African American
Black History Month

Online Events 2021

Greensboro Public Library
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Virtual Events

All programs are free and online. Find a link or email for instructions in the description of each event.

Black History Month Take and Make Activity
During the month of February, pick up a Black History Month take and make activity packet from Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch. Simply call 336-373-2923 to schedule an appointment to pick up activity packets during curbside service hours.

LIVE Online Preschool Storytime with Mr. Pete
February 1 from 10:30 - 11 am
Celebrate the life and words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s has strong ties to Greensboro and we’ll share some of that history as well. Register in advance and receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Preschool Storytime with Mister Pete
February 1 from 3 - 3:30 pm
Celebrate the life and words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This recorded storytime will be presented at 3 pm on the Library’s Facebook page.

Selections
February 1 from 5 - 5:30 pm

LIVE Online Baby/Toddler Storytime with Mister Pete
February 2 from 9:30 - 10 am
We’ll honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and share about brotherly/sisterly love. Register in advance and receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Ten Black Picture Book Illustrators to Know
February 3 from 10:30 - 11 am
Picture book illustrators are incredible artists, but often aren’t as well known as authors. Join Kelly Proudfit for a quick look at ten black picture book illustrators to know. Join the fun at the Library’s Facebook page.
Teen Time: African American YA Authors and Books
February 6 from 4- 4:30 pm
Tune in to learn about African American authors and books for young adults. The video will post on our Facebook page at 4 pm.

Selections
February 8 from 5 - 5:30 pm

Outdoor Adventurers of Color
February 8 from 7:30 - 8:30 pm
This a monthly series exploring opportunities for outdoor recreation, socialization, and engagement. Nicole Gaines, Adjunct Instructor at GTCC will share her involvement with the Greensboro Community Sustainability Council, Sierra Club, and the North Carolina Climate Justice Collective. Kyleene Rooks, Watershed Education and Outreach Coordinator, will talk about the Haw River Assembly and ways to volunteer. Ti’Era Worsley, Graduate Research Assistant at UNCG, will share her work on STEM projects with the Boys and Girls Club and The Center for New North Carolinians. To register for this Zoom program, email Melanie Buckingham.

Virtual Trivia: Black History and Culture
February 9 from 4 - 5 pm
Celebrate Black History Month with this self-paced virtual trivia game! History is made every day; challenge yourself and learn about the past and present in entertainment, civil rights, literature, and more. To play, visit the Greensboro Public Library Facebook page.

Black Family Foundation - An African-American Author Series: Edwina Wright Davis
February 9 from 7 - 8 pm
Hear from author Edwina Wright Davis whose greatest source of inspiration came from conversations with great writers including Dr. Jonetta B. Cole, Dr. Maya Angelou, Dr. Coretta Scott King, and Greensboro's own Ms. Linda Joyce Vaughn. Lessons in Mercy is Davis' first published novel. Email to register and receive instructions for joining this event.
Book Talk With a Twist: Dread Nation by Justina Ireland - Make Edible Shambler Eyes
February 11 from 3:30 - 4 pm
Learn about the Dread Nation series by black author Justina Ireland and celebrates the release of the sequel, Deathless Divide. This video adds a twist with instructions on how to make edible shambler eyeballs. To join the fun visit our Facebook page.

Black Family Foundation - An African-American Author Series: E. Delores Johnson
February 11 from 7 - 8 pm
E. Dolores Johnson’s book, Say I’m Dead, is a multi-generational memoir that reveals America’s changing attitudes toward race mixing, discovered through the courageous journeys of her family’s women. Email to register and receive instructions for joining.

Selections
February 15 from 5 - 5:30 pm
Vance H. Chavis Branch Library houses an extensive collection of African American literature in its Black Heritage Collection. Take a virtual trip through the stacks. Join the tour on the Library’s Facebook page.

