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

**Barnett Branch** 3434 E. Livingston Ave.

**Love Letters**

**Thursday, Feb. 23 | 5:30 p.m.**

Join us for an inspiring celebration of girls with live readings of love letters. Ages 12-17.

**Urban Strings Community Concert**

**Saturday, Feb. 25 | 4 p.m.**

Youth string ensembles perform inspiring music from popular African American composers and arrangers. All ages.

**Canal Winchester Branch** 115 Franklin St.

**Urban Strings Community Concert**

**Saturday, Feb. 4 | 3 p.m.**

Youth string ensembles perform inspiring music from popular African American composers and arrangers. All ages.

**Driving Park Branch** 1422 E. Livingston Ave.

**Hip-Hop Dance with BHB**

**Wednesday, Feb. 15 | 5 p.m.**

Dance to some beats and learn to perfect your moves in this hip-hop class. Ages 7-17.

**Love Letters**

**Monday, Feb. 27 | 5 p.m.**

Join us for an inspiring celebration of girls with live readings of love letters. Ages 12-17.

**Dublin Branch** 75 N. High St.

**Underground Railroad in Central Ohio**

**Monday, Feb. 13 | 6:30 p.m.**

View an exhibit about the Underground Railroad and its impact in central Ohio. Then, join us for a special program discussing the roles central Ohioans played and how to find homes that were stops. All ages.

**Urban Strings Community Concert**

**Saturday, Feb. 18 | 3 p.m.**

Youth string ensembles perform inspiring music from popular African American composers and arrangers. All ages.

**Franklinton Branch** 1061 W. Town St.

**Making Sacred Drums with BabaaRitah**

**Thursday, Feb. 2 | 5 p.m.**

Using your imagination, create a drum that is unique and personal work of art! Then learn exciting drum patterns and songs. Ages 7-11.

**Hilliard Branch** 4500 Hickory Chase Way

**Urban Strings Community Concert**

**Sunday, Feb. 19 | 3 p.m.**

Youth string ensembles perform inspiring music from popular African American composers and arrangers. All ages.

**Hilltop Branch** 511 S. Hague Ave.

**Urban Strings Community Concert**

**Saturday, Feb. 25 | 2 p.m.**

Youth string ensembles perform inspiring music from popular African American composers and arrangers. All ages.

**Karl Road Branch** 5590 Karl Rd.

**Underground Railroad in Central Ohio**

**Wednesday, Feb. 1 | 5:30 p.m.**

View an exhibit about the Underground Railroad and its impact in central Ohio. Then, join us for a special program discussing the roles central Ohioans played and how to find homes that were stops. All ages.

**Urban Strings Community Concert**

**Saturday, Feb. 11 | 3 p.m.**

Youth string ensembles perform inspiring music from popular African American composers and arrangers. All ages.

**Linden Branch** 2223 Cleveland Ave.

**Hip-Hop Dance with BHB**

**Thursday, Feb. 9 | 5 p.m.**

Dance to some beats and learn to perfect your moves in this hip-hop class. Ages 7-17.

**Main Library** 96 S. Grant Ave.

**If You Can't Fly: Folktales to Move us Forward with Lyn Ford**

**Saturday, Feb. 11 | 1:30 p.m.**

Dr. King’s quotation becomes the focal point for retelling ancient, thought-provoking tales of clever heroes in challenging circumstances. All ages.

**Exhibit: “Undesign the Redline”**

**Feb. 16 through March 15**

In partnership with the YWCA, explore the history of structural racism caused by the 1938 redlining maps and how this inequity continues to impact our communities today. All ages.

**The Legacies of Redlining**

**Saturday, Feb. 18 | 1 p.m.**

Ohio Wesleyan University Professor John Krygier and a panel of researchers and advocates will discuss the history of redlining in Columbus. This program coincides with the YWCA of Columbus “Undesign the Redline” exhibit, on display at Main Library from Feb. 15 through March 15. Adults.

**Urban Strings Community Concert**

**Sunday, Feb. 26 | 2 p.m.**

Youth string ensembles perform inspiring music from popular African American composers and arrangers. All ages.

**Marion-Franklin Branch** 2740 Lockbourne Rd.

**Making Sacred Drums with BabaaRitah**

**Wednesday, Feb. 15 | 5 p.m.**

Using your imagination, create a drum that is unique and personal work of art! Then learn exciting drum patterns and songs. Ages 7-11.

