

# Black History Month

## FEBRUARY 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 —	2 — <a href="#">6:30pm Meet Black Creatives</a>	3 — <a href="#">6pm Learning Circle: The 1619 Project</a>  <a href="#">6pm Graphic Novel Book Club</a>	4 — <a href="#">8am Equity Impact Circle</a>	5 — <a href="#">11am Ted Talks Discussion Group: Black Lives Matter and Say Her Name</a>	6 — <a href="#">11am I can read Black stories</a>  <a href="#">3pm Story Explorers: Rocket Like Mae Jemison</a>
7 —	8 —  <a href="#">6pm The Role of Local Black Journalism</a>	9 — <a href="#">10:30am Steele Creek Readers Book Club</a>  <a href="#">6:30pm Meet Black Creatives</a>	10 — <a href="#">5:30 Harlem Unbound (Call of Cthulhu 7E)</a>  <a href="#">6pm Learning Circle: The 1619 Project</a>	11 — <a href="#">8am Equity Impact Circle</a>  <a href="#">6pm Author Talk: Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James</a>	12 —	13 — <a href="#">11am I can read Black stories</a>
14 — <a href="#">2pm Black Women + Democracy, a virtual film and discussion series: Knock Down the House</a>	15 — <a href="#">6pm Black Women + Democracy, a virtual film and discussion series: Chisholm '72 - Unbought &amp; Unbossed</a>	16 — <a href="#">6:30pm Meet Black Creatives</a>	17 — <a href="#">6pm Learning Circle: The 1619 Project</a>	18 — <a href="#">8am Equity Impact Circle</a>  <a href="#">10am SouthPark Branch Family Storytime</a>  <a href="#">6pm I can Celebrate National African American Read-In</a>  <a href="#">6:30pm Social Justice Book Club</a>	19 — <a href="#">11am Ted Talks Discussion Group: Systemic Racism</a>	20 — <a href="#">11am I can read Black stories</a>  <a href="#">12pm Esports and Gaming in the Black Community</a>  <a href="#">1pm The impact of Gentrification</a>  <a href="#">2pm Social Justice Book Club</a>
21 —	22 — <a href="#">5:30pm Teen Book Talk</a>	23 — <a href="#">6:30pm Meet Black Creatives</a>	24 — <a href="#">12pm Parent Lunch &amp; Learn: i can read Black stories</a>  <a href="#">6pm Learning Circle: The 1619 Project</a>	25 —	26 —	27 — <a href="#">10am Let's Get Graphic!: A Discussion on the History of Graphic Novels</a>  <a href="#">11am I can read Black stories</a>  <a href="#">6pm Film Discussion: Black Men in White Coats</a>
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**ALL programs are held virtually.**

*See below for information on registering for programs.*

### Featured Event:

#### **Author Talk: Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James, Thursday, 2/11 @ 6p.m.**

Join us for A Conversation with Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James, author and illustrator of The New York Times bestseller, *I Am Every Good Thing*. We will be streaming on [Facebook](#) and [Youtube](#).

### Get Inspired

*Join us for engaging speakers on a variety of topics*

[Meet Black Creatives](#), Tuesdays @ 6:30p.m.

Hear different Black Creatives talk about their unique businesses and services. Be inspired and learn how you can live out your creative dreams.

[The Role of Local Black Journalism](#), Monday, 2/8 @ 6:00p.m.  
[QCity Metro](#) founder and publisher, Glenn Burkins, will host & talk about local Black media, how it is emerging, how it's changing and its role in the Black Lives Matter Movement.

[I can Celebrate National African American Read-In](#),

Thursday, 2/18 @ 6p.m.

Join us as we celebrate this event with a VIRTUAL READ-IN featuring local authors, and students from Westerly Hills Academy.

[Meet the Podcasters](#), Saturday, 2/20 @ 3p.m.

Meet the Podcasters: There're Back! [The Black Guy Who Tips](#) podcasters, Rod and Karen will join us to discuss current events, books, and upcoming projects.

### Learn Something New

*Explore Black history, culture, and more*

[Harlem Unbound \(Call of Cthulhu 7E\)](#), 2/10 @ 5:30p.m.

Set in early 20th century Harlem, NY, the players will put themselves in the shoes of Harlemites navigating day-to-day issues including racism, community, politics, nightlife, and Cosmic Horror.

[Parent Lunch & Learn: i can read Black stories](#), 2/24 @ 12p.m.

Parents and Caregivers will learn about the importance of children's literature that center characters who are Black or people of color, as well as tips for selecting books to foster conversations about equity and inclusivity.

### Join a Discussion

*Discuss books, films, and more with community members and library staff*

[Ted Talk Discussion Group](#), 2/5 & 2/19 @ 11a.m.

Join us on 1st and 3rd Friday of every month on Zoom as we discuss curated TED talks around a preselected theme.

What we'll be discussing: 2/5: [Black Lives Matter and Say Her Name](#) and 2/19: [Systemic Racism](#)

[Black Women + Democracy, a virtual film and discussion series](#), 2/14 @ 2p.m. & 2/15 @ 6p.m.

Join us for two film discussions exploring the role of Black women and political power. What we'll be discussing: 2/14: [Knock Down the House](#) & 2/15 [Chisholm '72 - Unbought & Unbossed](#)

[Social Justice Book Club](#), 2/18 @ 6:30p.m. or 2/20 @ 2p.m.

What We'll Be Discussing: [Stamped from the Beginning](#) by Ibram X. Kendi or [Stamped](#) by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi (Your choice)

[Teen Book Talk](#), Monday February 22nd @ 5:30p.m.

What We'll Be Discussing: [This is My America](#) by Kim Johnson

[6pm Film Discussion: Black Men in White Coats](#) 2/27 @ 6p.m.

What We'll Be Discussing: [This documentary](#) that dissects the systemic barriers preventing black men from becoming medical doctors and the consequences on society at large.

### Attend a Storytime

*Enjoy stories that support empathy and understanding of issues affecting Black children and families.*

[I can read Black stories](#) storytime, every Saturday @11a.m.

This storytime features books that center characters who are Black or people of color, offers strategies to foster conversations about equity and inclusivity, and encourages early literacy skill development and a love of books and reading in your child.

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