Mayor Muriel Bowser, the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the DC Black History Celebration Committee are proud to present this guide to events in Washington, DC for the month of February 2018. This guide is also available online at dcarts.dc.gov. Events listing information subject to change; contact the event’s organizer for additional information.

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)

On the cover: A detail of the Spirit of Freedom sculpture, part of the African American Civil War Museum
### DECEMBER 15 – ONGOING

**Exhibit: City of Hope: Resurrection City and the 1968 Poor People’s Campaign**
10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
National Museum of American History, 2 East 1300 Constitution Avenue, NW
nmaahc.si.edu/explore/exhibitions/city-of-hope

### 11 JANUARY - 12 APRIL 2018

**Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Display**
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building, North and South Galleries
10 First Street, SE
loc.gov • 202-707-9070

### FEBRUARY

**MONDAYS & FRIDAYS**

**Westminster DC Blues & Jazz Nights $**
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Westminster Church
400 I Street, SW
westminsterdc.org • 202-484-7700

**THURSDAY - SATURDAYS**

**Tour the Birthplace of Black History Month**
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site
1538 9th Street, NW
nps.gov/cawo • 202-426-5961

**SATURDAYS**

**Ben’s Chili Bowl’s Free DC History and Culture Lessons**
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Ben’s Chili Bowl, 1213 U Street, NW
benschilibowl.com • 202-251-1975

**APPEAL Inc.Historical and Cultural Literacy Series Co-sponsored by IKG $**
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Thurgood Marshall Center
1818 12th Street, NW
APPEALInc.org • 800-711-7851

### FEBRUARY 1

**Prosperity Toolkit and Press Conference**
Howard Theatre, 620 T Street, NW
moaaa.dc.gov

**Black History Month City-Wide Kick Off Celebration**
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
African American Civil War Memorial Museum
1925 Vermont Avenue, NW
DCBlackHistory.com

**Comedy at the Kennedy Center: Erin Jackson**
6:00 PM
The Terrace Theatre, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org

**Bound for Freedom’s Light: The Story of the U.S. Colored Troops in the Civil War**
7:00 PM
Mount Pleasant Library, 3160 16th Street, NW
dclibrary.org/mtpleasant

### FEBRUARY 3, 11, 18

**Woodson in the House**
TBD
Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site
1538 9th Street, NW
nps.gov/cawo • 202-426-5961

### FEBRUARY 3

**Rock Creek Civil War Round Table**
19:30 AM
Rock Creek Park Nature Center
5200 Glover Road, NW
nps.gov/rocr • 202-895-6224

**1st Annual Know Thyself Book Fair**
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
ROOTS Public Charter School
15 Kennedy Street, NW
uniadivision330.org • 202-841-2242, 202-317-1616
FEBRUARY 3

**IBe’ Book Arts Programs**
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
IBe’ Arts, 1239 V Street, SE
anacostiaarted.org • 202-215-3484

FEBRUARY 5

**DC Mondays at the Museum Lecture:**
*Slaves, Students, and the 1847 Expulsion Riot at GW*
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
The George Washington University Museum
The Textile Museum
701 21st Street, NW
museum.gwu.edu/dc-mondays • 202-994-5200

**Book Talk: Ibram Kendi on Stamped From the Beginning, Sponsored by National History Center**
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
nationalhistorycenter.org

**Backbeat Underground**
6:00 PM
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

**Justice Trivia**
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Sudhouse
1340 U Street, NW
afi.org

**The District’s Black Dough-boys during World War I**
7:00 PM
Dorothy I. Height/Benning Library
3935 Benning Road, NE
dclibrary.org/benning • 202.262.7571

FEBRUARY 6 - 9

**DISCOVERY THEATER: How Old is a Hero?**
10:15 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM
S. Dillon Ripley Center
Discovery Theater, 3rd Sublevel
1100 Jefferson Drive, SW
smithsonianassociates.org • 202-633-8700

**FEBRUARY 6**

**Book Talk: Jefferson’s Daughters: Three Sisters, White and Black, in a Young America**
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
William G. McGowan Theater, National Archives Building
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
archives.gov/calendar/event

**Film: Fly Boys: Pennsylvania’s Tuskegee Airmen**
6:30 PM
Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin Street, NE
dclibrary.org/woodridge • 202-541-6226

**Lecture: Haiti and Frederick Douglass by Marvin Jones and Chowan Discovery**
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Juanita Thornton Library
7420 Georgia Avenue, NW
dclibrary.org/thornton • 2027264066

FEBRUARY 7

**Film, Discussion, and More: Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities**
(2017; 85 min)
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Anacostia Community Museum: Program Room
1901 Fort Place, SE
register at anacostia.si.edu • 202-633-4875

**Lecture: Crossroads of Destiny: Africa & World War I**
7:00 PM
Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin Street, NE
dclibrary.org/woodridge • (202) 541-6226
**FEBRUARY 8 - MARCH 30**

