As a Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson, like W. E. B. Du Bois before him, believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice. His hopes to raise awareness of African American’s contributions to civilization was realized when he and the organization he founded, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), conceived and announced Negro History Week in 1925. The event was first celebrated during a week in February 1926 that encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The response was overwhelming: Black history clubs sprang up; teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils; and progressive whites, not simply white scholars and philanthropists, stepped forward to endorse the effort.

By the time of Woodson’s death in 1950, Negro History Week had become a central part of African American life and substantial progress had been made in bringing more Americans to appreciate the celebration. At mid-century, mayors of cities nationwide issued proclamations noting Negro History Week. The Black Awakening of the 1960s dramatically expanded the consciousness of African Americans about the importance of black history, and the Civil Rights movement focused Americans of all color on the subject of the contributions of African Americans to our history and culture.

The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation’s bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the first African American History Month. By this time, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story. Since then each American president has issued African American History Month proclamations. And the association—now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)—continues to promote the study of Black history all year.

(Excerpt from an essay by Daryl Michael Scott, Howard University, for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History)
PERMANENT INSTALLATION

Exhibit: *The Struggle for Justice*
National Portrait Gallery 8th & F St. NW, Washington DC
npg.si.edu

SEPTEMBER 2014 - SEPTEMBER 2015

Exhibit: *The Civil Rights Act of 1964: A Long Struggle for Freedom*
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Saturday
Thomas Jefferson Building, Second Floor, Southwest Exhibition Gallery
10 First St. SE, Washington DC
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JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 13

Exhibit: *Black Space Art*
Public Hours,
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Great Hall
901 G St. NW, Washington DC
dclibrary.org

EVERYDAY

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Tour
9 AM to 5 PM (Last tour at 4p sharp)
Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site
1318 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington DC
www.nps.gov/mamc

FEBRUARY 1

Get the “Scoop” on Black History
1:30 PM
Lamond Riggs Library
5401 South Dakota Ave. NE, Washington DC
dclibrary.org

FEBRUARY 2

Reading Ranger Program
10:30 -11:30 AM
Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site

1318 Vermont Ave., N.W, Washington DC
www.nps.gov/mamc

Black History Month Kickoff
6 PM
African American Civil War Museum
1925 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington DC
afroamcivilwar.org

Black Space: Century Song, An Evening of Black Thought and Music from 1915 - 2015
6:30 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library: Great Hall
901 G St. NW, Washington DC
dclibrary.org

C.R. Gibbs Lecture Series on African American History and Culture: “Tan Yanks: The District’s Black Doughboys of World War I”
7 PM
Capitol View Library
5001 Central Ave. SE, Washington DC
dclibrary.org

Kid’s Night - Celebrate Black History Month: Celebrate the legacy of Jesse Owens!
7 PM
Mt. Pleasant Library
3160 16th St. NW, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org

East River Jazz is presenting Celebrating Strayhorn!: Imani-Grace Cooper Sings Fitzgerald/Strayhorn
6 PM
Kennedy Center’s Millennium Stage
2700 F St. NW, Washington, DC
eastriverjazz.net bemojazz.com

FEBRUARY 3

26th Annual Black Film Festival featuring award-winning leading men
6 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library: Room 5-A
901 G St. NW, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org
Discussion with Book Signing: Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Rail Rd.
7 PM to 8:30 PM
National Archives, McGowan Theater
700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC
archivesfoundation.org/events

Who was Nannie Helen Burroughs? Why should we care?
10 AM to 12 PM
University of the District of Columbia Community College: Multi-purpose Room
801 North Capitol St. NE, Washington, DC
cc.udc.edu nburroughsinfo.org

Michael W. Brookins and Friends in Concert
6:30 PM
Capitol View Library
5001 Central Ave. SE, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org

Back There, Then: Book Presentation and Author Talk
7 PM to 9 PM
Stoddard Baptist Home, Multipurpose Room
1818 Newton St. NW, Washington, DC
backtherethen.com

African American Artists in the Collection
12:30 PM
Smithsonian American Art Museum: Meet in the F St. Lobby of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art & Portraiture
8th and F St. NW, Washington, DC
smithsonianeducation.org

Black Studies Center Film Series: Do the Right Thing
12 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 3rd floor
901 G St. NW, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org

Celebrate Black History Month with the Jackson Family Art Show!
6 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
901 G St. NW, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org

African American Artists in the Collection
12:30 PM
Smithsonian American Art Museum: Meet in the F St. Lobby of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art & Portraiture
8th and F St. NW, Washington, DC
smithsonianeducation.org

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4 PM to 6 PM
University of the District of Columbia Community College: Multi-purpose Room
801 North Capitol St. NE, Washington, DC
cc.udc.edu nburroughsinfo.org

Black History Month Story Hour
11 AM
African American Civil War Museum
1925 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC
afroamcivilwar.org

