

## Journey into History

Explore through your family's history and build onto your unique story! Our Genealogy Department is ready to assist you in your journey.

### Beginning Genealogy

Lake Community

Tue Feb 6 | 6-7:30 pm

Get help taking the most important step in finding your ancestors – your first! Learn how to get started searching, gathering, and organizing your family history. **WA**

### Journaling My Story

East Canton

Mon Feb 12 | 3-4 pm

One of the best gifts we can give future generations is recording our stories. Learn how to capture your memories through journaling. We know the right kind of questions to get you started – and will help you along the way. **WA**

### Assessing Historical Newspapers

North Branch

Thu Feb 22 | 2-3:30 pm

Learn how to access historical newspapers using the library's databases to enhance your family history or research project. **WA**



### Database Highlight

Family history research can involve many roadblocks, in particular for marginalized groups like Black Americans. Stark Library provides free access for patrons to the African American Heritage Genealogical Database to aid in your ancestry searches. Additionally, you can access Black Life in America (The Experience and Impact of African Americans as Recorded by the News Media). This database has media coverage from 1704 to today. For more information, visit [StarkLibrary.org/Genealogy](http://StarkLibrary.org/Genealogy).

**W** Register for events at [StarkLibrary.org](http://StarkLibrary.org) or 330.452.0665

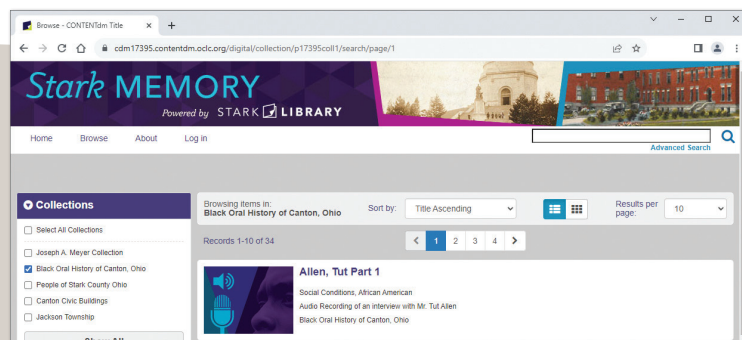
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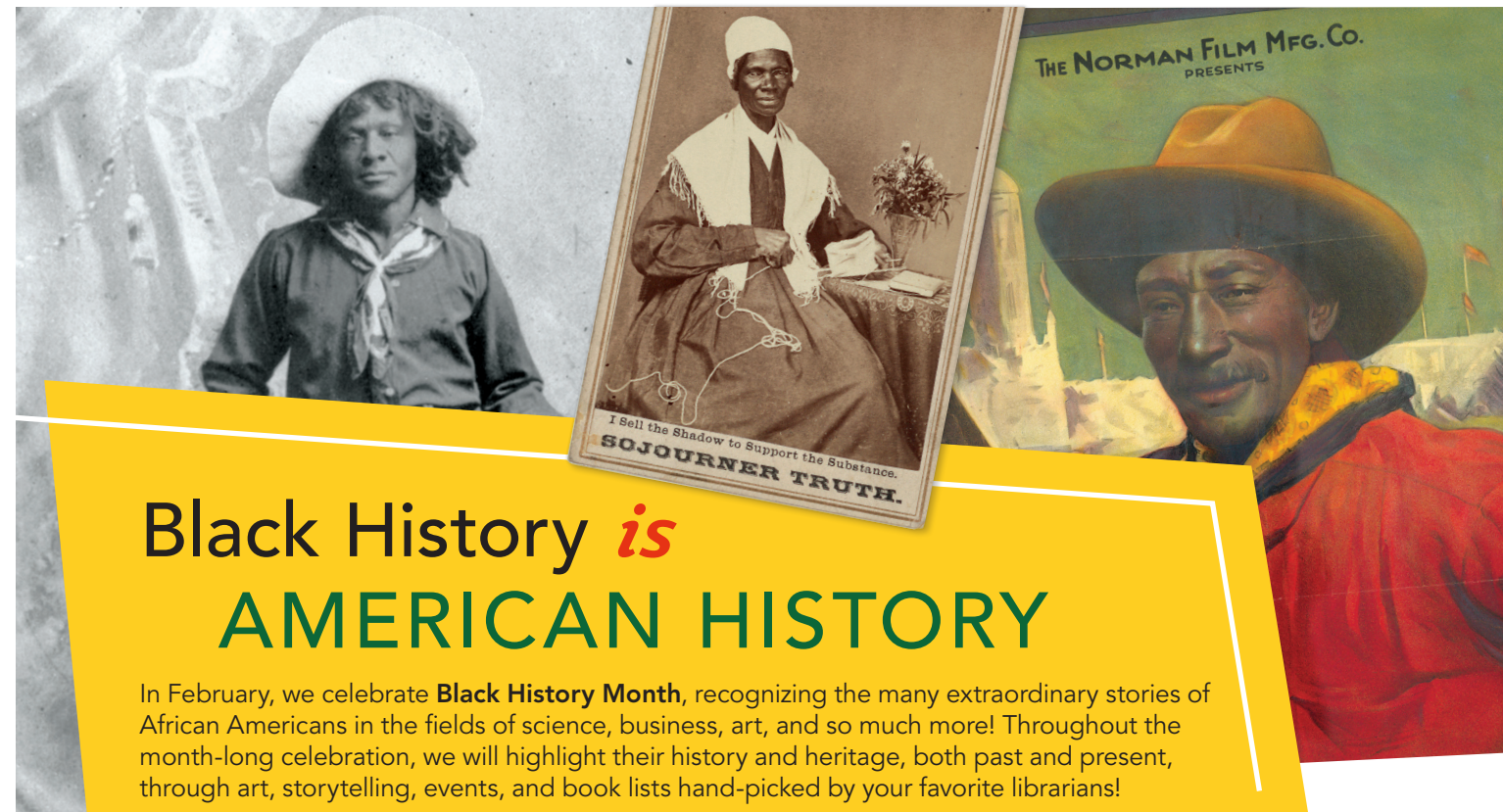
**A** Adults



