES

Movie Matinee:

Akeelah and the Bee

Wellington Branch

Fri, Feb 02, 2:15 pm - 4:30 pm

A young girl from South Los Angeles who aspires to make it to the National Spelling Bee works hard to ensure she's successful on her journey. Rated PG.

Crash Course:

Black American History

Main Library

Sat, Feb 03, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Come and watch the following videos from Crash Course Black American History: The Transatlantic Slave Trade, Slavery in the American Colonies and Elizabeth Key. Discussion will occur right after the presentation.



Let's Move! Jazz Dance Instruction

Wellington Branch

Mon, Feb 05, 12 & 26, 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Have fun while moving to upbeat rhythms. An instructor from Soul Movement dance studio will introduce dancers to the basic footwork and musicality. Wear comfortable clothes and footwear. Ages 12 & up. Preregister.

Movie Matinee: The Princess and the Frog

Wellington Branch

Tue, Feb 06, 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm

Celebrate Princess Tiana. Rated G.

Black History Trivia

Belle Glade Branch

Wed, Feb 07, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Clarence E. Anthony Branch

Wed, Feb 07, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Test your knowledge and see how much you know about Black History.

My Hair, My Crown

Wellington Branch

Thu, Feb 15, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Learn to care for and style afro-textured hair. Practice on a natural styling head doll. Program caters to children with coils and curls, but all hair types are welcome. Preregister.

Movie Matinee: Hairspray

Wellington Branch

Fri, Feb 16, 2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Enjoy a musical afternoon with the 'nicest kids in town' in fictional 1960's Baltimore! Rated PG.

Black History Month:

Musical Celebration

Wellington Branch

Thu, Feb 22, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Celebrate Black music through the decades and test your musical knowledge. Refreshments provided. Preregister.

Family Fun Night at the Library:

African Americans and the Arts

West Boynton Branch

Wed, Feb 28, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Explore the impact Black Americans have made on visual arts, music and literature throughout American history. Preregister.

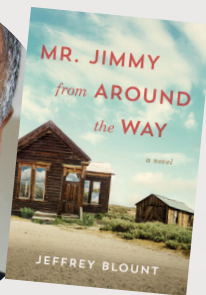
ADULTS

Author Talk with: Lu Vickers

Royal Palm Beach Branch

Thu, Feb 01, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Learn, in-person or online, the history of Paradise Park, a segregated African-American resort in Central Florida and one of the biggest tourist attractions of its time. Lu Vickers was awarded a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship for fiction as well as two Florida Book Awards and three Florida Individuals Artists Fellowships. In addition to writing Remembering Paradise Park with Cynthia W. Graham, she has written Breathing Underwater, and other Florida history books, including Weeki Wachee, City of Mermaids and Cypress Gardens, America's Tropical Wonderland. Preregister.



Writers LIVE! Presents:

Jeffrey Blount

Greenacres Branch

Thu, Feb 08, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

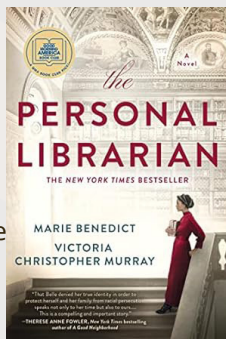
Award winning author and Emmy award winning television director, Jeffrey Blount, discusses his groundbreaking novel, "Mr. Jimmy from Around the Way," a story of failure, self-discovery, empowerment and the possibility of redemption. Books available for purchase. A book signing will follow. Preregister.

Book Discussion

Greenacres Branch

Thu, Feb 08, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Discuss the bestselling novel "The Personal Librarian," by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray. Based on the true story of the Black woman who oversaw financier JP Morgan's personal library. Preregister.



Literary Minds Book Discussion

West Boynton Branch

Thu, Feb 08, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Take a deep dive into a compelling book to ignite your imagination. This month we're reading "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store," by James McBride. Preregister.

Rejoice: A Historical Journey through Gospel Music

West Boynton Branch

Sat, Feb 10, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Acreage Branch

Sat, Feb 24, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Gospel recording artist and songwriter Terrion Nelson offers an energetic, interactive presentation on the history of Gospel Music through vocal performance, lecture and digital media.



Worth the Hype

Greenacres Branch

Sun, Feb 11, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Discuss the anthology "Africa Risen: A New Era of Speculative Fiction," by Sheree Renée Thomas in honor of Black history month. Preregister.

