



BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2019

GUIDE TO EVENTS IN WASHINGTON, DC

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 2019. 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 Memorial Museum

EXHIBITS

A Right to the City

10 am - 5 pm
Anacostia Community Museum
1901 Fort PI SE
anacostia.si.edu/ * 202-633-4820

The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass

Dioramas by Anna Johnson
Mon - Fri, 9 am – 5 pm
Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives
1201 17th St NW
sumnermuseumdc.org * 202-730-0478

DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY

Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm: “Unbought and Unbossed”

10 am - 5:30 pm
National Archives
700 Pennsylvania Ave NW
archivesfoundation.org * 202-357-5946

February 8 - March 30 Selections From The Freedom Place Collection

Mon - Fri, 9 am – 5 pm
Congressional Bank
2101 K St NW
zenithgallery.com/exhibits_index.htm *
202-331-4000

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

A Weekly, Straight - Ahead Jazz & Blues Experience

6 - 9 pm
Westminster Church
400 I St SW
westminsterdc.org/jazz---blues.html

TUESDAYS

Black History Month Children's Activity Series

4 pm
Shepherd Park (Juanita E. Thornton) Library
7420 Georgia Ave NW
dclibrary.org/node/62073 * 202-541-6100

National Black United Front - Sankofa Study Circle

7 pm
Emergence Community Arts Collective
733 Euclid St NW
appealinc.org

THURSDAYS - SATURDAYS

DC Black History & Culture Lessons & Dialogue

10 am - 12 pm
Ben's Chili Bowl
1213 U St NW
bernie@benschilibowl.com * 202-251-1975
Call to reserve time & space

FEBRUARY 1

Black History Month City Wide Kick-Off

6 - 8 pm
African American Civil War Museum
1925 Vermont Ave NW
afroamcivilwar.org * 202-667-2667

Nathan & the Zydeco Cha Chas

6 pm
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F St NW
kennedy-center.org * 202-467-4600

The 2nd Annual PanAfrikan Extravaganza + NationHouse Fundraiser

7:30 - 9:30 pm
Congress Heights Arts and Culture Center (CHACC) 3200 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
chacc.org/akwaaba * 202.505.1938

30th Annual Black Film Festival: DC Public Library's Celebration of Black American Cinema

6 pm
Georgetown Library
3260 R St NW
dclibrary.org/node/62461 * 202-727-0232

Washington DC premiere of "Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story"

6 pm
The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
1313 New York Ave NW
eventbrite.com/e/backs-against-the-wall-the-howard-thurman-story-tickets-54533082919 * 240-393-7246

An Army of Educators, How the North brought Education to the South During and After the Civil War - Marvin Tupper Jones

7 pm
Shepherd Park (Juanita E. Thornton) Library
7420 Georgia Ave NW
dclibrary.org/node/62559 * 202-541-6100

FEBRUARY 6

Migrations: The African Presence Around The World, Past & Present by CR Gibbs

7 pm
Woodridge Library
1801 Hamlin St NE
dclibrary.org/woodridge * 202-541-6226

FEBRUARY 7

Jackson Family Art Show

9:30 am - 9 pm
Shaw (Watha T. Daniel) Neighborhood Library
1630 7th St NW
dclibrary.org/node/62473 * 202-727-1288

Black Lives Matter Intergenerational Speak Truth

5 - 7 pm
Dunbar High School
101 N St NW
dcareaeducators4socialjustice.org/events/black-lives-matter-intergenerational-speak-truth

The Black LBGQT Experience with Rayceen Pendarvis

6 - 8:30 pm
Cleveland Park Neighborhood Library
3310 Connecticut Ave NW
eventbrite.com/o/team-rayceen-12813743697

FEBRUARY 8

Song For Our People Film Screening

6 pm
The Ellington Theatre
3500 R St NW
ellingtonschool.org/events/song-for-our-people-film-screening/

Collage Dance Collective Rise 2019 \$

7:30 - 10 pm
THEARC Theater
1901 Mississippi Ave SE
bbardc.org/event/collage-dance-collective/2019-02-08/

FEBRUARY 9

Getting Started: African American Genealogy and DNA Testing

11 am
Shepherd Park (Juanita E. Thornton) Library
7420 Georgia Ave NW
dclibrary.org/node/62103 * 202-541-6100

Collage Dance Collective Rise 2019 \$

2:30 - 5 pm
THEARC Theater
1901 Mississippi Ave SE
bbardc.org/event/collage-dance-collective/2019-02-09/

Black Composers Concert

3 - 5 pm

Dunbar High School

101 N St NW

[eventbrite.com/e/2019-black-composers-concert-tickets-51930616873](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-black-composers-concert-tickets-51930616873)

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater: Free Revelations workshop

