2020 National Black History Month: AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE VOTE
JANUARY PROGRAMS

Wednesday, Jan. 15 – Tuesday, Jan. 28
Lewisville Branch Library
6490 Shallowford Rd., Lewisville, N.C. 27023
336-703-2940
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Trivia
Test your knowledge of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with our monthly trivia game. Correct entries will be entered to win a gift card from Bookmarks. The winner will be announced on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Thursday, Jan. 16 at 11 a.m.
Central Children’s Library
660 W. Fifth St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
336-703-3040
Celebrating Dr. King Storytime
A special storytime in honor of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with storyteller, Renee Andrews. Children of all ages are welcome.

Tuesday, Jan. 21 from 6-8 p.m.
Reynolda Manor Branch Library
2839 Fairlawn Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106
336-703-2960
“The Book of Leonidas”
The North Carolina Black Repertory Company will present a reading of the “Book of Leonidas,” the second play in Augusto’s Latin American dictator trilogy.

Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 10:30 a.m.
Clemmons Branch Library
3554 Clemmons Rd., Clemmons, N.C. 27012
Celebrating Dr. King Toddler Storytime
Join us for a storytime in honor of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Then stay for our friendship flower craft. Children of all ages welcome.

Tuesday Jan. 21 at 11 a.m.
Goler Manor Apartments
601 N. Chestnut Street
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
Test your trivia smarts on black history facts from Winston-Salem and celebrate Black History Month with a discussion of how far we have come and what we can do as seniors to enlighten the young people of the future. This program is only open to residents of Goler Manor.

Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 4:30 p.m.
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center
1110 E. Seventh St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
336-703-2950
African American Trivia
Test your knowledge of African American history and maybe learn some things you never knew. All materials will be provided.

Thursday, Jan. 23 at 10:30 a.m.
Clemmons Branch Library
3554 Clemmons Rd., Clemmons, N.C. 27012
Celebrating Dr. King Preschool Storytime
Join us for a storytime in honor of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Then stay for our friendship flower craft. Children of all ages welcome.

Saturday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m.
Southside Branch Library
3185 Buchanan St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27127
336-703-2980
History of Afro Cuban Music
During this lecture and performance, master flutist, jazz historian, and educator, Galen Abdur-Razzaq, will discuss the history of Afro Cuban music and play selected pieces of traditional Afro Cuban music. All ages are welcome.

Monday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m.
Clemmons Branch Library
3554 Clemmons Rd., Clemmons, N.C. 27012
336-703-2920
History of Jazz
During this lecture and performance, master flutist, jazz historian, and educator, Galen Abdur-Razzaq, will discuss the history of jazz and play selected pieces on his flute. All ages are welcome.

Monday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m.
Walkertown Branch Library
2969 Main St., Walkertown, N.C. 27051
336-703-2990
African American Genealogy
Researching African American genealogy can be quite challenging in the years before emancipation. Learn about the types of records used in African American genealogy and research methods that will help you find your ancestors in this free program. Genealogy starter kits and a resource page will be provided.

Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 2:30 p.m.
Reynolda Manor Branch Library
2839 Fairlawn Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106
336-703-2960
Film Screening: “Selma”
Civil-rights activists march from Selma to Montgomery to secure voting rights for black Americans in this docudrama, which focuses on the actions of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m.
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center
1110 E. Seventh St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
336-703-2950
Music of the Civil Rights Movement
During this lecture and performance, master flutist, jazz historian, and educator, Galen Abdur-Razzaq, will discuss the history of the civil rights movement and music during this period and play selected pieces on his flute. All ages are welcome.
FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Saturday, Feb. 1 at noon
Clemmons Branch Library
3554 Clemmons Rd., Clemmons, N.C. 27012
336-703-2920
Greater Vision Dance Company
Greater Vision Dance Company performs a boot dance and discusses the origins of African American traditional step dance. Fun for the whole family.

Monday, Feb. 3 at 4 p.m.
Paddison Memorial Branch Library
248 Harmon Lane, Kernersville, N.C. 27284
336-703-2930
Teen Book Club: Black History Month Edition
For Teen Book Club this month, we’ll discuss books by African American authors in celebration of Black History Month. For ages 12-18.

