Guide to
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Events
February 4 - 28, 2014

DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES
and DC BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

June 28, 2013 - June 1, 2014
Exhibition: One Life: Martin Luther King Jr.
Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture
National Portrait Gallery
Eighth and F Streets NW, Washington, DC
http://www.npg.si.edu/exhibit/MLK/index.html

Exhibition: A Day Like No Other: Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington
Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building
1st Street and Independence, SE, Washington, DC
http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/march-on-washington/

October 31, 2013 - April 27, 2014
Exhibition: Moorland-Spingarn Presents Nelson Mandela: Character, Comrade, Leader, Prisoner, Negotiator, Statesman
Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University Founders Library
500 Howard Place, NW, Washington, DC
http://www.howard.edu/msrc/gallery.html

January 10 - March 1
Exhibition: The Powerful Strokes of Robert Freeman
Zenith Gallery
1429 Iris Street, NW, Washington, DC
http://www.zenithgallery.com

January 11 - February 22
Exhibition: Haitian Paintings coming from The Rainbow Gallery
Watergate Gallery
2552 Virginia Avenue NW, Washington, DC
http://www.watergategalleryframedesign.com/exhibitions.php

January 18–March 29
Exhibition: Martin Puryear: Recent Prints
HEM PHILL Fine Arts
1515 14th Street NW, Washington, DC
http://www.hemphillfinearts.com/exhibitions/current-exhibitions

January 31 - March 7
Exhibition: Howard University 83rd Annual Art Students Exhibition
Lulu Vere Childers Hall
Howard University Department of Art
2400 Sixth Street NW, Washington, DC
http://www.galleryofart.howard.edu/exhibitions/

February 4
Exhibition: Afrofuturism: Artists on Three Continents Explore “Black to the Future”: Opening Reception
Goethe-Institut Washington
812 7th Street NW, Washington, DC
6:00—8:30 PM
www.goethe.de/washington

25TH ANNUAL BLACK FILM FESTIVAL ‘Civil Rights in America’: Special Presentation: ‘JACKSON FAMILY ART SHOW’
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
901 G Street NW, Washington, DC
6:00 PM
http://dclibrary.org/blackhistory

February 4, 6, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
African American Artists in the Collection
Smithsonian American Art Museum
8th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC
12:30 PM
February 5

Maurice Jackson, History and African American Studies Professor, Georgetown, Keynote speaker
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
901 G Street NW, Washington, DC
6:30—8:00 PM
http://dclibrary.org/blackhistory

Robert Contee, Sixth District Commander, Metropolitan Police Department, “Crime Prevention in the Sixth Police District.”
Dorothy I. Height/Benning Library
3935 Benning Road NE, Washington, DC
6:30 PM
http://www.dclibrary.org/node/39320

Facing our Truth: Ten-Minute Plays on Trayvon, Race, and Privilege
A Staged Reading, Panel Discussion, and Activism Fair
Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company
641 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20004
Activism fair begins at 6:30 PM
Performance begins at 7:30 PM
http://www.woollymammoth.net/performances/woolly-mammoth-presents/facing-our-truth/

February 5 – 28

Exhibition: Afrofuturism: Artists on Three Continents Explore “Black to the Future”
812 7th Street NW, Washington, DC
Goethe-Institut Washington
www.goethe.de/washington

February 6

Belonging
Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum
1901 Fort Place SE, Washington, DC
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
http://anacostia.si.edu/news_events/public_programs.html/?i=1

February 7, 14, 19, 21, 28

Historic Theater: Join the Student Sit-Ins at the Greensboro Lunch Counter
Smithsonian American History Museum
1400 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC
11:30 AM, 1:30 PM, and 3:00 PM
http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/event_calendar.html

February 8

Women’s Re-Entry Forum — “Lifetime Makeover”
Temple of Praise
700 Southern Avenue SE, Washington, DC
8:30 AM—3:30 PM
http://www.csosa.gov/reentry/events.aspx

Family Day: African American Pioneers in Aviation
Smithsonian Air and Space Museum
Independence Ave. at 6th Street SW
Washington, DC
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/event_calendar.html

Living Self-Portrait: Henry (“Hank”) Aaron
Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture
National Portrait Gallery
Eighth and F Streets NW, Washington, D.C.
12:00 – 1:30 PM
http://npg.si.edu/event/currentevents.html

Frederick Douglass Day with the National Park Service
Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum
1901 Fort Place SE, Washington, DC
1:00 PM
http://anacostia.si.edu/news_events/public_programs.html#/i=1

Nathania Miles with Prince George’s County
and the Civil War
Politics & Prose Bookstore
5015 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20008
1:00 PM
http://politics-prose.com/

Outreach 24/7: The Gospel Ensemble, “In Concert”
Capitol View Neighborhood Library
5001 Central Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20019
1:00 PM
http://www.dclibrary.org/node/39330

February 9
Portrait Story Days: George Washington Carver
Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture
National Portrait Gallery
Eighth and F Streets NW, Washington, D.C.
2:00—5:00 PM
http://npg.si.edu/event/currentevents.html#/i=3