### Listen to Inspiring Voices

This Black History Month, spend time immersed in our Stark Memory Collection of audio recordings featuring former African American residents sharing their inspiring stories!

**W** Listen at [StarkLibrary.org/StarkMemory](http://StarkLibrary.org/StarkMemory)



## Black History *is* AMERICAN HISTORY

In February, we celebrate **Black History Month**, recognizing the many extraordinary stories of African Americans in the fields of science, business, art, and so much more! Throughout the month-long celebration, we will highlight their history and heritage, both past and present, through art, storytelling, events, and book lists hand-picked by your favorite librarians!

### DeHoff Memorial

#### Colors of Our Community

African American Art Expo

Mon Feb 5 | 5-7 pm

Experience creativity at its best! Meet Stark County's own African American artists and explore their stunning, one-of-a-kind masterpieces. Don't miss this cultural community experience. **LWTA**

#### Pages of Pride

Discovering Canton's African American History

Tue Feb 6 | 6-7 pm

Join author Geraldine Radcliffe for insights on writing *African Americans of Canton, Ohio*. Explore her research, writing process, and personal anecdotes. **WTA**

#### Remember the Titans

Family Movie Night

Mon Feb 12 | 3-5 pm & 6-8 pm

Immerse in history and heart, grab some popcorn, and celebrate Black History Month in this inspirational and inter-generational movie. Rating: PG.



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### Jackson Community

#### Tuskegee Airmen

Presented by the MAPS Air Museum

Thu Feb 8 | 6-7 pm

An expert from the MAPS Air Museum will highlight the dedication and bravery of a group of aviators that came to be known as the Tuskegee Airmen (332nd Fighter Group). **WA**

#### Unveiling the Legacy: Black Cowboys in America

Thu Feb 15 | 6-7 pm

Want to learn about the unsung heroes of the Wild West? Learn about real cowboys, such as Nat Love, Bass Reeves, and Mary Fields, and how they contributed to American History. Yee-Haw! **WL**

### Lake Community

#### Potato Engineering

Sat Feb 3 | 2:30-3:30 pm

Who invented potato chips? Learn about George Crum, the man credited with this early junk food and other Black inventors. Be challenged to build the perfect chip package and construct a circle of Pringles. **WL**

