Visit Columbus Metropolitan Library locations in January and February for free programs to celebrate black history.

**Monday, Jan. 14**

**Harlem Renaissance Rewind**
Thurber House and Jazz Arts Group present poetry and jazz of the Harlem Renaissance. Hear live singing and poetry readings from the Roaring 20s. All ages.

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

**Saturday, Jan. 19**

**Happy Birthday, Martin!**
Celebrate Dr. King’s birthday at a party featuring poetry, music, dance and storytelling with Is Said and Advance Party. All ages.

→ Martin Luther King Branch | 1 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 1**

**Let’s Throw Stories with Lyn Ford**
Call-and-response tales rooted in African and African-American folk tale tradition. All ages.

→ Canal Winchester Branch | 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 2**

**Street Magic in a Building**
Interactive street magic performance mixed with special effects, illusions and comedy. All ages.

→ Martin Luther King Branch | 2 p.m.

**Monday, Feb. 4**

**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.

→ Whetstone Branch | 4 p.m.

**Monday, Feb. 4**

**Street Magic in a Building**
Interactive street magic performance mixed with special effects, illusions and comedy. All ages.

→ Whitehall Branch | 4:30 p.m.

**Black Panther Dance Class**
Get moving and dancing to Black Panther beats. Lyrics inspire dance moves as you express yourself in eight moves or less. Welcome to Wakanda. Ages 7 and up.

→ Livingston Branch | 5 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 5**

**Make Some Noise with Doctah X**
Celebrate the tradition of the spoken word at Tony Harrington's lively poetry and music program designed for kids. Ages 5-11.

→ Linden Branch | 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 6**

**Harlem Renaissance Rewind**
Thurber House and Jazz Arts Group present poetry and jazz of the Harlem Renaissance. Hear live singing and poetry readings from the Roaring 20s. All ages.

→ Shepard Branch | 4 p.m.

**Black Panther Dance Class**
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→ Driving Park Branch | 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 6**

**Music Inspires Music**
Sample the wide variety of musical genres to which African-American artists have contributed. Participation is encouraged. Ages 12-17.

→ Northern Lights Branch | 6 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 7**

**Mummies & More!**
Learn how archaeologists use artifacts to teach us about history, including Buffalo Soldiers and Fort Mose. Activities include making your own mummy specimen. Ages 6-11.

→ Northside Branch | 4:30 p.m.

**Black Panther Dance Class**
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→ Hilltop Branch | 5 p.m.

**Anansi’s Magical Tales**
Learn about Anansi the trickster during a dramatic reading intertwined with amusing and unusual magic tricks. Ages 6-11.

→ Northern Lights Branch | 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 9
Anansi’s Magical Tales
Learn about Anansi the trickster during a dramatic reading intertwined with amusing and unusual magic tricks. Ages 6-11.
→ Hilliard Branch | 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12
Black Panther Dance Class
Get moving and dancing to Black Panther beats. Lyrics inspire dance moves as you express yourself in eight moves or less. Welcome to Wakanda. Ages 7 and up.
→ Franklinton Branch | 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13
Black History Month Poetry Slam
Celebrate in poetic fashion. Library staff will help participants write poetry in the two weeks prior to the slam. Participants are encouraged to recite existing poetry and song/rap lyrics. Ages 10 and up.
→ Dublin Branch | 5 p.m.

Black Panther Dance Class
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→ Parsons Branch | 5 p.m.

Henry’s Box
Hear the fascinating story of one man’s life and the difficult way he gained his freedom. Ages 6-11.
→ Shepard Branch | 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16
Turtle Shell Tales
→ New Albany Branch | 11 a.m.

Wacky Wizardry
A funny and wacky performance where magic collides with reading! All ages.
→ Karl Road Branch | 11 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16
African-American Genealogy for Beginners
Discover your family’s history. This 2-hour class, presented by the Franklin Co. Genealogical Society, will demonstrate how to begin the research process and use online ancestry resources. Adults.
→ Shepard Branch | 1:30 p.m.

Hip-Hop-Ademics: Rapping Kids into Learning
An exciting performance that includes original Hip-Hop-Ademics songs, games and activities to learn reading and math! Ages 4-7.
→ Martin Luther King Branch | 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 19
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→ South High Branch | 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 20
Snapshots from History
Listen to history come alive with two programs featuring pivotal moments in American history. Ages 12-17.
→ Main Library | 10 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 21
Black Panther Dance Class
Get moving and dancing to Black Panther beats. Lyrics inspire dance moves as you express yourself in eight moves or less. Welcome to Wakanda. Ages 7 and up.
→ Northen Lights Branch | 5:30 p.m.

Take a Picture of Me, James Van Der Zee!
Explore the life and art of African-American photographer James Van Der Zee. Learn about Van Der Zee and the Harlem he documented over his long career, then have fun posing for some photos inspired by his work. Ages 7 and up.
→ Southeast Branch | 5:30 p.m.

Origins of Hip Hop
Hear the history of Hip Hop music and its positive contributions to the community with live break dancing and music. Ages 12-17.
→ Reynoldsburg Branch | 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 22
The Flying Hobos
Experience a 90-minute living history play that tells the 1932 story of the first black airmen to fly across America. All ages.
→ Martin Luther King Branch | 9 a.m.

Black Panther Dance Class
Get moving and dancing to Black Panther beats. Lyrics inspire dance moves as you express yourself in eight moves or less. Welcome to Wakanda. Ages 7 and up.
→ Marion-Franklin Branch | 4 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 25
Turtle Shell Tales
Hear African and African-American tales of the folksy and fabled turtle and tortoise by storyteller Lyn Ford. All ages.
→ Martin Luther King Branch | 10:30 a.m.

Let’s Throw Stories with Lyn Ford
Call-and-response tales rooted in African and African-American folk tale tradition. All ages.
→ Gahanna Branch | 4 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28
Origins of Hip Hop
Hear the history of Hip Hop music and its positive contributions to the community with live break dancing and music. Ages 12-17.
→ Martin Luther King Branch | 6 p.m.