Shelf Indulgence Book Society

West Boca Branch

Tue, Feb 13, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

This month indulge in "The Vanishing Half," by Brit Bennett. Preregister.

Fun with Fabric:

Reimagined Photos of Black Historical Figures Collage

Belle Glade Branch

Tue, Feb 13, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Gardens Branch

Thu, Feb 15, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

West Boca Branch

Wed, Feb 21, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Join fiber artist Kianga Jinaki in creating a collage of reimagined photos of Black historical figures using fabric. Materials provided. Preregister.



Karaoke Night: Soul Train Edition West Boca Branch

Thu, Feb 15, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Hone your performance chops and belt out a tune or two!

Black Jupiter: More Untold Stories Jupiter Branch

Fri, Feb 23, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

African Americans have a long history in the Jupiter area, especially the Limestone Creek community of West Jupiter. From Black Seminoles to homesteaders to the modern era, they are an important part of our heritage. Preregister.

Traveling While Black VR Experience

Wellington Branch

Sat, Feb 24, 10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Acreage Branch

Tue, Feb 27, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

This short immersive virtual reality documentary depicts the long history of restricted movement for Black Americans and how they created safe spaces in their community. Preregister.

Black Brilliance: Unsung Heroes of Science & Invention

Main Library

Tue, Feb 27, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Unveil the hidden stories of Black pioneers who revolutionized science and invention. Discover their groundbreaking work and be inspired by their enduring spirit.

One Night in Miami

Okeechobee Boulevard Branch

Wed, Feb 28, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

A fictional account of one incredible night where icons Muhammad Ali, Malcolm X, Sam Cooke and Jim Brown gathered discussing their roles in the Civil Rights Movement and cultural upheaval of the 60s. Rated R. Preregister.

ADULTS & TEENS

Book Discussion (📖)

Clarence E. Anthony Branch

Sat, Feb 10, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

"The Vanishing Half," by Brit Bennett. Discussion led by Dr. Esther Berry. Copies available at the Member Services desk.

Black AF History: The Un-Whitewashed Story of America Okeechobee Boulevard Branch

Sat, Feb 24,

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Book discussion led by Librarian, Ronald Glass. Place hold for a copy of the book.

The Hate U Give (📖)

Clarence E. Anthony Branch

Sat, Feb 24, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

In celebration of Black History Month, watch with us The Hate U Give. Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment. Rated PG-13.

Black History Trivia (📖)

Loula V. York Branch

Wed, Feb 28, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Through two rounds of challenges, explore the rich history and lasting impact of Black people past and present. Winners take home a prize! One winner per round.

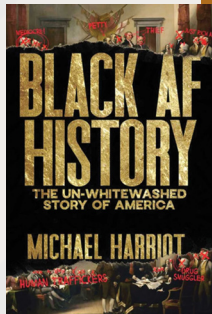
TEENS

Movie & Discussion: Harriet

Wellington Branch

Wed, Feb 07, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Watch a dramatic retelling of abolitionist, Harriet Tubman, who escaped slavery and led hundreds enslaved people to freedom. Afterward, we'll discuss the movie. Volunteer hours available. Universal Pictures Home Entertainment. Rated PG-13.



Teen Book Club
Main Library

Sun, Feb 25,
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Earn two volunteer hours by reading the graphic novel "Victory. Stand!" and participating in the discussion! Preregister.



TEENS & CHILDREN

Let's Move! Hip Hop Dance Instruction 📍

Lantana Road Branch

Sun, Feb 11, 18, & 25, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

An instructor from Soul Movement dance studio will introduce dancers to the basic footwork and musicality. Wear comfortable clothes and footwear. Ages 5 & up. Preregister.

Art Inspiration: Basquiat
Okeechobee Boulevard Branch

Mon, Feb 12, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Celebrate Black History Month as we learn about Jean-Michel Basquiat. Learn where he got his inspiration and create a painting in his style. Preregister.

Blast Off!
Okeechobee Boulevard Branch

Wed, Feb 21, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Celebrate Black History Month by learning all about Mae Jemison and sculpt a rocket out of clay. Dress for a mess. Ages 7-17. Preregister.

