

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebrate Black History Month at the Milwaukee Public Library

Attend free programs. Log on to mpl.org/BlackHistoryMonth for more information, booklists, and activities.

FOR ADULTS

Pop Genre Romance Book Club

Tuesday, February 7, 6-7 p.m. - East Branch, 2320 N. Cramer St.

Join the discussion of *Seven Days in June* by Tia Williams. When Shane and Eva meet unexpectedly at a literary event, sparks fly, raising not only their buried traumas, but the eyebrows of the Black literati. What no one knows is that fifteen years earlier, teenage Eva and Shane spent one crazy, torrid week madly in love. While they may be pretending not to know each other, they can't deny their chemistry - or the fact that they've been secretly writing to each other in their books through the years.

Novel Ideas Book Club

Monday, February 13, 6-7 p.m. - Zablocki Branch, 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Join the discussion of *Yellow Wife: A Novel* by Sadeqa Johnson. Born on a plantation but set apart from the others by her mother's position as a medicine woman, a young slave is forced to leave home at eighteen and unexpectedly finds herself in an infamously cruel jail. This program will be offered at the Zablocki Branch and virtually through Zoom. For virtual attendance, please register at mpl.org/calendar.

Black History Month Book Buffet

Tuesday, February 14, 6-7 p.m. - East Branch, 2320 N. Cramer St.

Sample a delightful spread of books by Black authors during this short readers' advisory presentation and book buffet. Leave with your TBR (to-be-read) pile full and ready for a year reading Black writing excellence.

Climate Action Book Club

Monday, February 27, 6-7 p.m. - Virtual Program. Register at mpl.org/calendar

Join the discussion of *The Black Agenda* edited by Anna Gifty Opoku-Agyeman. *The Black Agenda* is a bold and urgent move towards social justice through a profound collection of essays featuring Black scholars and experts across economics, education, health, climate, and technology. It speaks to the question "What's next for America?" on the subjects of policy-making, mental health, artificial intelligence, climate movement, the future of work, the LGBTQ community, the criminal legal system, and more.

Pop Genre Horror Book Club

Monday, February 27, 6-7 p.m. - Bay View Branch, 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

Join the discussion of *The Ballad of Black Tom* by Victor LaValle. Charles Thomas Tester hustles to put food on the table, keep the roof over his father's head, from Harlem to Flushing Meadows to Red Hook. He knows what magic a suit can cast, the invisibility a guitar case can provide, and the curse written on his skin that attracts the eye of wealthy white folks and their cops. But when he delivers an occult tome to a reclusive sorceress in the heart of Queens, Tom opens a door to a deeper realm of magic, and earns the attention of things best left sleeping.



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FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Black History Jeopardy

Tuesday, February 7, 5-6:30 p.m. - Villard Square Branch, 5190 N. 35th St.

Test your Black History knowledge of notable figures. Come to the library for a fun evening playing this classic game with a Black History twist. Work with teammates or on your own to answer questions as quickly as possible and race for the win! Prizes will be awarded.

Hora de cuentos: Mes de la Historia Negra

Viernes, 10 y 17 de febrero, 9:30-10 a.m.

Regístrense aquí para recibir el enlace para conectarse al programa mpl.org/calendar. Celebremos los logros de los americanos negros y tomemos tiempo para reconocer su papel importante en la historia de los Estados Unidos. Únanse al programa para leer, cantar y participar en otras actividades diseñadas para los niños pequeños y sus cuidadores.

Crafting Saturday

Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Zablocki Branch, 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Make a craft for African American History month.

Black History Month Makers: Ashley Bryan-Inspired Puppets!

Saturday, February 18, 10-10:45 a.m. - Central Library Children's Room, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Celebrate beloved children's author and illustrator Ashley Bryan by making your own puppet out of found materials - just like Mr. Bryan used to do!

Explore Linguistics: Code Switching

Tuesday, February 21, 5-7 p.m. - Villard Square Branch, 5190 N. 35th St.

Watch a screening of the Kanopy documentary "Code Switching." Fun linguistics activities will be available to explore while the film is showing. Discussion of film to follow.

Black History Month Bookmarks

Month of February – Atkinson Branch, 1960 W. Atkinson Ave.

Teens are invited to stop by Atkinson Branch during the month of February to make origami book-marks with African textile inspired papers. Check out the Black History Month book display and pick up a great read, too.

MORE LIBRARY RESOURCES

- Attend a wide variety of story times for children and families at your Milwaukee Public Library. Log on to mpl.org/calendar for times and locations.
- Use your Milwaukee Public Library card to access Kanopy and download free films celebrating Black History at mpl.org/kanopy.
- Check out the African American Genealogy Pathfinder for help on how to trace African American roots at mpl.org/AAGP.