Holy Eucharist with Music and Hymns:
Journalist Clarence Page, guest speaker
St. Mary’s Episcopal-Anglican Church
728 23rd Street NW, Washington, DC
10:00 AM
http://stmarysfoggybottom.org/smc/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

February 10
Young Portrait Explorers: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
National Portrait Gallery
Eighth and F Streets NW, Washington, DC
10:30 – 11:30 AM
http://npg.si.edu/event/currentevents.html?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D108466561

Paul Coates, founder of Black Classics Press
and former Black Panther
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
901 G Street NW, Washington, DC
6:30—8:00 PM
http://dclibrary.org/blackhistory

February 11
25TH ANNUAL BLACK FILM FESTIVAL ‘Civil Rights in America’: LEE DANIELS’ THE BUTLER
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
901 G Street NW, Washington, DC
6:00 PM
http://dclibrary.org/blackhistory

Film: The Trials of Muhammad Ali
Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital
921 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Washington, DC
7:00—9:00 PM
http://hillcenterdc.org/home/programs/1525

February 11 – March 4
Exhibition: From the Ashes: Rebirth of the Human Spirit
Pepco Edison Place Gallery
702 8th Street NW, Washington, DC
http://www.artimpactusa.com/events.html
**February 12**

**Gallery Talk: “Watching History: Television Coverage of the March on Washington”**
Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building  
1st Street and Independence Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C.  
12:00—11:00 PM  

**Civil Rights Open Mic hosted by Derrick Weston Brown of Busboys and Poets**
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library  
901 G Street NW, Washington, DC  
6:00—8:30 PM  
[http://dclibrary.org/blackhistory](http://dclibrary.org/blackhistory)

**Roger Clark, Attorney-at-Law and Partner, Squire and Sanders, LLP**
“Racial Disparities in the American Criminal Justice System: An Assessment.”
Capitol View Neighborhood Library  
5001 Central Avenue SE, Washington, DC  
6:30 PM  
[http://www.dclibrary.org/node/39315](http://www.dclibrary.org/node/39315)

**February 13**

**21st Black Love Day, “Transform Self to Transform the World”**
Galbraith A.M.E. Zion Church  
1114 6th Street NW, Washington, DC  
6:30—9:00 PM  
[http://www.africanamericanholidays.org/blackloveday.html](http://www.africanamericanholidays.org/blackloveday.html)

**The People Could fly and Still Can: Modern-Day Folk Tales of African-American Heroes**
THEARC  
1901 Mississippi Avenue SE, Washington, DC  
1:30 PM  

**February 15**

**Caregivers4Caregivers**
William O. Lockridge/Bellevue Neighborhood Library  
115 Atlantic Street SW, Washington, DC  
12:30—1:30 PM  
Caregivers4Caregivers@gmail.com

**Created Equal Film Screening: *The Loving Story***
African-American Civil War Museum & Memorial  
1925 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC  

**The Gospel Kids and Teens Group, “Celebrating the Gift from Within: A Concert.”**
Capitol View Neighborhood Library  
5001 Central Avenue SE, Washington, DC  
2:00 PM  
[http://www.dclibrary.org/node/39328](http://www.dclibrary.org/node/39328)

**February 16**

**Friends African Heritage Day**
Howard University Crampton Auditorium  
2455 Sixth Street NW, Washington, DC  
11:00 AM  
Sam Williams  
301-996-0366

**African American Men Who Sing Songs of Praise**
Greater New Hope Baptist Church  
816 8th Street NW, Washington, DC  
3:00 PM  
Presented by DC Black History Celebration Committee  
202-421-8608

**Holy Eucharist with Music and Hymns:**
Author, Dr. Adrienne Petty, guest speaker  
St. Mary’s Episcopal-Anglican Church  
728 23rd Street NW, Washington, DC  
10:00 AM  
February 18
25TH ANNUAL BLACK FILM FESTIVAL ‘Civil Rights in America’:
*FRUITVALE STATION*
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
901 G Street NW, Washington, DC
6:00 PM
http://dclibrary.org/blackhistory

Panel Discussion, “Civil Rights Leaders of the Colonial and Revolutionary Era”
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
901 G Street NW, Washington, DC
6:30—8:30 PM
http://dclibrary.org/blackhistory

Afro-Latinos in the Diaspora: History, Culture and Challenges in Asserting Their Rightful African Identity
GALA Theatre
3331 14th Street NW, Washington, DC
6:00—9:00 PM
http://ola.dc.gov/

February 19
*From Despair to Hope: A History of South Africa, A Tribute to Nelson Mandela*
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
901 G Street NW, Washington, DC
7:00—9:00 PM

Afro-Latino Recognition Awards Ceremony
GALA Theatre
3331 14th Street NW, Washington, DC
6:00—9:00 PM
http://ola.dc.gov/

February 20
*Michael Brookins Jazz Band*
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
901 G Street NW, Washington, DC
6:30—8:30 PM
http://dclibrary.org/blackhistory

Citywide Reentry Assembly
St. Luke Church Center
4923 E. Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC
7:00—9:00 PM
http://www.csosa.gov/reentry/events.aspx