Bold: Celebrating Black Artists
Royal Palm Beach Branch

Tue, Feb 27, 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Discover the works of amazing Black artists like Alma Thomas and Nikkolas Smith. Dress for a mess as you paint a masterpiece of your own. Supplies provided. Ages 8-14. Preregister.

CHILDREN

Paper and Felt Freedom Quilts
Main Library

Sat, Feb 03, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Learn about Freedom Quilts and the meanings of different shapes and patterns used in the Underground Railroad. Create your own Freedom Quilt pieces using paper and felt. Preregister.

Black Excellence in Art:
Jean-Michel Basquiat
Acreage Branch

Fri, Feb 09, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

With color, flair and a bold spirit, Jean-Michel Basquiat created art that thundered with strong emotions. Learn about this Afro-Caribbean artist and make your own artwork. Dress for a mess. Ages 7 & up. Preregister.



Black History Through the Eyes of American Girl Dolls
Main Library

Thu, Feb 15, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Cecile Rey, Addie Walker and Melody Ellison are three nine-year-old girls who lived during different moments in Black History in the USA. Let's learn about what the girls witnessed with crafts and music. Ages 7-10 Preregister.

Sun-Kissed Angels: I Love My Hair Wellington Branch

Sat, Feb 17, 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Enjoy a special storytime celebrating afro-textured hair. We'll sing, dance and read titles such as "My Hair Is Magic!," "Hair Love" and more. Ages 1-5.

Norton Mini Book + Art: Black Excellence Edition Main Library

Wed, Feb 21, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Enjoy a story and art activity. Each art activity highlights artwork in the Norton Museum of Art's collection or exhibition. The art lesson will be offered by Norton Museum staff. The featured book is "Faith Ringgold."
Ages 6-8. Preregister.

Celebrate Black History Month West Boca Branch

Thu, Feb 22, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Learn about Black History Month with fun educational activities, singing and dancing to the best of Motown. Grades K-5. Refreshments provided. Preregister.

Who Made That?!

A Celebration of Black Inventors Main Library

Thu, Feb 22, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The three way traffic signal, automatic elevator doors and the Super Soaker are all things that were invented by brilliant Black Inventors. Let's learn about everyday items that were created by Black Inventors and maybe see what we can create. Ages 7-10 Preregister.

Sun-Kissed Angels: I Love My Skin Wellington Branch

Sat, Feb 24, 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Enjoy a special storytime all about loving the skin you're in. Ages 1-5.

Follow The Drinking Gourd Main Library

Tue, Feb 27, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Travel through the Underground Railroad. Preregister.

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

ADULTS

My Zoom Book Club

Thu, Feb 01, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

"Let Us Descend," by Jesmyn Ward. Preregister.

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Discover the history of Paradise Park, a segregated African-American resort in Central Florida in the book "Remembering Paradise Park." Preregister.

Afrofuturism

Tue, Feb 06, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Learn about Afrofuturism while discussing titles and authors that fit into this genre. Preregister.

Bookchat

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Black Life in America

Tue, Feb 27, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Discover tips and resources for researching historical events using Black Life in America, a database of 19,000+ sources. Preregister.

Queer Icons: An Exploration of the Harlem Renaissance

Thu, Feb 29, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

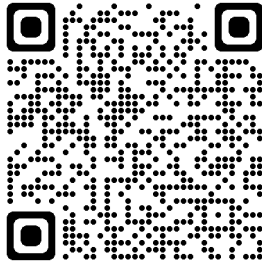
Come along on a captivating exploration of the Harlem Renaissance, a transformative era in African-American culture, with significant implications for LGBTQ+ history. Delve into the unsung heroes of this movement, defying norms and blazing a trail of their own.

ADULTS & TEENS

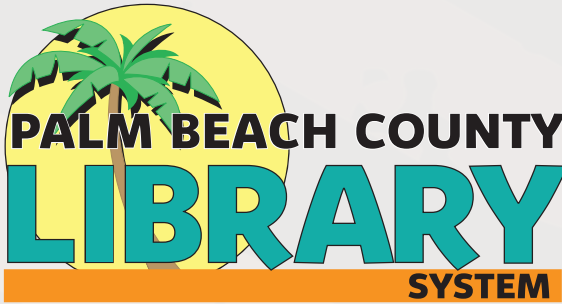
Trivia Tonight! — Black History Month Edition

Wed, Feb 21, 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm

Test your knowledge of Black history and culture. Preregister.



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and to Preregister.



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