#### Tuskegee Airmen

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### Madge Youtz

#### African American Sport Pioneers

Wed Feb 21 | 4-5 pm

Join Leslie Heaphy as she highlights the achievements of Black sporting pioneers and their contributions to boxing, baseball, football and many other sports. **WA**

#### Soap Making Workshop

Tue Feb 27 | 6-7 pm

George Washington Carver goes down in history for developing over 300 uses for peanuts including soap! We will create soap in honor of Mr. Carver...minus the peanuts. **WL**

## Main Library

### Sports History Through Film

Sat Feb 3, 10 | 1-3:30 pm

Whether you're a sports aficionado, or just want to brush up on your history, join us and watch these iconic sports films. Then discuss with sports historian Dr. Heaphy, all in time for the Superbowl! **VA**

Feb 3: *Rudy* (1993, PG)

Feb 10: Sports History Discussion with Dr. Leslie Heaphy

### Black Artist Appreciation Series

**LWT**

*Alma Thomas*

Thu Feb 1 | 6-7 pm

Create your own paper mosaic inspired by the abstract, expressionist art of Alma Thomas.

*Aaron Douglas*

Thu Feb 8 | 6-7 pm

Create a dynamic "mini-mural" painting inspired by the works of Harlem Renaissance artist Aaron Douglas.

*Elizabeth Catlett*

Thu Feb 15 | 6-7 pm

Learn about printmaking while making your own art inspired by the striking works of Elizabeth Catlett.

*Faith Ringgold*

Thu Feb 22 | 6-7 pm

Use mixed media to create a unique sculpture inspired by the eclectic works of artist Faith Ringgold.

### Black History Film Series

Tue Feb 6, 13, 20 | 5:30-7:45 pm

Explore the richness of Black history through the silver screen. Popcorn provided. **VA**

Feb 6: *Till* (2022) PG-13

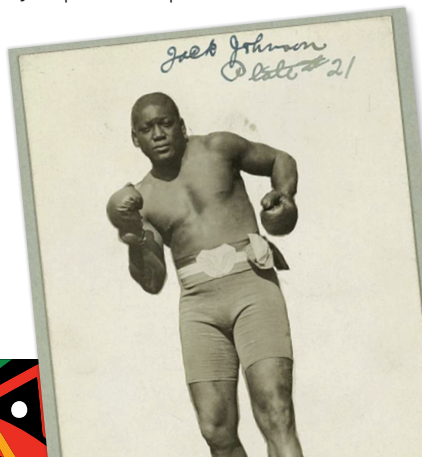
Feb 13: *Green Book* (2018) PG-13

Feb 20: *Amazing Grace* (2019) G

### Potato Chip Tasting

Tue Feb 6 | 6-7 pm

What is your favorite kind of potato chip? Celebrate Black History Month by learning about George Crum, inventor of the potato chip and African-American chef. Enjoy a variety of potato chips. **L**



## North Branch

### Music of the Underground Railroad

Presented by the Haines House

*Underground Railroad Museum*

Sat Feb 3 | 2-3 pm

Join us for a multi-media program that includes music sung and played by Beth Gray and Robb Hyde highlighting songs of fugitive slaves and abolitionists combined to tell the story of the Underground Railroad. **WTA**

### Celebrate African Artwork

Tue Feb 6 | 6-7:30 pm

Tinga Tinga Art is a bold beautiful way to tell a story using paint and abstract characters. We will celebrate Kimmy Cantrell's abstract African artwork and create our very own version. **WT**

### Adinkra Cloth

Thu Feb 8 | 3:30-4:30 pm

Learn about the Adinkra Cloth, the printed or stamped traditional cloth of the Ashanti people of Ghana, then recreate the pattern with paper and colored pencils and markers. **LW**

### Space Capsules

Wed Feb 14 | 3:30-4:30 pm

If you love the story behind *Hidden Figures*, then join us for this fun filled activity building your own space capsule. We will spotlight Katherine Johnson in this activity. **LWT**

### Freedom Movement Posters

Tue Feb 20 | 6-7:30 pm

Learn about the importance of the Freedom Movement posters during the Civil Rights movement and why they're still relevant today. **WT**