NEA Big Read Silver Sparrow Book Discussion
February 16 from 12-1:30 pm
Set in a middle-class Atlanta neighborhood in the 1980s, the novel revolves around James Witherspoon’s two families; the public one and the “family on the side” – the secret one. When the daughters from each family meet and form a friendship, only one of them knows they are sisters. It is a relationship destined for trouble. To join the discussion, sign up at this link.

Spotlight on John Hope Franklin
February 16 from 5 - 6 pm
Dr. John Hope Franklin recast the study of United States History by ensuring that the African American experience was included in a full and honest way. Learn about his impact on American culture and studies with one of his proteges, UNCG professor Dr. Loren Schweninger. To join the event visit the Library’s Facebook page.
Documentary and Discussion: Gay, Black And HIV Positive
February 18 from 7 - 8 pm
Join us to discuss the documentary Black, Gay, and HIV Positive: America’s Hidden Epidemic. This 16-minute documentary is available through Films on Demand for you to watch at your leisure before the discussion. Email to register for this virtual program.

A Song in Our Heart: Black Musical Families Trivia Contest
February 20 from 1 - 2 pm
Join us for a trivia contest on popular Black musical families in the entertainment industry and history. Contestants can win prizes. Please email to register and receive instructions for joining this event. Also, specify if you want to be a contestant or an audience member.

African American Inventors
February 21 from 3 - 3:30 pm
Children can learn about several African American inventors and their creations. The video will post to our Facebook page at 3 pm.

Selections
February 22 from 5 - 5:30 pm
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The Navy B-1 Band Throughout the Years
February 22 from 5 - 6 pm
Enjoy a retrospective on the WWII B-1 U.S. Navy Band; a group of African American students primarily from NC A&T whose time in the service helped to integrate the Navy. Hear about some of the members’ experiences. To join this program, visit the Library’s Facebook page.
NEA Big Read Keynote Speaker: Erica Armstrong Dunbar
February 23 from 7 - 8 pm
Join Erica Armstrong Dunbar, author of Never Caught: The Washingtons’ Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge, and NEA Big Read Keynote Speaker. Hear, firsthand, about her work to uncover the truth and cast a new light on lesser-known figures from the archives of American history. To participate in the discussion sign up at this link.

The Coming: An Exploration of the Black Family
February 24 from 7 - 8 pm
Explore representation, identity, and diversity in the spirit of Sankofa; looking back while moving forward. Dr. Daniel Black will discuss his fifth novel, The Coming, a story that takes readers on a journey through the Holocaust of the African diaspora. Also joining the discussion is UNCG professor of African American and African Diaspora Studies and author of Reimagining The Middle Passage: Black Resistance in Literature, Television, and Song, Dr. Tara Green. Email Antuan Hawkins for an invitation to join the live discussion.

Documentary and Discussion: Signing Black in America
February 25 from 7 - 8
Join us to discuss the documentary Signing Black in America, a documentary on the history and social contexts for African American Sign Language. This 28-minute documentary is available through Films on Demand for you to watch at your leisure before the discussion. Email to register for this virtual program.
Black Family Foundation - An African American Author Series: Mary Dowdell
February 27 from 1 - 2 pm
Join author Mary Dowdell as we discuss the Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity. Mary Dowdell was born in Brick NC and is the author of *Brick to Brick: Building a Black Family in America*. Mary tells the story of how her parents as leaders of an American Missionary Association School, teaching African American families how to achieve educational and economic independence, while at the same time building their own family. The story highlights the challenges of leadership, the challenges of racism, and the challenges of economic development in rural Eastern North Carolina. Email to register and receive instructions for joining this event.

Visit the Greensboro History Museum to see the *Pieces of Now* exhibit which features nearly 20 pieces of street art created as part of the summer’s Black Lives Matter protests, along with photos, objects and video interviews with artists and organizers. Admission is FREE. For more online African American/Black History Month programs, visit the Greensboro History Museum website.
Additional programs can be found at [GSO ONLINE](#). Get creative, learn something, get outside, and play along at home with these social distancing activities and virtual programs from Creative Greensboro, Greensboro Public Libraries, the Greensboro History Museum, and Parks and Recreation.

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