*Selections from the Freedom Place Collections.* Featuring the works of five pre-eminent African-American artists: Benny Andrews, Romare Bearden, Alma Thomas, Robert Freeman, and Richard Yarde
Mon - Fri 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Congressional Bank
2101 K Street, NW
congressionalbank.com

**FEBRUARY 8 - MARCH 18**

*Play: The Raid*
2:00 PM, 8:00 PM
Theater Alliance at the Anacostia Playhouse
2020 Shannon Place, SE
theateralliance.com/tickets/

**FEBRUARY 8**

*DC Council Member Anita Bonds will honor the works of Rev. Dr. Sandra Butler-Truesdale for the Citizens of DC*
6:30 PM
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
anitabonds.com/category/events/

*Crusade for Liberty: Frederick Douglass, the Civil War, & DC Emancipation*
7:00 PM
Georgetown Library
3260 R Street, NW
dclibrary.org/georgetown • 202-727-0232

**FEBRUARY 9**

*Marking Great Civil and Human Rights Milestones of 2018: Douglass - MLK - Mandela Great Black Leaders of the Past and a Look to the Future*
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Church of Scientology National Affairs Office & Youth for Human Rights, Fraser Mansion - Church of Scientology National Affairs Office
1701 20th Street, NW
202-667-6404

**FEBRUARY 10**

*Mahogany Book Store Opening Reception & Black Authors Discussion*
1:00 PM
Anacostia Arts Center
1231 Good Hope Road, SE
moaaa.dc.gov • 202.545.3071

*ACM 50th Anniversary Mardi Gras Family Day!*
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Anacostia Community Museum: Main Gallery
1901 Fort Place, SE
anacostia.si.edu • 202-633-4844

*AnaDocs Photo-Journalism Exhibit*
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
IBe’ Arts
1239 V Street, SE
anacostiaarted.org • 202-215-3484

*Cooking Up History: Carnival and Haitian Food Traditions*
1:00 PM
1300 Constitution Avenue, NW
americanhistory.si.edu

*2018 Black Composers Concert*
3:00 PM - 5:00PM
Dunbar High School
101 N Street, NW
dunbarhsdc.org • 202-724-4194

*Revelations Workshop with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater*
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org

*Smithsonian Master Jazz Orchestra Jazz Cities: Regional Styles and Evolution*
7:30 PM
Smithsonian National Museum of American
Mayor Muriel Bowser hosts the Frederick Douglass 200th Birthday Celebration and Portrait Unveiling
2:30 PM
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
mayor.dc.gov • 202-727-6306

Ida Campbell and her Bluesz Nation Band
6:00 PM
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

7:00 PM
Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin Street, NE
dclibrary.org/woodridge • 202-541-6226

Mayor Muriel Bowser hosts the DC Faith Leaders Breakfast
Museum of the Bible
400 4th St SW
mayor.dc.gov • 202-727-6306

Brown Bag Lecture at the Wilson Center: History of Place Co-sponsor Anacostia Community Museum
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
register at anacostia.si.edu • 202.633.4844

2nd Annual Black History Month Celebration
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
202-727-2643

Discussion: Chocolate City: A History of Race and Democracy in the Nation’s Capital
6:00 - 8:30 PM
FEBRUARY 16

*Chocolate City: A History of Race and Democracy in the Nation’s Capital*
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
William G. McGowan Theater, National Archives Building 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
archives.gov

*Black Film Festival*
2:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Historic Lincoln Theatre
1215 U Street, NW
moaa.dc.gov • 202-545-3071

*Chocolate City Book Talk*
5:30 PM
Barnes & Noble at Howard University
2225 Georgia Avenue NW
dchistory.org

*The AllEyesOnDC Show: Politics of African Unity*
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Sankofa Video Books & Cafe
2714 Georgia Avenue, NW
alleyesondc.com, sankofa.com • 202-306-6294

FEBRUARY 17

*Special Featured Document Display: Emancipation Proclamation*
10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
East Rotunda Gallery, National Archives Building 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
archives.gov

*Black Film Festival*
11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Historic Lincoln Theatre
1215 U Street, NW
moaa.dc.gov • 202-545-3071

*Book Talk: Chocolate City with G. Derek Musgrove & Chris Myers Asch*
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Anacostia Community Museum: Program Room
1901 Fort Place, SE
register at anacostia.si.edu • 202-633-4844

*Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Birthday Celebration*
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Frederick Douglass National Historic Site House Tours & Visitor Center
1411 W Street, SE
nps.gov/frdo • 202-426-5961

*Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Birthday Celebration*
10:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Frederick Douglass National Historic Site Tent
1411 W Street, SE
nps.gov/frdo • 202-426-5961

*Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Birthday Celebration*
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Frederick Douglass National Historic Site Ground Activities
1411 W Street, SE
nps.gov/frdo • 202-426-5961
Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Birthday Celebration
12:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Anacostia Arts Center
1231 Good Hope Road, SE
nps.gov/frdo • 202-426-5961

FEbruary 19
Make Time for Love, a Valentine’s Day Concert
6:00 PM
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

February 20 - 23
DISCOVERY THEATER: Black Diamond
10:15 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM
S. Dillon Ripley Center
Discovery Theater, 3rd Sublevel
1100 Jefferson Drive, SW
smithsonianassociates.org • 202-633-8700

February 20
Film: I Am Ali by Claire Lewis (112 minutes)
10:00 AM
Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin Street, NE
dclibrary.org/woodridge • 202-541-6226

Benjamin Banneker and the African Roots of His Science
TBD
Deanwood Library
5001 Central Avenue, SE
dclibrary.org/deanwood • 202-645-0755

February 21
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6:00 PM
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

Lecture: Pan-Africanism: Origins & Issues
7:00 PM
Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin Street, NE
FEBRUARY 22

The Great Stain: Witnessing American Slavery
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
William G. McGowan Theater, National Archives
Building
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
archives.gov

Duke Ellington School of the Arts
6:00 PM
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

Undaunted Courage: African Americans & World War I
7:00 PM
Takoma Park, 416 Cedar Street, NW
202-576-7252

The Lincoln—Douglas(s) Debates
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
William G. McGowan Theater, National Archives Building
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
archives.gov

FEBRUARY 23

Curator Talk with Alcione Amos: History of Place: Barry Farm/Hillsdale, a Post-Bellum African American Community Co-sponsor
Anacostia Community Museum
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives
1201 17th Street, NW
register at anacostia.si.edu • 202-633-4844

I AM Frederick Douglass
7:00 PM
Historic Lincoln Theatre
1215 U Street, NW
dcarts.dc.gov • 202-724-5613

FEBRUARY 24

ASALH 92nd Annual Black History Luncheon
Featured Authors Event
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Washington Renaissance Hotel
999 Ninth Street, NW
asalh.org • 202-238-5910

Prosperity Fair
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Mt. Vernon Place, NW
moaaa.dc.gov • 202-545-3071

ASALH 92nd Annual Black History Luncheon
12:15 PM
Washington Renaissance Hotel
999 Ninth Street, NW
asalh.org • 202-238-5910

Financial Management for the Homeless
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
St. Stephens Church Auditorium
1525 Newton Street, NW

The Concert Choir of Georgetown University
6:00 PM
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

FEBRUARY 25

Frederick Douglass and Howard University
1:00 PM- 2:00 PM
Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site
1538 9th Street, NW
nps.gov/cawo • 202-426-5961

FEBRUARY 26

DC Mondays at the Museum Lecture: Lisner Auditorium and Racial Justice in DC
12:00 PM- 1:00 PM
The George Washington University Museum
The Textile Museum
701 21st Street, NW
museum.gwu.edu/dc-mondays • 202-994-5200
Kush and Axum: Grand Kingdoms of the Nile
7:00 PM
William O. Lockridge/Bellevue Library
115 Atlantic Street, SW
dclibrary.org/bellevue • 202-243-1185

SWNA Black History Community Meeting
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Arena Stage
1101 Sixth Street, SW
swna.org

FEBRUARY 27
Concert: UDC Small Jazz Ensembles
12:30 PM
UDC Performing Arts Recital Hall
4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW
lrdudc.wrlc.org/jazz/events.php • 202-274-5803

Washington Performing Arts Gospel Choir
6:00 PM
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

Black History Discussion for White People
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
National Congress of Black Women, Inc.
1250 4th Street, SW, Suite WG-1
nationalcongressbw.org • 202-678-6788

Film: Slavery by Another Name by Sam Pollard (90 minutes)
6:30 PM
Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin Street, NE
dclibrary.org/woodridge • 202-541-6226

FEBRUARY 28
Lecture: Africa, Enslavement, & the Shaping of Black American Culture
7:00 PM
Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin Street, NE
dclibrary.org/woodridge • 202-541-6226

Special Thanks
The Executive Office of the Mayor
The Mayor’s Office on African Affairs
The Mayor’s Office on African American Affairs
The Mayor’s Office on Community Relations

Events presented by DC government agencies are in outlines.
For up to date listings of events from the DC Black History Celebration Committee, visit
www.facebook.com/DC.Black.History
I AM Frederick Douglass commemorates the 200th birthday of Frederick Douglass by presenting excerpts of the film *Enslavement to Emancipation*, a panel discussion on the legacy of Frederick Douglass, musicians from the National Symphony Orchestra and a Douglass actor portrayal by LeCount Holmes, Jr.

This event is presented by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities in collaboration with the Mayor’s Office on African Affairs, the Mayor’s Office on African American Affairs, and the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment.

Please RSVP at dcarts.dc.gov
For more information call 202-724-5613