6 pm

Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy

Center for the Performing Arts

2700 F St NW

kennedy-center.org * 202-467-4600

FEBRUARY 10

Black Wall Street

6 pm

Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy

Center for the Performing Arts

2700 F St NW

kennedy-center.org * 202-467-4600

FEBRUARY 11 - 14

Black History Month: To The Stars

6 pm

Woodridge Library

1801 Hamlin St NE

dclibrary.org/node/62045 * 202-541-6226

FEBRUARY 11

BRUHS Black History Month Film Screening

6 pm

Shaw (Watha T. Daniel) Neighborhood

Library

1630 7th St NW

dclibrary.org/node/62472 * 202-727-1288

Feeder's Advisory: A Book Club for Those Who Love Food

7 pm

Northeast Neighborhood Library

330 7th St NE

dclibrary.org/node/62081 * 202-698-0058

FEBRUARY 12

Phelps ACE High School Brass Ensemble Returns to Celebrate Black History Month!

5 pm

Woodridge Library

1801 Hamlin St NE

dclibrary.org/node/62040 * 202-541-6226

30th Annual Black Film Festival: DC Public Library's Celebration of Black American Cinema

6 pm

Georgetown Library

3260 R St NW

dclibrary.org/node/62462 * 202-727-0232

What Was, What Is, and What Will Be: A Cross-Genre Look at Afrofuturism \$

7 pm

Folger Shakespeare Theatre

201 East Capitol St SE

folger.edu/events/afrofuturism-tananarive-due-nk-jemisin-aira-matthews *

202-544-7077

FEBRUARY 13

Play Reading/Discussion: Black Pearl Sings: Playwright Frank Higgins

12 - 1:30 pm

Library of Congress: James Madison

Memorial Building, Third Floor, Pickford

Theater [LM 302]

Independence Ave between 1st & 2nd Sts
newmusictheatre.org/2016/04/black-pearl-sings/

We Dance To Survive! African Dancing & Drumming w/Tyrone Woods & Co

7 pm

Woodridge Library

1801 Hamlin St NE

dclibrary.org/woodridge * 202-541-6226

FEBRUARY 14

Chisholm '72: Unbought and Unbossed

12 pm
William G. McGowan Theater, National Archives
700 Pennsylvania Ave NW
archivesfoundation.org/event/chisholm-72/
* 202-357-5946

Deacon Izzy & The Congregation

6 pm
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F St NW
kennedy-center.org * 202-467-4600

FEBRUARY 15

Tcheka

6 pm
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F St NW
kennedy-center.org * 202-467-4600

AKWAABA Founders' Birthday Celebration

featuring live jazz from Akua Allrich + The Tribe \$

7 - 10 pm
Congress Heights Arts and Culture Center (CHACC) 3200 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
chacc.org/akwaaba * 202-505-1938

FEBRUARY 16

93rd Annual AASALH Black History Luncheon Featured Authors Event

10 am - 12 pm
Washington Renaissance Hotel
999 Ninth St NW
asalh.org/luncheon * 202-238-5910

Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives monthly Open House Event

10 am – 2 pm
Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives
1201 17th St NW
sumnermuseumdc.org * 202-730-0478

The Legacy of Harriet Tubman: A One-Woman Performance by Cortenia Smith

2 pm
Bellevue (William O. Lockridge) Library
115 Atlantic St SW
dclibrary.org/node/62099 * 202-243-1185

Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts(CAAPA): Cotton Field to Concert Hall

6 pm
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F St NW
kennedy-center.org * 202-467-4600

FEBRUARY 17

Frederick Douglass in Anacostia Walking Tours \$

9:30 am
Frederick Douglass National Historic Site Visitors Center
1411 W St SE
eventbrite.com/e/walking-tour-of-frederick-douglass-old-anacostia-tickets-54283595696?aff=ebapi *
lionofanacostia@gmail.com

Portrait Story Days: Barack Obama

1 - 4 pm
National Portrait Gallery, Education Center
8th & F Sts NW
npg.si.edu/calendar

The Reminiscence, An Ode to Shaw Junior High

1 - 4 pm
African American Civil War Museum
1925 Vermont Ave NW
afroamcivilwar.org 202-667-2667

Black History Jeopardy

2 pm

Woodridge Library
1801 Hamlin St NE
dclibrary.org/node/62517 * 202-541-6226

Hands of Mercy – The Challenges of Racism

2:30 - 5 pm

Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
1725 Rhode Island Ave NW
stmatthewscathedral.org * 202-468-2778

African American Men Sing Songs of Praise

3 pm

Greater New Hope Baptist Church
816 Eighth St NW
dcblackhistory.com * Chuck Hicks
202-421-8608

U.S. Army Band

6 pm

Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy
Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F St NW
kennedy-center.org * 202-467-4600

