DEKALB COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrates

Black History Month

February 2020
The story of Black History Month began in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent. Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses. President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Since then, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. The 2013 theme, At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington marked the 150th and 50th anniversaries of two pivotal events in African-American history.
February 1 – 29

Black Movie Trivia
During library hours

February is Black History Month and we have an ongoing trivia contest of different Black Movies. Visit the Circulation Desk and try to guess the name of the Black Movie Title with emojis.

Black History Month Word Challenge
During library hours

Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy of our crossword challenge. Puzzle can be solved individually or as a group.

Mixed Media Art Exhibit: Mackenzie Florence
During library hours

Exhibit of Mackenzie Florence’s mixed media art of pastel & charcoal drawings, digital paintings, and paper & clay sculptures. Ms. Florence will discuss her work at a reception on 2/10 at 6:30 p.m.

Black History Month Trivia Challenge
During library hours

How well do you know your black history? Pick up the Black History Month Trivia Challenge at the circulation desk and challenge yourself to answer all the questions correctly to win a prize.
29 Days of Black History
During library hours
STONECREST LIBRARY

February is Black History Month and we have rounded up 29 days of information for each day!

Black History Scavenger Hunt
During library hours
WESLEY CHAPEL-WILLIAM C. BROWN LIBRARY

Celebrate Black History Month with us by completing the question sheet from the Children’s Desk. You will find the answers on the images posted around the library. Don’t forget to get your prize

Saturday – February 1

New Movie Series - Harriet
2:00–4:00 p.m.
REDAN-TROTTI LIBRARY

Monday – February 3

Family Movie Night
6:00–7:30 p.m.  SALEM-PANOLA LIBRARY

Join us on for a family movie.

Tuesday – February 4

Flat Rock Stories
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  REDAN-TROTTI LIBRARY

Johnny Waits of Flat Rock Archives will share his research into DeKalb County’s African American history with stories of the Flat Rock community. No registration required.

Thursday – February 6

Silver Screen Movies: Selma
11:00 a.m.–1:15 p.m.  WESLEY CHAPEL-WILLIAM C. BROWN LIBRARY

Friday – February 7

Black History Lunchtime Movie
Noon–2:00 p.m. COVINGTON LIBRARY


Friday Movies: *American Violet*
1:30–3:30 p.m. STONECREST LIBRARY


Saturday – February 8

Jewelry Making Class
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. CLARKSTON LIBRARY

In recognition of Black History Month, we will create African-inspired earrings. Open to first 10 registrants.

Black History from A–Z Museum and Artifacts
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. WESLEY CHAPEL-WILLIAM C. BROWN LIBRARY

Brush up on your knowledge of Black History by visiting the Black History A to Z Museum and enjoy Black History trivia and storytelling. Light refreshments will be served.
A Performance Method- Breaking Ground
2:00–3:00 p.m.  CLARKSTON LIBRARY

Meet groundbreaking African Americans Alex Johnson, Bass Reeves, George Washington Carver, Benjamin O. Davis, Ray Charles, and Ron McNair in this one-man theater, music, and percussion performance.

Potato Chip Taste Test
3:30–4:30 p.m.  HAIRSTON CROSSING LIBRARY

In celebration of Black History Month, learn about the inventor of the modern potato chip, George Crum, and participate in a potato chip taste test!

Monday – February 10

Family Movie Night
6:00–7:30 p.m.  SALEM-PANOLA LIBRARY

Join us on for a family movie.
Thursday – February 13

Black History Month Movie: *Malcolm X*
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. COUNTY LINE-ELLENWOOD

*Malcolm X*, starring Denzel Washington, Angela Bassett and Delroy Lindo. PG-13, 1992

Friday – February 14

Black History Lunchtime Movie: *Love and Basketball*
Noon–2:00 p.m. COVINGTON LIBRARY


Black History Month Movie
1:00–3:00 p.m. FLAT SHOALS LIBRARY

Join us and enjoy a family-centered movie screening in honor of Black History Month.

Friday Movies: *Miracle at St. Anna*
1:30–3:30 p.m. STONECREST LIBRARY

Saturday – February 15

Breaking Ground: Bringing Their Stories to Life
1:00–2:00 p.m. SCOTT CANDLER LIBRARY

Jerry G. White presents a one-man interactive show incorporating acting, singing and music, as he highlights five African American historical figures who broke new ground to achieve greatness.

