BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2025

# Tuesday, Feb. 11

## New Albany Branch I 4 p.m.

### The Long Game: Pan-Afrikan Chess Over Time with Royal Oak Initiative

Learn about some of the greatest moments, mind-blowing games and legendary victories by Black and brown chess players throughout history! All ages.

## Southeast Branch I 5 p.m.

### My Hair, My Crown with Beauty BLOK

Dive into the world of hair care! Discover the secrets of hair nutrition and growth, take care of your scalp and learn

awesome cleansing and nourishing techniques for your crown.

Ages 7-17.

## Whitehall Branch I 5 p.m.

### "If You Can't Fly": Folktales with Lyn Ford

Dr. King's quote becomes the focal point for retelling ancient, thought-provoking tales of clever heroes in challenging circumstances. All ages.

# Wednesday, Feb. 12

**Reynoldsburg Branch I 5 p.m. Freestyle Rap Therapy Workshop with Prometheus Wade**

Join us for a transformative experience that combines the power of freestyle rap with self-expression. Ages 12-17.

# Thursday, Feb. 13

## Linden Branch I 5 p.m.

### Hip-Hop Dance with BHB

Dance to some beats and learn to perfect your moves in this hip-hop class. Ages 7-17.

# Monday, Feb. 17

## Franklinton Branch I 1:30 p.m.

### My Hair, My Crown with Beauty BLOK

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awesome cleansing and nourishing techniques for your crown. Ages 7-17.

# Tuesday, Feb. 18

## Marion-Franklin Branch I 5 p.m.

### The Long Game: Pan-Afrikan Chess Over Time with Royal Oak Initiative

Learn about some of the greatest moments, mind-blowing games and legendary victories by Black and brown chess players throughout history! All ages.

# Wednesday, Feb. 19

## Parsons Branch I 4:30 p.m.

### Hip-Hop Dance with BHB

Dance to some beats and learn to perfect your moves in this hip-hop class. Ages 7-17.

# Wednesday, Feb. 19

## South High Branch I 5 p.m.

### Africa Adorned with BabaaRitah Clark

Explore some of the colorful rituals and celebrations of African culture. See masks, jewelry and musical items that came from the mother country, along with dances and songs. Ages 7-17. **Northern Lights Branch I 4:30 p.m.**

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# Thursday, Feb. 20

## Martin Luther King Branch I 3-5 p.m.

### Trades & Education Career Fair

Learn about central Ohio building trades, the Eastland Fairfield Technical Career Center, Moody Nolan architecture and more! Ages 12 & up.

*The Martin Luther King Branch is offering many programs throughout January and February. Stop in to learn more.*

# Saturday, Feb. 22

## Dublin Branch I 10 a.m.

### Singing, Dancing and Drumming with BabaaRitah Clark

Celebrate African history, unity and culture. Participate in song, dance and drumming from West Africa. Express yourself, share and have fun making music. Ages 7-11.

# Monday, Feb. 24

## Main Library I 3 p.m.

### Beauty is Organic with Beauty BLOK

Learn how to embrace your natural beauty through a live and interactive hair demonstration. Ages 7-17.

**Wednesday, Feb. 26**

## Whitehall Branch I 5 p.m.

### Origins of Hip-Hop with BHB

Discover the history of breakdancing and learn about a career as a DJ. Ages 7-17.

# Thursday, Feb. 27

## Hilltop Branch I 4 p.m.

### Hip-Hop Dance with BHB

Dance to some beats and learn to perfect your moves in this hip-hop class. Ages 7-17.

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# Celebrate Black history with programs throughout our library system.

**Saturday, Feb. 1**

## Reynoldsburg Branch I 11 a.m

### "If You Can't Fly": Folktales with Lyn Ford

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## Whetstone Branch I 2 p.m.

### Urban Strings Columbus Youth Orchestra

The youth string ensembles perform inspiring music from popular African American composers and arrangers. All ages.

# Monday, Feb. 3

## Hilliard Branch I 6-7:30 p.m.

#### Underground Railroad in Central Ohio

Did you know that Columbus played an important role in the Underground Railroad? Learn about central Ohioans' roles and how to find homes that may have been stops. Ages: Adults.

# Tuesday,Feb.4

## Barnett Branch I 5:30-7 p.m.

#### Black American Genealogy

Join our genealogy librarians for an introduction to family history, focusing on tips for finding Black ancestors.

Ages: Adults.

# Wednesday, Feb.5

## Driving Park Branch I 5 p.m.

### Hip-Hop Dance with BHB

Dance to some beats and learn to perfect your moves in this hip-hop class. Ages 7-17.

# Thursday, Feb. 6

**Martin Luther King Branch I 3-4:30 p.m.. Natural Hair Care Event with Bijon Newsom and A Cut Above the Rest**

Join us for an afternoon of self-care and education on natural hair care. Limited free haircuts will be available - first come, first served. Ages 7-17.

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## Barnett Branch I 5 p.m.

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# Thursday, Feb. 6

## Karl Road Branch I 5 p.m.

### Hip-Hop Dance with BHB

Dance to some beats and learn to perfect your moves in this hip-hop class. Ages 7-17.

## Shepard Branch I 5 p.m.

### Melanin Stories with BabaaRitah Clark

Celebrate the history and traditions of Africans and African Americans with books, songs and musical instruments.

Ages 2-10.

# Friday, Feb. 7

**Northside Branch I 4:30 p.m. Singing, Dancing and Drumming with BabaaRitah Clark**

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# Saturday, Feb. 8

## Gahanna Branch I 2 p.m.

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## Canal Winchester Branch I 3 p.m.

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# Monday, Feb. 10

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