

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2023

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 | 2 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 a 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.

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## 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.

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## 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**

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**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.

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Monday, Feb. 13 | 4 p.m.

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**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**

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**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.

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**South High Branch**

3540 S. High St.

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**Underground Railroad in Central Ohio**

Monday, Feb. 27 | 6:30 p.m.

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**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.

Enjoy African and African American tales of the folksy and fabled turtle and tortoise by storyteller Lyn Ford. Ages 0-6.

**Whitehall Branch**

4445 E. Broad St.

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**Virtual Program**

Register at

[crowdcast.io/columbuslibrary](https://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.