**Martin Luther King Branch** 1467 E. Long St.

**Poetry Workshop with the Black Women Poetry Collective**

**Jan. 31 through Feb. 2 | 3-5 p.m.**

Gain a deeper understanding of empowerment through poetry and learn skills to help build confidence with public speaking. Ages 12-17.
Martin Luther King Branch (Continued)

Open Mic Night with Black Women Poetry Collective
Friday, Feb. 3 | 3-5 p.m.
Celebrate poetry at our open mic event. Hear poetry and stories written during the poetry workshop or share your own poetry. All ages.

Love Letters
Tuesday, Feb. 7 | 3 p.m.
Join us for an inspiring celebration of girls with live readings of love letters. Ages 12-17.

Author Visit
Thursday, Feb. 16 | 5 p.m.
Join local authors Chiquita Mullins Lee and Carmella Van Vleet as they celebrate their new picture book, You Gotta Meet Mr. Pierce! Create your own artwork like Elijah Pierce! All ages.

Comics Workshop
Tuesday, Feb. 21 | 3 p.m.
Join local artist Bryan Moss for a mini comics workshop! By blending literacy and art, kids learn to tell stories in any way they want! Ages 7-17.

Archaeology Meets Chemistry
Tuesday, Feb. 28 | 4-6 p.m.
Chill out with some cold-as-ice experiments and learn about an accomplished African American chemist and archaeologist. Ages 7-11.

New Albany Branch
200 Market St.
Archaeology Meets Chemistry
Monday, Feb. 13 | 4 p.m.
Chill out with some cold-as-ice experiments and learn about an accomplished African American chemist and archaeologist. Ages 7-11.

Northern Lights Branch
4093 Cleveland Ave.
Singing, Drumming and Dancing with BabaaRitah
Thursday, Feb. 9 | 4:30 p.m.
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.

Northside Branch
1423 N. High St.
West African Rhythm with Sogbety!
Thursday, Feb. 23 | 5 p.m.
Explore West Africa with Sogbety Diomande, native of the Ivory Coast, through drumming and dance, colorful costumes, musical instruments, rhythms and songs. All ages.

Parsons Branch
1113 Parsons Ave.
Making Sacred Drums with BabaaRitah
Monday, Feb. 13 | 4 p.m.
Using your imagination, create a drum that is a unique and personal work of art! Then learn exciting drum patterns and songs. Ages 7-11.

Jazz and the Struggle for Freedom
Monday, Feb. 27 | 4 p.m.
Through jazz, blues, R&B and gospel music, the Jazz Arts Group shines a light on race, diversity and social justice. All ages.

Reynoldsburg Branch
1308 Brice Rd. (temp. location)
West African Rhythm with Sogbety!
Wednesday, Feb. 15 | 11 a.m.
Explore West Africa with Sogbety Diomande, native of the Ivory Coast, through drumming and dance, colorful costumes, musical instruments, rhythms and songs. All ages.

Shepard Branch
850 N. Nelson Rd.
Author Visit
Friday, Feb. 3 | 4 p.m.
Join local authors Chiquita Mullins Lee and Carmella Van Vleet as they celebrate their new picture book, You Gotta Meet Mr. Pierce! Create your own artwork like Elijah Pierce! All ages.

Making Sacred Drums with BabaaRitah
Thursday, Feb. 16 | 5 p.m.
Using your imagination, create a drum that is a unique and personal work of art! Then learn exciting drum patterns and songs. Ages 7-11.

South High Branch
3540 S. High St.
Making Sacred Drums with BabaaRitah
Tuesday, Feb. 21 | 5:30 p.m.
Using your imagination, create a drum that is a unique and personal work of art! Then learn exciting drum patterns and songs. Ages 7-11.

Southeast Branch
3980 S. Hamilton Rd.
West African Rhythm with Sogbety!
Tuesday, Feb. 7 | 4 p.m.
Explore West Africa with Sogbety Diomande, native of the Ivory Coast, through drumming and dance, colorful costumes, musical instruments, rhythms and songs. All ages.

Whetstone Branch
3909 N. High St.
Turtle Shell Tales with Lyn Ford
Saturday, Feb. 18 | 11 a.m.

Whitehall Branch
4445 E. Broad St.
Underground Railroad in Central Ohio
Tuesday, Feb. 21 | 6:30 p.m.
View an exhibit about the Underground Railroad and its impact in central Ohio. Then, join us for a special program discussing the roles central Ohioans played and how to find homes that were stops. All ages.

Making Sacred Drums with BabaaRitah
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Virtual Program
Register at crowdcast.io/columbuslibrary
African American Collection Spotlight: Orville Lynch and the Columbus Call & Post
Tuesday, Feb. 7 | 12 p.m.
African American Special Collections Librarian Nicole Sutton will connect with a local historian or community member about photographs and materials from the library’s digital collection, My History, to give context to the past. Adults.