

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2022

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](https://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](https://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 Sogbety

Explore West Africa with Sogbety 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

### Thiossane Institute: West African Dance

We'll explore West African dance and its links to music today. All ages.

**Main Library** | 1 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.

**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 Sogbety

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** | 4 p.m.

## Tuesday, Feb. 8

### Tuskegee Airman: 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](https://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. 8

### 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 Sogbety

Explore West Africa with Sogbety 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.

**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.

**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.

**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](https://crowdcast.io/columbuslibrary).

**Virtual** | 6:30 p.m.

**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.

**Saturday, Feb. 19****Turtle Shell Tales with Lyn Ford**

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

**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.

**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.

**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](https://crowdcast.io/columbuslibrary).

**Virtual** | 7 p.m.

**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.

**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](https://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.

**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.

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