

National Museum of African American History and Culture

 Smithsonian  STARK LIBRARY

Celebrating Black History: *A Special Exhibit at Stark Library*

Each year at Stark Library, we take pride in planning programs, curating displays, and organizing book lists that encourage our community to engage with and learn about Black History through celebration and conversation. This February, we are excited to enhance our offerings with a special partnership with the Smithsonian.

A Place for All People is a limited-edition poster exhibition celebrating the newest Smithsonian museum, the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Based on the inaugural exhibitions of the museum, the posters highlight key artifacts that tell the rich and diverse story of the African American experience. *A Place for All People* is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) in collaboration with the museum.

Join us as we honor and celebrate Black History with this incredible exhibit and our lineup of engaging programs!

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CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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!

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DeHoff Memorial

Stark County African American Movers and Shakers of the Past, Present, and Future

Tue Feb 4 | 5-7 pm

Uncover, discover, and celebrate Stark County's African American trailblazers! This will be an inspiring event with guest speakers, open discussions, and an opportunity for an intimate meet and greet.

LWTA

The Princess and the Frog: Family Movie Night

Mon Feb 24 | 5-7 pm

Join Princess Tiana and Prince Naveen's magical bayou journey. Fun, magic, and dreams await. Rated G.

LWTA

Jackson Community

Movies @ Jackson Soul

Thu Feb 20 | 5:30-7:30 pm

Lights! Camera! Action! Join us for a special showing of *Soul*. Popcorn provided. Rated PG.

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Celebrate Mardi Gras: American Girl®

Sat Feb 22 | 10:30 am-12 pm

Get ready to celebrate Mardi Gras with best friends Marie Grace and Cecile! Get creative and design your own Mardi Gras mask. Remember to bring your doll! This event is for children ages 8-12.

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Madge Youtz

DIY Club: Moon Dough

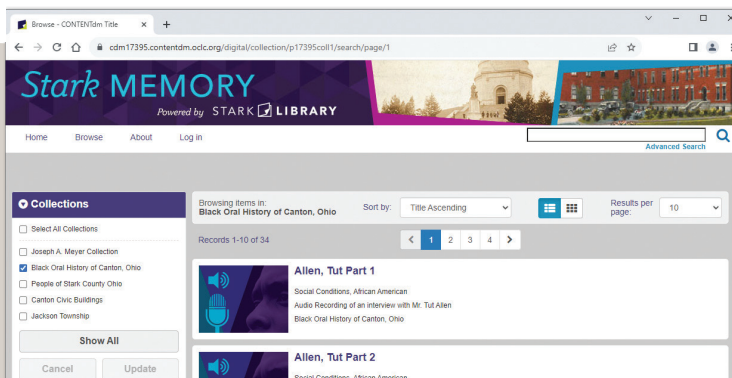
Sat Feb 15

1:30-2:30 pm

Join DIY Club to make moon dough inspired by Dr. Guion Bluford Jr., the first African American to go to space! All materials provided.

ELW

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- T Teens
- A Adults



Database Highlight: Black Oral Histories of Canton, OH

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

▶ Listen at StarkLibrary.org/StarkMemory

Main Library

Masterminds Family Trivia:

Contemporary Black Artists

Sat Feb 1 | 11 am–12 pm

Are you a know-it-all? Test your knowledge while enjoying snacks. Bring the whole family or form a team here! All are welcome. Top scores earn prizes!! **LWTA**

Family Movie Night: *Soul*

Thu Feb 6 | 5:30–7:30 pm

It's movie night at the Library! Come on down, sit back, and enjoy the show. Popcorn provided. Rated PG. **LWTA**

Black History Month Kahoot Trivia Challenge

Sat Feb 8 | 2–3:30 pm

All ages are invited to join us for this exciting event. Celebrate Black History Month in a fun way and test your knowledge of history, movies, music, sports and more with our Kahoot! quizzes. **LWTA**

Abayomi Dolls

Thu Feb 20 | 5:30–7:00 pm

Learn about the history of the West African Abayomi doll and then make your own. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to bring their own pieces of fabric to incorporate into their dolls. **WTA**

Breaking Barriers: *The Impact of Including Negro League Statistics in Major League Records*

Sat Feb 22 | 11 am–12 pm

In 2024, the statistics and records from the Negro Leagues were added into the Major League records. Hear from one of the committee members who helped make this change possible. **A**

North Branch

The Princess and the Frog:

Family Movie Night

Sat Feb 1 | 3–4:45 pm

Kick off Black History Month with the first Black Disney Princess. Let's head on down the bayou and have a great time Rated G. **ELWT**

Incwadi Yothando:

Zulu Love Letters

Tues Feb 4 | 6–7:30 pm

This South African art is a cultural form of communication to express love between two people by creating a special message in beads. Learn the meaning of the symbols and colors and then make your own. All materials provided. **A**

Kulture Kids presents:

Babu's Magic

Sat Feb 22 | 3–4 pm

A live performance sure to inspire! Set in an African Village, a boy who is not able to speak is bullied for being different. With the help of the animals, he saves the whole village, even the bully. **ELWT**