Black History Month at THEARC Theatre presents “Lady Days”
THEARC
1901 Mississippi Ave SE, Washington, DC
10:00 AM and 12:00 PM
http://www.thearc.org/

February 21
*Voices of the Civil Rights Movement*
African-American Civil War Memorial
1925 Vermont Ave NW, Washington, DC
6:30 PM
202-667-2667

Colored Folk Songs
St. Mary’s Episcopal-Anglican Church
728 23rd Street NW, Washington, DC
10:00 AM
http://stmarysfoggybottom.org/smc/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

February 22
*Annual Mardi Gras Family Day*
Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum
1901 Fort Place SE, Washington, DC
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
http://anacostia.si.edu/News_Events/public_programs.htm#/?i=1

*Portrait Story Days: Marian Anderson*
Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture, National Portrait Gallery
Eighth and F Streets NW, Washington, DC
1:00—4:00 p.m.
http://npg.si.edu/event/currentevents.html#/?i=3

*A concert featuring Sparky and Rhonda Rucker the author of Swing Low, Sweet Harriet.*
African-American Civil War Museum & Memorial
1925 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC
2:00—4:00 PM
http://www.afroamcivilwar.org/news-a-events.html
GLTB Salutes the Movement: Our Pride in Civil Rights History
Metropolitan Community Church
474 Ridge Street NW, Washington, DC
http://mccchurch.org/

February 23
Jubilee Sunday
Nineteenth Street Baptist Church
4606 16th Street NW, Washington, DC
After 10:00 AM service
http://everyblessing.org

Women’s Ministry Commemorates African-American History in Stand and Witness
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church: Olph Panorama Room
1600 Morris Road SE, Washington, D.C.
2:00 PM
http://www.josephites.org/parish/dc/olph/

Portrait Story Days: Bill “Bojangles” Robinson
Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture
National Portrait Gallery
Eighth and F Streets NW, Washington, DC
2:00—5:00 PM
http://npg.si.edu/event/currentevents.html#/?i=3

Singing Our Song! A program of Spirituals, Jazz and other Classic African American Music Selections
15th St. Presbyterian Church
1750 15th Street NW, Washington, DC
3:00 PM
http://shirlihughesandovation.org/Schedule.html

“The Power of Spirituals”
St. Mary’s Episcopal-Anglican Church
728 23rd Street NW
Washington, DC
10:00 AM
http://stmarysfoggybottom.org/smctop/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

February 24
The New Black Documentary
AARP Headquarters
601 E Street NW, Brickfield Conference Center
Washington DC
6:30 PM
RSVP to Jackie Jordan at 202-434-7703 (by Feb. 21) in order to gain entry to building.

Francis A. Gregory Neighborhood Library
3660 Alabama Avenue SE, Washington, DC
7:00 PM
http://dclibrary.org/node/39310

Bayard Rustin and James Baldwin: Freedom Fighters and Friends
Presented by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities
Arena Stage
1101 6th Street SW, Washington, DC
7:00—9:00 pm

February 25
25TH ANNUAL BLACK FILM FESTIVAL ‘Civil Rights in America’: FREE ANGELA AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
901 Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
G Street NW, Washington, DC
6:00 PM
http://dclibrary.org/blackhistory

Special Showing for Senior Citizens of the movie, “The Butler”
THEARC
1901 Mississippi Ave SE, Washington, DC
202-434-7703
February 26
The Seniors Building the Road Before Us: Annual Senior Citizens Black History Program
Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center
324 Kennedy Street NW, Washington, DC
9:30—11:00 AM
202-291-6170

February 27
Brother Outsider
Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum
1901 Fort Place SE, Washington, DC
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
http://anacostia.si.edu/News_Events/public_programs.htm#/i=1

Film Screening & Discussion: “One More River to Cross”
Library of Congress, James Madison Building
101 Independence Ave. SE, Washington, DC
12:00—1:30pm
http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/march-on-washington/

FREE screening of “12 Years a Slave”
President Lincoln’s Cottage
Upshur Street at Rock Creek Church Road NW, Washington DC
6:00 PM (February 28: Lecture featuring direct living descendants of Solomon Northup)
www.lincolncottage.org

Reentry Forum—“The Breakdown of the Black Family as a Result of Incarcerating Mothers”
Union Temple Baptist Church
1225 W Street SE, Washington, DC
7:00—9:00 PM
http://www.csosa.gov/reentry/events.aspx

February 28
Cameroon’s Youth Day & African American Youth Black History Celebration Luncheon
Howard University Blackburn Center
2400 Sixth Street NW, Washington, DC
Luncheon 12—4PM & Reception 5—9 PM
http://siblingstogatherusa.org

Lecture featuring direct living descendants of Solomon Northup
President Lincoln’s Cottage
Upshur Street at Rock Creek Church Road NW, Washington, DC
1:30 PM
www.lincolncottage.org

Please note this is not a comprehensive listing of events. Our thanks to Karen Harris and Chuck Hicks for their contribution in compiling this information.

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