

# BLACK HISTORY 2018



## Saturday, Jan. 13

### Happy Birthday, Martin!

Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with stories, crafts and literacy activities! Light refreshments. All ages.

→ Shepard Branch | 11 a.m.

### Urban Strings Quarter Notes

The youth strings ensemble performs music from popular African-American composers and arrangers.

→ Shepard Branch | 1 p.m.

## Monday, Jan. 15

### Say Hooray for MLK Storytime

Enjoy the life and words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through stories. Ages 2-6.

→ Martin Luther King Branch | 10:30 a.m.

## Saturday, Jan. 20

### Happy Birthday, Martin!

Celebrate Dr. King's birthday at a party featuring music by Doctah X. All ages.

→ Martin Luther King Branch | 2 p.m.

## Thursday, Feb. 1

### Let's Throw Stories with Lyn Ford

Call-and-response tales rooted in African and African-American folk-tale tradition. All ages.

→ Northside Branch | 4:30 p.m.

## Friday, Feb. 2

### Fish Tails, Wish Tails

Hear tall tales from Africa to the Americas presented by storyteller Lyn Ford. All ages.

→ Karl Road Branch | 4:30 p.m.

## Saturday, Feb. 3

### Turtle Shell Tales

Enjoy African and African-American tales of the folksy and fabled turtle and tortoise by storyteller Lyn Ford. Ages K-5.

→ New Albany Branch | 11 a.m.

## Monday, Feb. 5

### Greater Escapes

Storytelling magician Rory Rennick will share how some escapes from slavery seemed like magic. All ages.

→ Livingston Branch | 4:30 p.m.

### Queen Najla Parish's Family Drum Circle

Dance with box drums, congas and other percussion instruments. Ages 5 and up.

→ Gahanna Branch | 5 p.m.

## Tuesday, Feb. 6

### Black History Scavenger Hunt

Expand your understanding of influential people who have impacted our world. Follow clues, solve riddles and connect with historical figures as you hunt for a hidden prize. All ages.

→ Driving Park Branch | 4:30 p.m.

### Drum Making Workshop

Make your own instrument with Queen Najla Parish. Ages 5 and up.

→ Parsons Branch | 4:30 p.m.

### Doctah X Dub Poetry

Tweens and teens are invited to read a poem, rap or sing while Doctah X provides a soundtrack for their performance.

→ South High Branch | 5 p.m.

### Let's Throw Stories with Lyn Ford

Enjoy call-and-response tales rooted in African and African-American folk-tale tradition. All ages.

→ Northern Lights Branch | 5:30 p.m.



# Celebrate Black History Month

## Thursday, Feb. 8

### Queen Najla Parish: African Culture Company

Enjoy dance and song with African stories and games. Ages 5 and up.

→ Whitehall Branch | 3 p.m.

## Saturday, Feb. 10

### The Promised Land with Anthony Gibbs

John Parker, conductor on the Underground Railroad, describes the dangers for those who attempted to escape slavery and for those who dared to help them. Ages 8 and up.

→ Canal Winchester Branch | 1 p.m.

### Magic & Myths of African American Magicians

Travel through time with Rory Rennick's lively historical magic show featuring long forgotten magicians of color. All ages.

→ Whetstone Branch | 2 p.m.

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→ Driving Park Branch | 5 p.m.

## Wednesday, Feb. 14

### Make Some Noise with Doctah X

Celebrate the tradition of the spoken word in Tony Harrington's lively poetry and music program designed for kids.

→ Hilltop Branch | 5 p.m.

## Friday, Feb. 16

### Author Talk featuring Lynda Blackmon Lowery

Meet the youngest person to march all the way from Selma to Montgomery in 1965 and the author of *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom*. Ages 13 and up.

→ Martin Luther King Branch | 10 a.m.

→ Main Library | Noon

## Tuesday, Feb. 20

### Harmonize It!

Relive the Harlem Renaissance with jazz music and poetry. Ages 13 and up.

→ Martin Luther King Branch | 4:30p.m.

### Henry's Freedom Box

Magician Rory Rennick emphasizes the joy of reading through amazing magic and original music. Ages 6-11.

→ Linden Branch | 5 p.m.

### Hip-Hop-Ademics™ with Brian Holland

Kids will grow their reading, math and character education skills through hip-hop music, games and activities. Ages 5-8.

→ Franklinton Branch | 5:15 p.m.

## Wednesday, Feb. 21

### Courage in the Skies: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen

Anthony Gibbs describes the pilots' struggles, sacrifices and service to their country and comrades during WWII. Ages 8 and up.

→ Main Library | 4:30 p.m.

### "If You Can't Fly"

Storyteller Lyn Ford describes ancient, thought-provoking tales of clever heroes in challenging circumstances using quotations by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. All ages.

→ Southeast Branch | 6 p.m.

## Thursday, Feb. 22

### Origins of Hip-Hop with DJ BHB

Enjoy a brief history of hip-hop music and its positive contributions to the community with live break-dancing and music. Ages 11-18.

→ Reynoldsburg Branch | 6 p.m.

## Friday, Feb. 23

### "If You Can't Fly"

Storyteller Lyn Ford describes ancient, thought-provoking tales of clever heroes in challenging circumstances using quotations by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. All ages.

→ Marion-Franklin Branch | 4 p.m.

## Saturday, Feb. 24

### African American Read-In

Join us for a special storytime and read-in featuring books written by African-Americans. Kids and teens can read on their own or with a buddy and discuss the books.

→ Hilliard Branch

11-11:30 a.m. | Family Storytime  
1-3 p.m. | Kids Read-In, grades K-5  
3-5 p.m. | Teen Read-In, ages 12-17

## Sunday, Feb. 25

### Urban Strings

Several youth string ensembles perform inspiring and upbeat music from popular African-American composers and arrangers.

→ Main Library | 3 p.m.

## Wednesday, Feb. 28

### Fish Tails, Wish Tails

Hear tall tales from Africa to the Americas presented by storyteller Lyn Ford. All ages.

→ Shepard Branch | 5 p.m.

## Saturday, March 3

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→ Shepard Branch | 1 p.m.

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