The History of Southeast Canton

Wed Feb 26 | 2–3 pm

Councilwoman Chris Smith shares the history of the once vibrant Southeast Canton neighborhood, which suffered from redlining and the development of Route 62, and the efforts to revitalize the community today. **A**

Perry Sippo Branch

Movies @ Perry:

The Woman King

Wed Feb 12 | 2–4:30 pm

Lights! Camera! Action! Join us for a special showing of *The Woman King*. Popcorn provided. Rated PG-13. **A**

Massillon and the Underground Railroad

Thu Feb 27 | 6–7 pm

The Underground Railroad is an important part of Massillon's history. Learn about the compassionate people and abolitionists who lived in Kendal and Massillon. Presented by Massillon Museum. **A**

Plain Community Branch

The Women Behind the Women

Tue Feb 25 | 6–7 pm

With a focus on African American women, we'll explore the stories of those that contributed to the legacies of first ladies behind the scenes. Presented by the First Ladies National Historic Site. **A**

Southgate

TeensCREATE

Sat Feb 15 | 2–3 pm

Hang out with your friends and make new friends at the Library. Enjoy activities including music, art, STEM, snap circuits, and more. Each day will bring something new to do and explore. **WT**

Spotlight on Black Inventors

Tue Feb 25 | 6–7 pm

Did you know that Black inventors created the traffic light? Automatic elevator doors? The Super Soaker? Come learn cool facts about these inventions and more, plus make a light-up device of your own! **LW**



Secrets of the Underground Railroad

Sat Feb 8 | 10–11 am

Plain Community Branch

Come learn the secrets of the Underground Railroad, plus the story of a woman who saved hundreds with special guest Harriet Tubman. Presented by The Summit County Historical Society of Akron. **A**

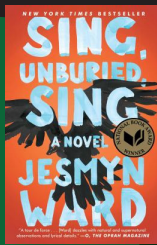


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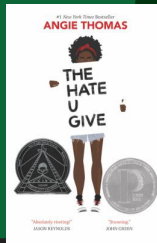
Book Clubs for Adults

Perry Sippo

Chapter Chatter
Thu Feb 6 | 6-7 pm
Sing, Unburied, Sing
by Jesmyn Ward

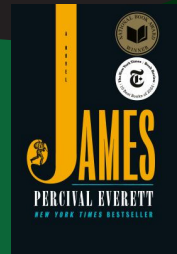
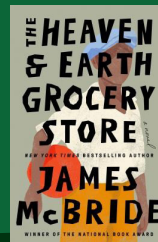


From Book to Big Screen
Mon Feb 24 | 12-1 pm
The Hate U Give
by Angie Thomas



DeHoff Memorial

Black Lit Book Club
Mon Feb 3 | 4-5 pm
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride



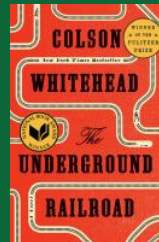
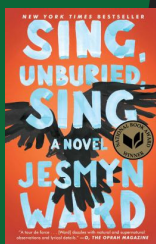
Lake Community

Mystery Book Club
Tue Feb 4 | 2-3 pm
Like A Sister by Kellye Garrett
by Jason Mott

Booked on Tuesday
Tue Feb 25 | 6-7 pm
James
by Percival Everett

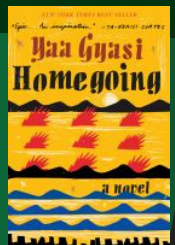
Jackson Community

Thu Feb 6 | 2-3:30 pm
Sing, Unburied, Sing
by Jesmyn Ward



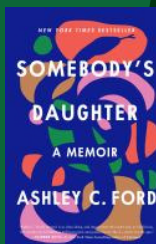
Plain Community

Tue Feb 4 | 6:30-7:30pm
IDEAS
Homegoing
by Yaa Gyasi



East Canton

Tue Feb 4 | 4-5 pm
Somebody's Daughter
by Ashley C. Ford



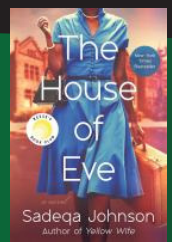
North Branch

Beautiful Day Book Club
Thu Feb 6 | 11am-12 pm
The Underground Railroad
by Colson Whitehead

Banned Books
Mon Feb 24 | 11 am-12 pm
Push
by Sapphire

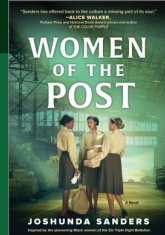
Southgate

Tues Feb 4 | 11-12 am
The House of Eve
by Sadeqa Johnson



Check out our blog!

Discover inspiring stories of resilience and achievement by Black Americans, including local pioneers who shaped our community. Scan the QR code to explore programs, book recommendations, and exhibits celebrating Black History Month at Stark Library!



Madge Youtz

Madge Page Turners
Thu Feb 27 | 2-4 pm
Women of the Post
by Joshunda Sanders

► For more book clubs and to register visit StarkLibrary.org or call 330.452.0665