FEBRUARY 18

Young Portrait Explorers: Barack

10:30 - 11:30 am

National Portrait Gallery, G Street Lobby
8th & F Sts NW
npg.si.edu/calendar

The Legacy of Harriet Tubman: A One-Woman Performance by Cortenia Smith

1 pm

Anacostia Neighborhood Library
1800 Good Hope Rd SE
dclibrary.org/node/62100 * 202-715-7707

FEBRUARY 19

Black History Month Edit-a-thon

Moorland Spingarn Research Center
500 Howard Pl NW
2.howard.edu/black-history-month-edit-
thon-feb-19-moorland-spingarn *
kamili.anderson@howard.edu

Black History Month Story Time

11:15 am

Takoma Park Library
416 Cedar St NW
dclibrary.org/node/62072 * 202-576-7252

30th Annual Black Film Festival: DC Public Library's Celebration of Black American Cinema

6 pm

Georgetown Library
3260 R St NW
dclibrary.org/node/62463 * 202-727-0232

Author Talk: E. Ethelbert Miller

7 pm

Lamond-Riggs Library
5401 South Dakota Ave NE
dclibrary.org/node/62520 * 202-541-6255

FEBRUARY 20

Black History Month Story Time for Preschoolers

10:30 am

Lamond-Riggs Library
5401 South Dakota Ave NE
dclibrary.org/node/62076 * 202-541-6255

Soul Journeys: Black Migrations in America by CR Gibbs

7 pm

Woodridge Library
1801 Hamlin St NE
dclibrary.org/woodridge * 202-541-6226

Icons of Black Music and Politics

7 pm

Benning (Dorothy I. Height) Library
3935 Benning Rd NE
dclibrary.org/node/62438 * 202-281-2583

FEBRUARY 21

Migrations: The African Presence Around The World, Past & Present - CR Gibbs

7 pm

Deanwood Neighborhood Library
1350 49th St NE
dclibrary.org/node/62788 * 202-698-1175

FEBRUARY 23

Bright Star Theatre: Meet Dr. King

9:30 am

The National Theatre
1321 Pennsylvania Ave NW
eventbrite.com/e/bright-star-theatre-meet-dr-king-tickets-53970811149

Portrait Story Days: Michelle Obama

1 - 4 pm

National Portrait Gallery, Education Center
8th & F Sts NW
npg.si.edu/calendar

Going for Freedom: True Accounts of Flight in Verse

2:30 pm

Southeast Library
403 Seventh St SE
dclibrary.org/node/62102 * 202-698-3377

Donvonte McCoy & CP Time

6 pm

Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F St NW
kennedy-center.org * 202-467-4600

FEBRUARY 24

Spelling Bee! 9 am

Taste of All Nations and African Attire Day! 11 am

All Nations Baptist Church
2001 North Capitol St NE
allnationsbaptistchurch.com/index.html *
202-832-9591

International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters "Blue Sunday" Church Service

11 am
Faith United Church of Christ
4900 Tenth St NE
nqueeniabpff@msn.com

Portrait Story Days: Michelle Obama

1 - 4 pm

National Portrait Gallery, Education Center
8th & F Sts NW
npg.si.edu/calendar

"Blue Sunday" Church Service

11 am
Faith United Church of Christ
4900 Tenth St NE
nqueeniabpff@msn.com

AKWAABA Brunch and The Children's Show \$

11 am - 2:30 pm
Congress Heights Arts and Culture Center
3200 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
chacc.org/akwaaba * 202.505.1938

FEBRUARY 25

Young Portrait Explorers: Barack Obama

10:30 - 11:30 am
National Portrait Gallery, G St Lobby
8th & F Sts NW
npg.si.edu/calendar

FEBRUARY 26

30th Annual Black Film Festival: DC Public Library's Celebration of Black American Cinema

6 pm

Georgetown Library

3260 R St NW

dclibrary.org/node/62464 * 202-727-0232

FEBRUARY 27

Illusions of Emancipation: The Pursuit of Freedom and Equality in the Twilight of Slavery

12 pm

William G. McGowan Theater,

National Archives

700 Pennsylvania Ave NW

archivesfoundation.org/event/illusions-of-emancipation/ * 202-357-5946

The Ghosts of DC's Past: A Hip Hopera \$

6:30 pm

KIPP DC Douglass Campus Auditorium

2600 Douglass Rd SE

eventbrite.com/e/the-ghosts-of-dcs-past-a-hip-hopera-tickets-55392104275 *

njones-cooper@somersetprepdc.org

Soul Journey: Black Migration in America - CR Gibbs 7 pm

Parklands-Turner Library

1547 Alabama Ave SE

dclibrary.org/node/62721 * 202-645-4532

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