Historic Theater: Join the Student Sit-Ins at the Greensboro Lunch Counter
1:30 PM to 1:50 PM and 3 PM to 3:20 PM
Smithsonian American History Museum: Meet at Greensboro Lunch Counter, 2nd Floor, East Wing
1400 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC
smithsonianeducation.org

DC Black History Hours at Ben’s Chili Bowl
10 AM to 12 PM
Ben’s Chili Bowl 1213 U St. NW, Washington, DC
benschillbowl.com
Black History Month Talks – African Americans in Medicine During the Civil War Era - Robert Slawson
2:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office
437 7th St. NW, Washington, DC
civilwarmed.org/clara-barton-museum/

Black History Month Family Day: Rising Up
11 AM to 4 PM
Smithsonian American History Museum 1400 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC
smithsonianeducation.org

Author Talk: Carla Kaplan
2 PM to 3 PM
Anacostia Community Museum
1901 Fort Place SE, Washington, DC
www.anacostia.si.edu

African American Artists in the Collection
12:30 PM
American Art Museum: Meet in the F St. Lobby of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art & Portraiture
8th and F St. NW, Washington, DC
smithsonianeducation.org

Community History Series: The Civil War and the Making of Modern Washington, DC
2 PM to 4 PM
Anacostia Community Museum
1901 Fort Place SE, Washington, DC
www.anacostia.si.edu

East River Jazz is presenting Celebrating Strayhorn!: Why Celebrate Strayhorn?
2 PM
Francis A. Gregory Neighborhood Library
3660 Alabama Ave. SE, Washington, DC
eastriverjazz.net  bemojazz.com

Film Screening: Spies of Mississippi
Stoddard Baptist Global Care
2601 18th St. NW, Washington, DC
www.stoddardbaptisthome.com

Reading Ranger Program
10:30 to 11:30 AM
Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site
1318 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC
www.nps.gov/mamc

7 PM
Capitol View Library
5001 Central Ave. SE, dclibrary.org

Kid’s Night - Celebrate Black History Month!:
Learn about the tradition of quilting.
7 PM
Mt. Pleasant Library
3160 16th St. NW, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org

Picturing America: The Selma to Montgomery March for Voting Rights in 1965
4:30 PM
Petworth Library
4200 Kansas Ave. NW, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org

Young Portrait Explorers: George Washington Carver
10:25 AM to 11:30 AM
National Portrait Gallery, G St. Lobby
8th & F St. NW, Washington, DC
npg.si.edu

26th Annual Black Film Festival featuring award-winning leading men
6 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library: Room 5-A
901 G St. NW, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org
FEBRUARY 11

Black Studies Center Film Series: Fruitvale Station
12 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 3rd floor
901 G St. NW, Washington, DC
dlibrary.org

2015 African History and Culture Lecture Series: African Americans Teens in the Civil Rights Movement - CR Gibbs
7 PM
Francis Gregory Library
3660 Alabama Ave. SE, Washington, DC
dlibrary.org

African American Artists in the Collection
12:30 PM
American Art Museum: Meet in the F St. Lobby of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art & Portraiture
8th and F St. NW, Washington, DC
smithsonianeducation.org

6:30 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library: Great Hall
901 G St. NW, Washington, DC
dlibrary.org

Getting to Know Hale Woodruff
7 PM to 8 PM
Smithsonian American History Museum: Warner Bros. Theater
1400 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC
smithsonianeducation.org

Mr. Anthony “Tony” Browder, Author, Publisher, Cultural Historian, Artist and Educational Consultant
7 PM to 9 PM
Stoddard Baptist Global Care
2601 18th St. NW, Washington, DC
www.stoddardbaptisthome.com

FEBRUARY 12

Exhibit: Freedom Just Around the Corner: Black America from Civil War to Civil Rights
10 AM to 5:30 PM
National Postal Museum
2 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Washington, DC
postalmuseum.si.edu

African American Artists in the Collection
12:30 PM
American Art Museum: Meet in the F St. Lobby of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art & Portraiture
8th and F St. NW, Washington, DC
smithsonianeducation.org

Film: Life’s Essentials with Ruby Dee
7 PM
Historic Lincoln Theatre
1215 U St. NW, Washington, DC
dcarts.dc.gov

Film: Love & Valor: One Couple’s Intimate Civil War Letters (2012; 90 min) closed captioned
1 PM to 3 PM
Anacostia Community Museum
1901 Fort Place SE, Washington, DC
www.anacostia.si.edu

FEBRUARY 13

Lecture with Book Signing: Redemption Songs: Suing for Freedom before Dred Scott by Lea Vander Velde
12 PM to 1 PM
National Archives, McGowan Theater
700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC
archivesfoundation.org/events

