



In February, we observe Black History Month, recognizing the achievements and lasting impact of African Americans throughout our nation's history. Across generations, Black Americans have shaped our country in countless ways, contributing to business, science, the military, the arts, and every part of society, often while advocating for equal rights.

We honor these stories through art, storytelling, speakers, and curated book lists selected by your favorite librarians.

Reading Material

Browse the Library and explore our monthly displays, many of which highlight books by Black authors in recognition of their lasting impact on history, culture, and storytelling.

Be sure to check out our Black History Month booklist, available on our website at StarkLibrary.org/staffpicks



Explore Black History Inspired Book Clubs Find more book clubs at StarkLibrary.org/book-clubs

Lake Community

Booked on Tuesday

FEB 24 | 6:00pm–7:00pm

The Prophets
by Robert Jones Jr.



Banned Books

FEB 23 | 11:00am–12:00pm

Red at the Bone
by Jacqueline Woodson



Plain Community

Plain Mystery Book Club

FEB 19 | 4:00pm–5:00pm

The Dark Maestro
by Brendan Slocumb

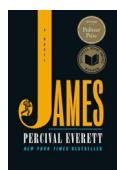


North Branch

Beautiful Day Book Club

FEB 5 | 11:00am–12:00pm

James
by Percival Everett



Perry Sippo

Chapter Chatter

FEB 5 | 6:00pm–7:00pm

Their Eyes Were Watching God
by Zora Neale Hurston

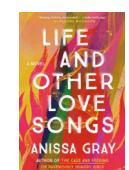


Southgate Branch

Book Club

FEB 3 | 11:00am–12:00pm

Life and Other Love Songs
by Brendan Slocumb



Register now at STARKLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH Events

Join us for a variety of Black History themed events from crafts to cultural education programs. Scan the QR code to register or visit StarkLibrary.org/BHM-Events-2026



E Early Learners | **L** Elementary | **W** Tweens | **T** Teens | **A** Adults

DEHOFF MEMORIAL

Voice from the Park: A Black Ranger's Story

FEB 17 | 6:00pm–7:00pm
Hear from a former National Park Ranger as she shares her experiences, celebrates African American trailblazers, and explores careers in the National Park Service. **A**

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The Tuskegee Airmen

FEB 3 | 4:00pm–5:00pm
An expert from MAPS Air Museum will highlight the dedication and bravery of the Tuskegee Airmen. **A**

JACKSON COMMUNITY

Princess Tiana's Mardi Gras: American Girl

FEB 21 | 10:30am–12:00pm
Celebrate Mardi Gras while learning about Princess Tiana. Enjoy crafts and explore New Orleans culture. Bring your doll! Ages 8–12. **L**

LAKE COMMUNITY

Exploring the Underground Railroad

FEB 17 | 6:00pm–7:00pm
Join local historians, Frank and Michal Barrett of the Alliance Area Preservation Society to learn about local Quakers and the Underground Railroad. **A**

Exploring Magnificent Minds: African American Innovators

FEB 28 | 2:30pm–3:30pm
Learn about several African American innovators and their creations. Then, create an invention of your own! **L**

MADGE YOUTZ

Silhouette Pom Pom Painting

FEB 10 | 5:00pm–6:00pm
Celebrate Black History Month with the works of Kara Walker. Learn silhouette painting with pom poms and paint. **WT**

Freedom Squares

FEB 21 | 2:00pm–4:00pm
Design your own symbolic quilt square and explore the hidden messages behind freedom quilts. No sewing required. **WT**

MAIN LIBRARY

Zine Workshop: History of the Little Magazines of the Harlem Renaissance

FEB 7 | 11:00am–1:00pm
Learn the importance of counter culture and underground press. Then, make your own zine. We'll focus on Little Magazines of the Harlem Renaissance. **WTA**

When Harriet Tubman Met John Brown

FEB 10 | 11:00am–12:00pm
In this re-enactment from the John Brown House, learn how Harriet Tubman met abolitionist John Brown and how their work made a major impact on American history. **L**

Movies @ Main: *I Wanna Dance with Somebody* (Rated PG-13)

FEB 11 | 5:00pm–7:30pm
Popcorn provided. **TA**

A Legacy Revived: Exploring Stark County's Rich Black History

FEB 12 | 6:00pm–7:00pm
Discover the rich history of Stark County's Black community and the Stark County Black History Museum. Presented by Dr. Tameka Ellington, Curator of Black History, Stark County Black History Museum. **A**

Movies @ Main: *John Lewis: Good Trouble* (Rated PG)

FEB 19 | 5:00pm–7:30pm
Popcorn provided! **TA**

NORTH BRANCH

Black History Scavenger Hunt

FEB 1 through 28
During Library hours
Learn history and celebrate the achievements of Black inventors and their creations through an all-ages scavenger hunt! **ELWTA**

American Artist Spotlight: Alma Thomas

FEB 3 | 6:00pm–7:30pm
Learn about artist Alma Thomas and then create your own painting in her style. **A**

The Tuskegee Airmen

FEB 12 | 2:00pm–3:00pm
An expert from MAPS Air Museum will highlight the dedication and bravery of the Tuskegee Airmen. **A**

Black History Month STEM Activities

FEB 28 | 3:00pm–4:30pm
Explore inventions, innovators, and experiments that honor Black scientists, engineers, and trailblazers. **LWT**

PERRY SIPPO

Homeschool Hangout: Freedom Quilts

FEB 4 | 10:00am–11:00am
Connect with the Library and other homeschool families in your community as we explore different topics with books, activities, and fun for the whole family. **LW**

The Tuskegee Airmen

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SOUTHGATE

African American Sports Pioneers

FEB 9 | 6:00pm–7:00pm
Join us as Leslie Heaphy highlights the achievements of African American sporting pioneers and their important contributions. **A**



Want more?

If you feel there's something that Stark Library could do to create a more inclusive space for you to learn, please let us know. It's our goal to make sure every patron feels safe, welcome, and represented. If there's an author, book, or any other material that you hoped we'd have but we don't, let us know. Our collection is always evolving to best suit our community's needs!