Monday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m.
Paddison Memorial Branch Library
248 Harmon Lane, Kernersville, N.C. 27284
336-703-2930
African American Read-In
Diarra Leggett will read and discuss African American fiction and nonfiction. Open to all ages.

Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 10:15 a.m.
Lewisville Branch Library
6490 Shallowford Rd., Lewisville, N.C. 27023
336-703-2940
Preschool Storytime
Celebrate the works of African American authors and illustrators. Stories, rhymes, songs and activities. Recommended for children ages 3-5, and their caregivers, but all ages are welcome.

Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m.
Lewisville Branch Library
6490 Shallowford Rd., Lewisville, N.C. 27023
336-703-2940
Tuesday at Two Book Club - “The Water Dancer” by Ta-Nahisi Coates
A Virginia slave narrowly escapes a drowning death through the intervention of a mysterious force that compels his escape and personal underground war against slavery.

Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 4 p.m.
Clemmons Branch Library
3554 Clemmons Rd. Clemmons, N.C. 27012
African American Artist Tote Bags
Explore the work of two prominent African American visual artists - expressionist painter, Alma Thomas and contemporary printmaker, Jamaal Barber. Then use what you learn about their techniques to design and paint a tote bag to take home. All supplies provided. Ages 10 and up.

Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m.
Lewisville Branch Library
6490 Shallowford Rd., Lewisville, N.C. 27023
336-703-2940
Local History Lecture Series-A Change Is Gonna Come: Black, Indian and White Voices For Racial Equality
North Carolina Museum of History curator, Earl L. James, will discuss the experiences of African Americans, American Indians, and whites in the struggle for equal rights for oppressed citizens in the state of North Carolina, from 1830–1990. Because of these courageous citizens’ efforts, all groups today can claim certain civil liberties and inalienable rights. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lewisville Library.

Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m.
Carver School Road Branch Library
4915 Lansing Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
336-703-2910
Senegalese Book Club-African American Women: Knowledge, Power and the Vote
Everyone is encouraged to select and read an autobiography of an African American female and share highlights of her knowledge, power and positive effects on others. You will also be asked to share three words that describe the importance of voting to you.

Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 10 a.m.
Central Children’s Library
660 W. Fifth St. Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
336-703-3040
Stories Old and Stories New
Folktales, fairy tales, and new tales celebrating black history with a craft activity. For children birth-5.

Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 4 p.m.
Carver School Road Branch Library
4915 Lansing Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
336-703-2910
Girls With A Purpose-Did An African American Woman Really Invent That?
Girls in grades 2-5 are invited to research inventors, and make their own booklet of African American women inventors to take home.
Thursday, Feb. 6 at 11 a.m.
Carver School Road Branch Library
4915 Lansing Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
336-703-2910
First Thursday Friends—Before Selma: African Americans and the Vote
Dr. Elwanda Ingram will lead the audience in a discussion of the racial climate before Selma, when African Americans sought the right to vote. Share your memories relating to Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, and your thoughts on how the fight continues.

Friday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m.
Maloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center
1110 E. 7th Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
336-703-2950
African American Read-In
Local storyteller Renee Andrews will read stories for children about African Americans and the vote. This program is open to all ages.

Saturday, Feb. 8 at noon
Walkertown Branch Library
2969 Main St., Walkertown, N.C. 27051
336-703-2990
Greater Vision Dance Company
The Greater Vision Dance Company performs a boot dance and discusses the origins of African American traditional step dance. Fun for the whole family.

Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m.
Carver School Road Branch Library
4915 Lansing Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
336-703-2910
Celebrating African Americans and Their Vote
Community historian and City Council Member Annette Scippio will moderate a panel on voter suppression efforts and the power of African American votes in shaping local and federal government. Longtime current and retired African American elected officials will be honored.

Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m.
Reynolda Manor Branch Library
2839 Fairlawn Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106
336-703-2960
“A Ballerina’s Tale”
This documentary chronicles the inspiring life and career of Misty Copeland, the first African American principal dancer with the American Ballet Theatre. The film explores Copeland’s career, recovery from a serious injury and the lack of diversity in the world of dance. Recommended for ages 9 and up.

Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2:30 pm
Central Library
660 W. Fifth St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
336-703-3081
African American Read-In
Dr. Elwanda Ingram and Renee Andrews will read and discuss African American folktales. Open to all ages. For more information contact Wright Adams at 336-703-2951.

Monday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.
Carver School Road Branch Library
4915 Lansing Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
336-703-2910
“Selma”
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. leads civil rights activists in a march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala. to secure voting rights for black Americans in this docudrama. A discussion and light refreshments will follow. The film is rated PG-13.

Monday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.
Rural Hall Branch Library
7125 Broad St. Winston-Salem, N.C. 27045
336-703-2970
African American Genealogy
Celebrate Black History Month with this free genealogy program. Learn research steps, database searching tips and resources that are available in print and digital format in the North Carolina Collection and beyond for African American genealogy. Free starter kits and a resource page will be provided.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 10:30 a.m.
Walkertown Branch Library
2969 Main St., Walkertown, N.C. 27051
336-703-2990
I Have a Dream Storytime
A fun-filled 30-minute program with stories, songs, and dancing in the children’s area. This week, we will read stories relating to Martin Luther King, Jr. in honor of African American History Month.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 4 p.m.
Clemmons Branch Library
3554 Clemmons Rd. Clemmons, N.C. 27012
Collages
We’ll explore Alma Thomas’s expressionist paintings and Romare Bearden’s mixed-media collages of jazz musicians and dancers. Then we’ll use what we’ve learned to create our own collage. All supplies will be provided. Open to all ages.

Thursday, Feb. 13 at 11 a.m.
Carver School Road Branch Library
4915 Lansing Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
336-703-2910
Creative Writing Contest—Mystery Topic
You are invited to join us in writing a short story on an African American history topic to be assigned at the meeting. We’ll share with the group, and then judges will select the winner of a gift card. Everyone over 18 years is welcome. Light refreshments.
Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.
Southside Branch Library
3185 Buchanan St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27127
336-703-2980
After-Hours Film Screening: “Selma”
In this sweeping historical drama, directed by Ava DuVernay, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (David Oyelowo) and his followers march from Selma to Montgomery in a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights. The film is rated PG-13 and co-stars Carmen Ejogo, Oprah Winfrey, and Tessa Thompson. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

Thursday, Feb. 13 at 3:30 p.m.
Carver Branch Library
4915 Lansing Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
336-703-2910
The Red Velvet Cake in African American History
Red velvet cake is a Southern classic, and has a history in the African diaspora. Learn its significance in Juneteenth celebrations, and come make cupcakes. Supplies will be provided.

Saturday, Feb. 15 at 11 a.m.
Lewisville Branch Library
6490 Shallowford Rd., Lewisville, N.C. 27023
Lego Book Club
Children share a favorite book that they've read and then build Lego creations based on their books. This month's theme is Coretta Scott King award-winning authors or illustrators. Ages 5-11.

Saturday, Feb. 15 at noon
Reynolda Manor Branch Library
2839 Fairlawn Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106
336-703-2960
Greater Vision Dance Company
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Saturday, Feb. 15 at 2:30 p.m.
Central Library
660 W. Fifth St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
336-703-2951
Panel Discussion on African Americans and Voting
During the panel discussion community leaders will discuss the impact of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the challenges African Americans continue to face with the electoral process. This program is open to everyone 13 years and up.

Monday, Feb. 17 at 4 p.m.
Paddison Memorial Branch Library
248 Harmon Lane, Kernersville, N.C. 27284
336-703-2930
STEAM for Tweens: African American Inventors
This month at STEAM for Tweens, we're celebrating Black History Month by learning about African American inventors and creating our own inventions. For grades 3-5.

Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 4 p.m.
Clemmons Branch Library
3554 Clemmons Rd., Clemmons, N.C. 27012
Peace Dove Crafts
Join us in the children's room as we make a variety of peace doves in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream of peace and equality for all. All supplies provided. Open to all ages.

Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 4 p.m.
Paddison Memorial Branch Library
248 Harmon Lane, Kernersville, N.C. 27284
336-703-2930
STEAM for Teens: African American Inventors
This month at STEAM for Teens we're celebrating Black History Month by learning about African American inventors and then creating our own inventions. For grades 6-12.

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m.
Central Library
660 W. 5th St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
336-703-3030
Matinee Movie: “BlacKkKlansman”
In the midst of the 1970s Civil Rights movement, a black detective sets out to infiltrate the Colorado chapter of the Ku Klux Klan with the help of his Jewish colleague. They risk their lives to obtain insider information on the violent organization. Based on actual events. Directed by Spike Lee and produced by Jordan Peele. Rated R.

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 4:30 p.m.
Mallow/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center
1110 E. Seventh St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
336-703-2950
Black Representation in Anime
From Piccolo to the Fourth Raikage to the mixtape style of Samurai Champloo, explore how African Americans and black culture is represented in anime during our monthly Anime Club meeting. All ages are welcome.

Friday, Feb. 20 at 10:30 a.m.
Reynolda Manor Branch Library
2839 Fairlawn Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106
336-703-2960
Preschool Storytime - Celebrating You & Me
This special storytime celebrates all of us - how we are both different and alike. We will share stories and make a craft. This program is for preschool children and families.

Thursday, Feb. 20 at 11 a.m.
Carver School Road Branch Library
4915 Lansing Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
336-703-2910
Mind Craft: African American History, and Coloring, and Puzzles, Oh My!
Coloring sheets and puzzles featuring facts and figures about African American history will be the highlight of this session. Learn, relax, and listen to soothing jazz. Light refreshments will be available. This is an adult STEAM program.
Thursday, Feb. 20 at 11 a.m.
Rural Hall Branch Library
7125 Broad St., Rural Hall, N.C. 27045
336-703-2970
Preschool Storytime
Children and their caregivers are welcome to attend a special
storytime filled with stories by African American authors, songs,
and rhymes. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Thursday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m.
Clemmons Branch Library
3554 Clemmons Rd. Clemmons, N.C. 27012
Freedom Quilts
Join us in the children’s room as we learn about the history and
importance of freedom quilts. Then use the quilt patterns to create
your own freedom quilt squares. All supplies provided. Open to all ages.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 6–7 p.m.
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center
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336-703-2950
African American Genealogy
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in the years before emancipation. Learn about the types of
records and research methods used in African American genealogy
to help you find your ancestors in this free program. Genealogy
starter kits and resource page will be provided.

Friday, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m.
Carver Branch Library
4915 Lansing Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
336-703-2910
Storytime Quilt
Quilts have a significant history in the African American experience,
especially in the time of the underground railroad. We will be reading
stories about quilts, and making our own paper mosaic. This program
is for all ages.

Friday, Feb. 21 at 5 p.m.
Walkertown Branch Library
2969 Main St., Walkertown, N.C. 27051
336-703-2990
WSSU Flute Choir Performance
The Winston-Salem State University Flute Choir will perform a
selection of flute ensemble pieces, highlighting several compositions
and arrangements by black musicians. The group is directed by WSSU
adjunct professor, Dr. Tika Douthit. This program is for all ages.

Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2:30 p.m.
Central Library
660 W. Fifth St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
336-703-2951
African American Author Fair
African American authors in the Triad will present and discuss their
books. A book signing and sale will follow the discussion. This program
is open to everyone 13 years and older.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Lewisville Branch Library
6490 Shallowford Rd., Lewisville, N.C. 27023
336-703-2940
Friends Book Club- “Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl” by
Harriet Jacobs
When it was published in 1861, this was one of the first
personal narratives by a slave and one of the few written by a
woman. Jacobs (1813–97) was a slave in North Carolina and
suffered terribly, along with her family, at the hands of a ruthless
owner. She made several failed attempts to escape before
successfully making her way North, though it took years of hiding
and slow progress. Eventually, she was reunited with her children.

Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Teen Central-Central Library
660 W. Fifth St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
336-703-3080
Screen Printing for Black History Month
We’ll delve into the history of African Americans and the right to
vote while we create our own screen printed T-shirts to celebrate
that right. Supplies are limited. Teens need to pre-register. Stop by
or call 336-703-3080. For ages 12-18.