Celebrating Blacks Making History: Past Present and Future
12 PM to 7 PM
Howard Theater
620 T St. NW, Washington, DC
prpis.org
**Exhibit Opening Reception: Light of the Ancestors**  
6 PM to 9 PM  
Pepco Edison Place Gallery  
702 Eighth St. NW, Washington, DC  
[artimpactusa.com](http://artimpactusa.com)

**FEBRUARY 13 - MARCH 6**

**Exhibition: Light of the Ancestors**  
12PM to 4PM, Tuesday - Friday  
Pepco Edison Place Gallery  
702 Eighth St. NW, Washington, DC  
[artimpactusa.com](http://artimpactusa.com)

**FEBRUARY 14**

**DC Black History Hours at Ben’s Chili Bowl**  
10 AM to 12 PM  
Ben’s Chili Bowl  
1213 U St. NW, Washington, DC  
[benschilibowl.com](http://benschilibowl.com)

**FROM SELMA TO FERGUSON...Getting to the “HEART” of the Issue**  
2 PM to 4:30 PM  
Mt Gilead Baptist Church  
1625 13th St. NW, Washington, DC  
[www.mtgileaddc.org](http://www.mtgileaddc.org)  
[www.hci-global.com](http://www.hci-global.com)

**Black History Month Talks – The United States Colored Troops in the Civil War - CR Gibbs**  
2:30 PM to 3:30 PM  
Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office  
437 7th St. NW, Washington, DC  

**Frederick Douglas Day**  
11 AM to 12:30 PM  
Anacostia Community Museum: Main Gallery  
1901 Fort Place SE, Washington, DC  
[www.anacostia.si.edu](http://www.anacostia.si.edu)

**The Loving Story**  
2 PM to 3 PM  
Anacostia Community Museum  
1901 Fort Place SE, Washington, DC  
[www.anacostia.si.edu](http://www.anacostia.si.edu)

**FEBRUARY 15**

**African American Men Sing Songs of Praise**  
3 PM  
Greater New Hope Baptist Church  
816 8th St. NW, Washington, DC

**East River Jazz is presenting Celebrating Strayhorn!: Earlier Than Most: Billy Strayhorn’s Civil Rights Activism**  
2 PM  
Francis A. Gregory Neighborhood Library  
3660 Alabama Ave. SE, Washington, DC  
[eastriverjazz.net](http://eastriverjazz.net)  
[bemojazz.com](http://bemojazz.com)

**FEBRUARY 17**

**Celebrate Black History Month with the Jackson Family Art Show!**  
6:30 PM  
Rosedale Library  
1701 Gales St. NE, Washington, DC  
[dclibrary.org](http://dclibrary.org)

**Black History Month Movie: Ruby Bridges Goes to School**  
3:30 PM  
Palisades Library  
4901 V St. NW, Washington, DC  
[dclibrary.org](http://dclibrary.org)

**Abstract Act Project: Inspired by the African-American contemporary artist, Jacob Lawrence**  
5 PM  
Rosedale Library  
1701 Gales St. NE, Washington, DC  
[dclibrary.org](http://dclibrary.org)

**DC Legendary Musician’s Award Ceremony & Celebration of U St. and the DC Legendary Musicians**  
6 PM to 8 PM  
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Great Hall  
901 G St. NW, Washington, DC  
[DCLMusicians.org](http://DCLMusicians.org)
26th Annual Black Film Festival

featuring award-winning leading men

6 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library: Room 5-A
901 G St. NW, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org

FEBRUARY 18

Black Studies Center Film Series: The Night James Brown Saved Boston

12 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 3rd floor
901 G St. NW, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org


7 PM
Francis Gregory Library
3660 Alabama Ave. SE, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org

African American Artists in the Collection

12:30 PM
Smithsonian American Art Museum: Meet in the F St. Lobby of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art & Portraiture
8th and F St. NW, Washington, DC
smithsonianeducation.org

Dr. Charles S. Finch, III Egyptian Scholar, Author and Historian on the Science and Civilization of Ancient Egypt

7 PM to 9 PM
Stoddard Baptist Global Care
2601 18th St. NW, Washington, DC
www.stoddardbaptisthome.com

FEBRUARY 19

A 20th Anniversary commemoration of the publication of the groundbreaking book, Saving Our Sons: Raising Black Children in a Turbulent World.

6:30 PM

Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library
1630 7th St. NW, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org


7 PM
Dorothy I. Height/Benning Library
3935 Benning Rd. NE, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org

Face to Face: Ira Aldridge

12 PM National Portrait Gallery, Meet at portrait of Ira Aldridge (1st floor)
8th & F St. NW, Washington, DC
npg.si.edu

African American Artists in the Collection

12:30 PM
Smithsonian American Art Museum: Meet in the F St. Lobby of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art & Portraiture
8th and F St. NW, Washington, DC
smithsonianeducation.org

FEBRUARY 21

Celebrate Black History Month with the Jackson Family Art Show!

