Celebrate Black history in January and February with in-person and virtual programs.

**Thursday, Jan. 13**
**Happy Birthday, Martin!**
Celebrate Dr. King’s birthday at a party featuring architect Jonathan Moody. All ages.
**Martin Luther King Branch | 3:30 p.m.**

**Friday, Jan. 14**
**Storytime: Happy Birthday, Dr. King!**
Join us for a virtual Storytime all about Dr. King’s dream of equality and celebrating differences. Ages 0-5.
Visit facebook.com/columbuslibrary.
**Virtual | 10 a.m.**

**Wednesday, Feb. 2**
**African American Spotlight**
Join our African American Special Collections Librarian Nicole Sutton as we explore Black history in Columbus. All ages. Register at crowdcast.io/columbuslibrary.
**Virtual | 12 p.m.**

**Teens Create**
Explore Black history through art, artists and hands-on creations. Ages 12-17.
**Franklinton Branch | 5 p.m.**

**Thursday, Feb. 3**
**West African Rhythm with Sogbetty**
Explore West Africa with Sogbetty Diomande, native of the Ivory Coast, through drumming and dance, colorful costumes, musical instruments, rhythms and songs. All ages.
**Barnett Branch | 5 p.m.**

**Saturday, Feb. 5**
**Science: Let’s React!**
Celebrate African American achievements in science. We’ll discover brilliant scientists while conducting exciting experiments. Ages 5-11.
**Martin Luther King Branch | 3:30 p.m.**
**Canal Winchester Branch | 2 p.m.**

**Urban Strings Community Concert**
The youth string ensemble will perform inspiring music from popular African American composers. All ages.
**Linden Branch | 2 p.m.**

**Monday, Feb. 7**
**West African Rhythm with Sogbetty**
Explore West Africa with Sogbetty Diomande, native of the Ivory Coast, through drumming and dance, colorful costumes, musical instruments, rhythms and songs. All ages.
**Parsons Branch | 4 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Feb. 8**
**Tuskegee Airmen: Author Talk and Q&A**
Dr. Harold Brown will recount his service as a combat pilot with the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II. All ages. Register at crowdcast.io/columbuslibrary.
**Virtual | 10 a.m.**

**Science: Let’s React!**
Celebrate African American achievements in science. We’ll discover brilliant scientists while conducting exciting experiments. Ages 5-11.
**New Albany Branch | 4 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Feb. 9**
**Singing, Drumming and Dancing with BabaaRitah**
Celebrate African history, unity and culture. Participate in song, dance and drumming from West Africa. Express yourself, share and have fun making music. All ages.
**Martin Luther King Branch | 4 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Feb. 9**
**Hip-Hop Dance with BHB**
Dance to some beats and learn to perfect your moves in this hip-hop class. Ages 7-17.
**Karl Road Branch | 4:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, Feb. 10**
**West African Rhythm with Sogbetty**
Explore West Africa with Sogbetty Diomande, native of the Ivory Coast, through drumming and dance, colorful costumes, musical instruments, rhythms and songs. All ages.
**South High Branch | 4 p.m.**

**Friday, Feb. 11**
**Art Afternoon with Ohio Craft Museum**
We’ll explore the life and works of Columbus artist Elijah Pierce and make a wooden sculpture in his style. Ages 7-17.
**Linden Branch | 4 p.m.**

**Saturday, Feb. 12**
**Urban Strings Community Concert**
The youth string ensemble will perform inspiring music from popular African American composers. All ages.
**Hilliard Branch | 2 p.m.**

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**Monday, Feb. 14**
**Singing, Drumming and Dancing with BabaaRitah**
Celebrate African history, unity and culture. Participate in song, dance and drumming from West Africa. Express yourself, share and have fun making music. All ages.
Whitehall Branch | 3 p.m.

**Science: Let’s React!**
Celebrate African American achievements in science. We’ll discover brilliant scientists while conducting exciting experiments. Ages 5-11.
Shepard Branch | 4:30 p.m.

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**Tuesday, Feb. 15**
**Origins of Hip-Hop with BHB**
Celebrate 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 | 4 p.m.

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**Wednesday, Feb. 16**
**Origins of Hip-Hop with BHB**
Celebrate the history of hip-hop music and its positive contributions to the community with live break dancing and music. Ages 12-17.
Northern Lights Branch | 4 p.m.

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**Thursday, Feb. 17**
**Columbus’ Black Newspapers**
Join African American Special Collections Librarian Nicole Sutton to discover historic African American-owned and operated newspapers in Columbus. All ages. Register at crowdcast.io/columbuslibrary.
Virtual | 6:30 p.m.

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**Friday, Feb. 18**
**Art Afternoon with Ohio Craft Museum**
We’ll explore the life and works of Columbus artist Aminah Robinson and make our own art about our lives and communities. Ages 7-17.
Linden Branch | 4 p.m.

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**Saturday, Feb. 19**
**Turtle Shell Tales with Lyn Ford**
Main Library | 11 a.m.

**Urban Strings Community Concert**
The youth string ensemble will perform inspiring music from popular African American composers. All ages.
Northside Branch | 2 p.m.

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**Monday, Feb. 21**
**Teen Trivia**
Bring your competitive spirit and show what you know! Learn about people and events that shaped history. Ages 12-17.
Driving Park Branch | 4 p.m.

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**Tuesday, Feb. 22**
**Street Magic with Rory Rennick**
Join Rory Rennick for an interactive street magic performance filled with illusions and comedy. Ages 12-17.
Martin Luther King Branch | 4 p.m.

**Staff Picks Live: African American Authors**
Join us as we discuss our favorite African American authors and the books they’ve written. Bring your own recommendations! All ages. Register at crowdcast.io/columbuslibrary.
Virtual | 7 p.m.

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**Wednesday, Feb. 23**
**Hip-Hop Dance with BHB**
Dance to some beats and learn to perfect your moves in this hip-hop class. Ages 7-17.
Driving Park Branch | 4:30 p.m.

**“If You Can’t Fly”: Folktales with Lyn Ford**
Dr. King’s quotation becomes the focal point for retelling ancient, thought-provoking tales of clever heroes in challenging circumstances. All ages.
Gahanna Branch | 5 p.m.

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**Thursday, Feb. 24**
**Affrilachian Folktales with Lyn Ford**
Hear African American folktales, fables and fool tales, filled with humor and heart, from the hills and valleys of Appalachia. All ages.
Northern Lights Branch | 4 p.m.

**Origins of Hip-Hop with BHB**
Celebrate the history of hip-hop music and its positive contributions to the community with live break dancing and music. Ages 12-17.
South High Branch | 5:30 p.m.

**African American Genealogy with Nicka Sewell-Smith**
Discover ways you can identify your free or enslaved ancestors and learn how DNA is helping families torn apart by slavery. All ages. Register at crowdcast.io/columbuslibrary.
Virtual | 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 26**
**Urban Strings Community Concert**
The youth string ensemble will perform inspiring music from popular African American composers. All ages.
Reynoldsburg Branch | 2 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 27**
**Urban Strings Community Concert**
The youth string ensemble will perform inspiring music from popular African American composers. All ages.
Main Library | 2 p.m.

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH DISCOVERY QUEST**
Stop in throughout February and uncover the past while exploring the library. Discover people and events that shaped history. Ages 7 and up.
Offered at most locations. Ask staff for details.

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