

Guide to

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Events

February 4 - 28, 2014



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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>

August 28, 2013 – May 31, 2014

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](http://www.watergategalleryframedesign.com/exhibitions.php)

January 18–March 29

Exhibition: ***Martin Puryear: Recent Prints***
HEMPHILL Fine Arts
1515 14th Street NW, Washington, DC
[http://www.hemphillfinearts.com/exhibitions/
current-exhibitions](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

http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/event_calendar.html

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.htm#/?i=1

Latino Artists on Race, Representation, and African Diasporic Culture

Smithsonian American Art Museum
8th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC
6:00 PM—7:00 PM

http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/event_calendar.html

Story Hour

African-American Civil War Museum & Memorial
1925 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001
11:00 AM—12:00 PM

<http://www.afroamcivilwar.org/news-a-events.html>

FEBRUARY 7, 14, 19, 21, 20, 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

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.htm#/?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>

C.R. Gibbs Lecture Series on African American History and Culture: “Twelve Years a Slave: Solomon Northup’s Washington”

Parklands-Turner Neighborhood Library

1547 Alabama Avenue SE, Washington, DC

7:00 PM

<http://dclibrary.org/node/39310>

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 Muhammed 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
<http://www.loc.gov/loc/events/index.php?mode=detail&date=1391230800>

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>

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>

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>

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
<http://www.thearc.org/>

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
<http://www.afroamcivilwar.org/news-a-events.html>

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>

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
http://stmarysfoggybottom.org/smc/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

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.thearcdc.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://shirliughesandovation.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/smc/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.

C.R. Gibbs Lecture Series on African American History and Culture: "Fighting For Freedom: Strategies for Resistance"

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
<http://dcarts.dc.gov/event/bayard-rustin-and-james-baldwin-freedom-fighters-and-friends>

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://siblingstogetherusa.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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