### Adire Oniko

Tue Feb 27 | 6-7 pm

Learn about the Yoruba resist-dye technique used to make adire oniko cloth. Adire comes from the Yoruba words 'adi' meaning to tie and 're' meaning to dye. **VA**

## PANEL DISCUSSION

### Trailblazing Black Athletes

Tue Feb 27 | 6:30-7:30 pm

Main Library

Celebrate the achievements of trailblazing Black athletes and their contributions to sports. This panel discussion will highlight stories, experiences, and insights into Black American athletic achievement. **VA**



**Panelists:**  
Renee Powell,  
David Lee Morgan Jr.,  
Leslie Heaphy

**Hair Love**  
by Matthew A. Cherry

**Trail Tales**

February | Sippo Lake Park

Start at the playground and walk the story while doing fun learning activities! A different book is featured every month.

## Perry Sippo

### Lasers of Invention: Patricia Bath's Vision

Tue Feb 6 | 6-7 pm

We're shining a spotlight on Black History Month featuring Patricia Bath, laser scientist and inventor. It'll be an illuminating evening as we explore lasers and learn about their impact on vision. **L**

## Sandy Valley

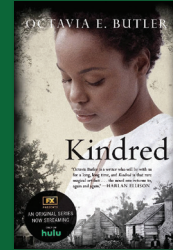
### A Celebration of Jamaican Cuisine

Mon Feb 26 | 6-7:30 pm

Discover the delights of Jamaican cuisine and, of course, be prepared to taste test! Presented by Melissa Bailey, owner and chef of Irie Island Jamaican Restaurant. **VA**

# BLACK HISTORY Book Clubs for Adults

Find more book clubs at [StarkLibrary.org](http://StarkLibrary.org)



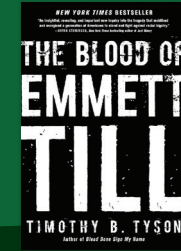
**Main Library**  
Saturday Sizzlers  
Sat Feb 17 | 2-3 pm  
*Kindred*  
by Octavia E. Butler **VA**

## Jackson Community

True Crime

Feb 26 | 6-7:30 pm

*The Blood of Emmett Till*  
by Timothy B. Tyson **VA**



## Perry Sippo

Thu Feb 1 | 6-7 pm

*Hell of a Book: or the Altogether Factual, Wholly Bona Fide Story of a Big Dreams, Hard Luck, American-made Mad Kid*  
by Jason Mott

From Book to Big Screen  
Mon Feb 26 | 12-1 pm

*The Color Purple*  
by Alice Walker **VA**



## Lake Community

Mystery

Tue Feb 6 | 2-3 pm

*The Violin Conspiracy*  
by Brendan Slocumb **VA**

Booked on Tuesday

Tue Feb 27 | 6-7 pm

*The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*  
by James McBride

## North Branch

Banned Books

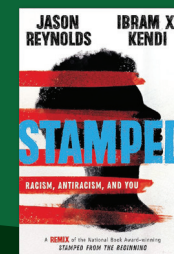
Mon Feb 26 | 11 am-12 pm

*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*  
by Jason Reynolds

Beautiful Day

Thu Feb 1 | 11 am-12 pm

*The Vanishing Half*  
by Brit Bennett

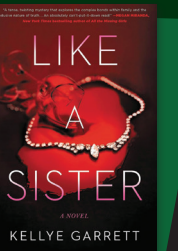


## Plain Community

Thu Feb 15 | 4-4:45pm

Mystery

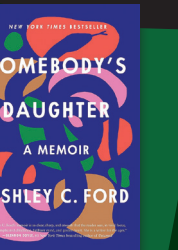
*Like a Sister*  
by Kellye Garrett



## Sandy Valley

Mon Feb 5 | 6-7 pm

*Somebody's Daughter*  
by Ashley C. Ford



## Want more?

If you feel there is something that Stark Library could do to create a more inclusive space for you to learn, we appreciate you letting us know. It is our goal to make sure every patron of Stark County District Library feels safe, welcome, and represented from the time they step through the door. If there is an author, book, or any other material that you had hoped we would have but do not, let us know! Our collection is always evolving to best suit our community's needs and we would be happy to look into adding the materials that you love.