Black History Month: The Cotton Picking Chronicles
3:00–4:00 p.m. COUNTY LINE-ELLENWOOD

Join Professor Felton Eaddy for poetry, stories, traditional songs and discussion about the history of picking cotton, including the backbreaking labor from sun-up to sundown and how it was grown.

Tuesday – February 18

Challenge the Stats: An Evening of Music
5:00–6:00 p.m. EMBRY HILLS LIBRARY

Challenge the Stats: An evening of Music with harpist Angelica Hairston and friends.
Wednesday – February 19

Lunch and a Movie: *Green Book*

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. LITHONIA-DAVIDSON LIBRARY

Bring your lunch, celebrate Black History month and enjoy a movie. *Green Book*, starring Viggo Mortensen, Mahershala Ali and Linda Cardellini. PG-13, 2018

Thursday – February 20

Black History Month Movie: *Southside with You*

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. COUNTY LINE-ELLENWOOD

*Southside with You*, starring Tika Sumpter, Parker Sawyers and Vanessa Bell Calloway. PG13, 2016

Movie Matinee: *Harriet*

2:00–4:00 p.m. DORAVILLE LIBRARY

Chronicles the life of the incredible Harriet Tubman. PG-13
Friday – February 21

Black History Lunchtime Movie: *To Sir, With Love*
Noon–2:00 p.m. COVINGTON LIBRARY


Friday Movies: *Crooklyn*
1:30–3:30 p.m. STONECREST LIBRARY


Saturday – February 22

Black History Month @ the Movies: *Amazing Grace*
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. SCOTT CANDLER LIBRARY


The Cotton Picking Chronicles
1:00–2:00 p.m. SCOTT CANDLER LIBRARY

Felton Eaddy presents a one-man interactive show incorporating poetry, stories, traditional songs, and a follow-up discussion about the history of cotton cultivation in the South.
Black History Month: We Create, Fly, Write, and Innovate.
1:00–4:00 p.m. COUNTY LINE-ELLENWOOD

Hosted by one of our own Ellenwood teens! We’ll watch a Bessie Coleman movie; listen to recited poetry; and hear Dr. Stacey Dutton talk about the challenges of being a female scientist. Refreshments.

New Movie Series: Harriet
2:00–4:00 p.m. COVINGTON LIBRARY


Breaking Ground with Jerry G. White
2:00–3:00 p.m. REDAN-TROTTI LIBRARY

Meet groundbreaking African Americans Alex Johnson, Bass Reeves, George Washington Carver, Benjamin O. Davis, Ray Charles, and Ron McNair in this one-man theater, music, and percussion performance.

Movie Trivia Night: African American Edition
2:00–3:30 p.m. SALEM-PANOLA LIBRARY

Come test your knowledge of African American movie trivia. Open to the first 20 participants.
African Bottle Art
3:30–4:30 p.m. SALEM-PANOLA LIBRARY
Join us for African bottle art with paint. Open to the first 8 participants.

Monday – February 24

Family Movie Night
6:00–7:30 p.m. SALEM-PANOLA LIBRARY
Join us on for a family movie.

Thursday – February 27

Black History Month Movie: Fences
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. COUNTY LINE-ELLENWOOD
Friday – February 28

Black History Lunchtime Movie: Green Book
Noon–2:00 p.m.  COVINGTON LIBRARY

Green Book, starring Viggo Mortensen, Mahershala Ali and Linda Cardellini. PG-13, 2018

Friday Movies: For Colored Girls
1:30–3:30 p.m.  STONECREST LIBRARY


Movie: Harriet
1:30–3:30 p.m.  TOCO HILL-AVIS G. WILLIAMS LIBRARY

Harriet, starring Cynthia Erivo and Leslie Odom Jr. PG-13. Movies are shown with closed captioning when available. Doors open fifteen minutes before movie starts.
Saturday – February 29

Movie: *Their Eyes Were Watching God*

2:00–4:00 p.m. CLARKSTON LIBRARY

A drama set in the 1920s, where free-spirited Janie Crawford’s search for happiness leads her through several different marriages, challenging the mores of her small town. MPAA rating: TV14.