2 PM
Parklands-Turner Library
1547 Alabama Ave. SE, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org

DC Black History Hours at Ben’s Chili Bowl

10 AM to 12 PM
Ben’s Chili Bowl
1213 U St. NW, Washington, DC
benschilibowl.com

African American Pioneers

10 AM to 3 PM
National Air and Space Museum
Independence Ave. at 6th St. SW, Washington, DC
airandspace.si.edu
**Black History Month Talk – African-Americans in Medicine During the Civil War - Betsy Estilow**  
2:30 PM to 3:30 PM  
Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office  
437 7th St. NW, Washington, DC  
civilwarmed.org/clara-barton-museum/

**FEBRUARY 23**

**Reading Ranger Program**  
10:30 -11:30 AM  
Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site  
1318 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC  
nps.gov/mamc

**Book Talk: 1919, The Year of Racial Violence How African Americans Fought Back**  
6 PM  
Busboys and Poets @ 14th & V  
2021 14th St. NW, Washington, DC  
dhistory.org

**C.R. Gibbs Lecture Series on African American History and Culture: “Pan Africanism: Origins and Issues”**  
7 PM  
Deanwood Library  
1350 49th St. NE, Washington, DC  
dclibrary.org

**Kid’s Night - Celebrate Black History Month!: Learn about George Crum, the inventor of the potato chip**  
7 PM  
Mt. Pleasant Library  
3160 16th St. NW, Washington, DC  
dclibrary.org

**FEBRUARY 24**

**26th Annual Black Film Festival featuring award-winning leading men**  
6 PM  
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library: Room 5-A  
901 G St. NW, Washington, DC  
dclibrary.org

**FEBRUARY 25**

**Black Studies Center Film Series: James Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket**  
12 PM  
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 3rd floor  
901 G St. NW, Washington, DC  
dclibrary.org

7 PM  
Francis Gregory Library  
3660 Alabama Ave. SE, Washington, DC  
dclibrary.org

**African American Artists in the Collection**  
12:30 PM  
Smithsonian American Art Museum: Meet in the F St. Lobby of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art & Portraiture  
8th and F St. NW, Washington, DC  
smithsonianeducation.org

**BlackLivesMatter And The Power of Sports: A Panel with Dr. John Carlos**  
7 PM to 9 PM  
Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library  
1630 7th St. NW, Washington, DC  
dclibrary.org

**Monte O. Harris, Center for Aesthetic Modernism.**  
7 PM to 9 PM  
Stoddard Baptist Home, Multipurpose Room  
1818 Newton St. NW, Washington, DC  
www.stoddardbaptisthome.com
FEBRUARY 26

Michael W. Brookins and Friends in Concert
6:30 PM
Tenley-Friendship Library
5001 Central Ave. SE, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org

African American Artists in the Collection
12:30 PM
Smithsonian American Art Museum: Meet in the F St. Lobby of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art & Portraiture
8th and F St. NW, Washington, DC
smithsonianeducation.org

FEBRUARY 27 - AUGUST 2

Exhibition: Minger Michael’s Supersonic Greatest Hits
11:30 AM to 7 PM daily
Smithsonian American Art Museum: 2nd floor South
8th and F St. NW, Washington, DC
americanart.si.edu

FEBRUARY 27

12 PM to 1 PM
National Archives, McGowan Theater
700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC
archivesfoundation.org/events

Author Talk: African American Medicine in Washington, D.C. by Heather Butts
2 PM to 3 PM
Anacostia Community Museum
1901 Fort Place SE, Washington, DC
www.anacostia.si.edu

Mingering Mike, Roundtable Remix
6:30 to 7:30 PM
American Art Museum: McEvoy Auditorium
8th and F St. NW, Washington, DC
smithsonianeducation.org

FEBRUARY 28

ASALH Annual Black History Month Book Signing
10 AM to 12 PM
The Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
2600 Woodley Rd. NW, Washington, DC
asalh100.org

Celebrate Black History Month with the Jackson Family Art Show!
2 PM
William O. Lockridge/Bellevue Library
115 Atlantic St. SW, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org

DC Black History Hours at Ben’s Chili Bowl
10 AM to 12 PM
Ben’s Chili Bowl
1213 U St. NW, Washington, DC
benschilbowl.com

2015 African History and Culture Lecture Series: Black, Copper, & Bright : DCs Black Civil War Regiment - CR Gibbs
2:30 to 3:30 PM
Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office
437 7th St NW, Washington, DC
civilwarmed.org/clara-barton-museum/

East River Jazz is presenting Celebrating Strayhorn!: Strayhorn Big Band: A Journey Down Memory Lane
6:30 PM
Jazz@Wesley UPTOWN
5312 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC
eastriverjazz.net  bemojazz.com
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