Thursday, Feb. 27 at 11 a.m.
Carver School Road Branch Library
4915 Lansing Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
336-703-2910
Game Day-Learning African American History While Having Fun
Learn African American history while playing bingo. Small prizes
will be given to the winners. For 18 years of age and up.
Light refreshments.

Thursday, Feb. 27 at 2:30 p.m.
Paddison Memorial Branch Library
248 Harmon Lane, Kernersville, N.C. 27284
336-703-2930
“Selma”–Movie Matinee
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his followers march from Selma to
Montgomery in a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting
rights for black Americans in this docudrama. The film is rated
PG-13.
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Saturday, Feb. 29 at 2 p.m.
Walkertown Branch Library
2969 Main St. Walkertown, N.C. 27051
336-703-2990
Free Piano Music Concert Performed by Myron Brown
Every four years, we get an extra day on the calendar. We hope you will “leap” over to the Walkertown Branch Library and enjoy a free afternoon concert. Pianist Myron D. Brown, associate professor of music at Winston-Salem State University, will perform music of Chopin, Liszt, and Kapustin.

MARCH PROGRAMS
Monday, March 30 at 6 p.m.
Central Library
660 W. Fifth St. Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
336-703-3040
“The House of the Negro Insane”
The North Carolina Black Repertory Company will present a reading of “The House of the Negro Insane.” The year is 1935 and the Taft State Hospital is one of seven psychiatric facilities in the U.S. that was built exclusively to care for “insane and idiotic negroes.” The homeless and downtrodden are housed alongside the criminally insane and diseased. Attius builds coffins at Taft Hospital, where he has been locked up for years, but when two new patients ask him to help them escape, Attius dares to dream of a life beyond the hospital walls. This program is open to adults.

SUGGESTED READING LIST
by Chandler Davidson
This work is the first systematic attempt to measure the impact of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which is commonly regarded as the most effective civil rights legislation of the century. Marshaling a wealth of detailed evidence, the contributors to this volume show how blacks and Mexican Americans in the South, along with the Justice Department, have used the act and the U.S. Constitution to overcome the resistance of white officials to minority mobilization.

“African American Women in the Struggle for the Vote, 1850–1920”
by Rosalyn Terborg-Penn
This comprehensive look at the African American women who fought for the right to vote analyzes the women’s stories and examines why they joined and how they participated in the U.S. women’s suffrage movement. Terborg-Penn shows how every political and racial effort to keep African American women disfranchised met with their active resistance until black women finally achieved full citizenship.

“Lillian’s Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965”
by Jonah Winter
An elderly African American woman, en route to vote, remembers her family’s tumultuous voting history in this picture book, which was published in time for the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

“All in the Family: The Realignment of American Democracy Since the 1960s”
by Robert O. Self
In the 1960s, Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society and War on Poverty programs promised an array of federal programs to assist working-class families. In the 1980s, Ronald Reagan declared the GOP the party of “family values” and promised to keep government out of Americans’ lives. Again and again, historians have sought to explain the nation’s profound political realignment over five decades that witnessed the fracturing of liberalism and the rise of the conservative right.

“The Rise and Fall of the Voting Rights Act”
by Charles S. Bullock, Ronald Keith Gaddie, Justin J. Wert
In tracing the development of the Voting Rights Act from its inception, Charles S. Bullock III, Ronald Keith Gaddie, and Justin J. Wert begin by exploring the political and legal aspects of the Jim Crow electoral regime. Detailing both the subsequent struggle to enact the law and its impact, they explain why the Voting Rights Act was necessary. The authors draw on court cases and election data to bring their discussion to the present with an examination of the 2006 revision and renewal of the act, and its role in shaping the Southern political environment in the 2008 and 2012 presidential elections, when Barack Obama was elected. Bullock, Gaddie, and Wert go on to closely evaluate the 2013 Shelby County decision, describing how the ideological makeup of the Supreme Court created an appellate environment that made the act ripe for a challenge.