

BLACK HISTORY 2016

Celebrate **Martin Luther King, Jr.'s** **Birthday**

Lyn Ford, If You Can't Fly: **Folktales to Move** **Us Forward**

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Martin Luther King Branch
Saturday, Jan. 16, 2 p.m.

Happy Birthday Martin!

Celebrate the birthday of Dr. King with a reading of Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Cake and refreshments will be served. All ages.

Shepard Branch
Tuesday, Jan. 19, 6 p.m.



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Celebrate Black History Month

Robert Brugler, the Unknown Lincoln

Join Abe as he tells stories of his life. Find out how he was almost killed as a child, why he grew a beard and wore a stovepipe hat. All ages.

Marion-Franklin Branch

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 4:30 p.m.

Poetry Slam and Read Aloud

Express yourself and celebrate black history through poetry. Share your own work or read a poem that inspires you. All ages.

Shepard Branch

Thursday, Jan. 21, 6 p.m.

Sogbety Diomande, West African Rhythm with Sogbety!

Get a glimpse of West Africa with Sogbety Diomande, native of the Ivory Coast, through drumming and dance, colorful costumes and songs. All ages.

Gahanna Branch

Monday, Feb. 1, 5 p.m.

Tony Gibbs, Fighting for Freedom: Story of the United States of Colored Troops

Take a journey with these brave Civil War soldiers and see some actual equipment that they carried. Ages 8 and older.

Linden Branch

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 5 p.m.

Rory Rennick, OMG! He Read My Mind!

Teens will enjoy hilarious and mystifying magical illusions. Ages 11-17.

Karl Road Branch

Thursday, Feb. 4, 4:30 p.m.

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Whitehall Branch

Thursday, Feb. 4, 5:30 p.m.

Shepard Branch

Friday, Feb. 26, 4 p.m.

Lyn Ford, Now Let Me Fly

Stories of legends of hope, humor and heart from the routes of the Underground Railroad. All ages.

Northern Lights Branch

Friday, Feb. 5, 4 p.m.

Robert Brugler, Gettysburg; the Battle, the Address & the Meaning

Learn about the battle of Gettysburg. It helped save the United States, and the address the President gave is one of the most important speeches of all time. All ages.

Hilltop Branch

Friday, Feb. 5, 4:30 p.m.

Kelton House Underground Railroad Community Advisory Committee, Not on My Watch: The Oberlin-Wellington Rescue of 1858

This dramatic presentation commemorates the events centered on the capture of a runaway slave, the action of local anti-slavery students and the trial that brought the country to the brink of war. All ages.

Shepard Branch

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 6 p.m.

Robert Brugler, Black Troops Helped to Free the Slaves and Save the Nation

Celebrate black history by honoring the black troops who helped win the Civil War. All ages.

Whitehall Branch

Thursday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m.

Robert Brugler, Growing Up to Be President

Born in a one-room log cabin, Abraham Lincoln had a hard life and many failures, yet he became President of the United States during the most difficult time in our nation's history, the Civil War. All ages.

Dublin Branch

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m.

Tony Harrington (Doctah X), Dub Music & Poetry for Kids

Join the Doctah in his new kid-friendly vibe. Make some music and noise in celebration of Black History Month. Ages 4-11.

Karl Road Branch

Thursday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Rewriting History

Participants will select a photo from the Columbus African-American Digital Images Collection and create a brief story about the people in the photo. Ages 12-17.

Shepard Branch

Thursday, Feb. 11, 5 p.m.

Is Said and Advance Party, Music, Dance, Poetry, Arts Participation & Storytelling

Join the party! Audience participation is welcome in this celebration of African-American poetry, dance and music with drums and storytelling. Ages 5-11.

Driving Park Branch

Monday, Feb. 15, 2 p.m.

Queen Najla Parish, African Dance Class

Celebrate Black History Month by learning African dance. All ages.

South High Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 5 p.m.

Living History: Stories from a Time Not So Long Ago

Shirley Walker Freeman, Whitehall Branch Manager, shares her stories of growing up in the Deep South during the 1950s and 1960s. All ages.

Whitehall Branch

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 4 p.m.

Queen Najla Parish, Family Drum Circle

Celebrate black history with drums, conga, djun djun and other percussion instruments. Come and dance! Families.

Southeast Branch

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.

Martin Luther King Branch

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m.

Queen Najla Parish, African Culture Company

Join us in celebrating Black History Month with African drums, dance and song with stories and games. Ages 5 and up and families.

Parsons Branch

Thursday, Feb. 18, 5:30 p.m.

Rory Rennick, Henry's Freedom Box

In this program, based on the book by Ellen Levine, Rory Rennick engages in dramatic storytelling with some amazing magic and original music for children. Ages 6-11.

Franklinton Branch

Friday, Feb. 19, 1:30 p.m.

Rory Rennick, Street Magic in a Building

Celebrate Black History Month with street-magic, stand-up comedy and sophisticated illusions! Teens and families.

Reynoldsburg Branch

Monday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m.

Lyn Ford, Spookers & Haints

Gentle, silly stories for young ears and strange and creepy tales for the mature listener. Participants are encouraged to share their own three-to-five minute spooky story. All ages.

Livingston Branch

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 4:30 p.m.

Lyn Ford, Turtle-shell Tales

African and African-American tales of the folksy and fabled turtle or tortoise. Silly stories include rhythm and rhyme, a little history and a lot of fun. All ages.

New Albany Branch

Saturday, Feb. 27, 11 a.m.

Lyn Ford, Let's Throw Stories! (A Gbae Se!)

Tales rooted in African and African-American folktale traditions will be shared with small percussive instruments, call and response and lots of interaction. All ages.

Whetstone Branch

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2 p.m.

Rory Rennick, Anansi and the Magic Stick

Celebrate a West African folktale tradition with amusing and unusual magic tricks and illusions. Ages 6-11.

Hilliard Branch

Saturday, Feb. 27, 3 p.m.