



DC Black History Month

Mayor Muriel Bowser, the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the DC Black History Celebration Committee are proud to present this guide to events in Washington, DC for the month of February 2020.

This guide is also available online at dcarts.dc.gov.

Events listing information subject to change; contact the event's organizer for additional information.

As a Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson, like W. E. B. Du Bois before him, believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice. His hopes to raise awareness of African American's contributions to civilization was realized when he and the organization he founded, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), conceived and announced Negro History Week in 1925. The event was first celebrated during a week in February 1926 that encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The response was overwhelming: Black history clubs sprang up; teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils; and progressive whites, not simply white scholars and philanthropists, stepped forward to endorse the effort.

By the time of Woodson's death in 1950, Negro History Week had become a central part of African American life and substantial progress had been made in bringing more Americans to appreciate the celebration. At mid-century, mayors of cities nationwide issued proclamations noting Negro History Week. The Black Awakening of the 1960s dramatically expanded the consciousness of African Americans about the importance of black history, and the Civil Rights movement focused Americans of all color on the subject of the contributions of African Americans to our history and culture.

The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the first African American History Month. By this time, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story. Since then each American president has issued African American History Month proclamations. And the association—now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)—continues to promote the study of Black history all year.

(Excerpt from an essay by Daryl Michael Scott, Howard University, for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History)

On the cover: A detail of the *Spirit of Freedom* sculpture, part of the African American Civil War Memorial Museum

EXHIBITS

Delita Martin: Calling Down the Spirits on view \$

Mon—Sat, 10AM—5PM & Sun, 12–5PM

National Museum of Women in the Arts
1250 New York Ave NW
nmwa.org * 202-783-5000

Rosa Parks: In Her Own Words

Mon - Sat, 8:30AM — 4:30PM

Library of Congress:
Thomas Jefferson Building — South Gallery
10 First St SE
loc.gov *

“Meditations” a Black History Art Show

Tues — Thurs, 7AM — 2PM Fri, 7AM — 6PM

Sat, 8AM — 6PM & Sun, 9AM-5PM

Culture Coffee Too
300 Riggs Rd NE
culturecoffeetoodc.com * 202-507-8349

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

A Weekly, Straight - Ahead Jazz & Blues Experience 6 — 9PM

Westminster Church
400 I St SW
westminsterdc.org/jazz---blues.html

TUESDAYS

African American Museums - SAIS Diversity Council Weekly Visits

9AM — 1PM

Nitze building
1740 Massachusetts Ave NW
bit.ly/30ZLR1b * J Lucas (202) 895-6000

FEBRUARY 1

The USCT & The Second Founding How Black Civil War Service Re-made the Constitution 9:30AM

Rock Creek Park Nature Center
5200 Glover Rd NW
*(202) 895-6000

Black History Month City Wide Kick-Off 10:30AM

African American Civil War Museum
1925 Vermont Ave NW
afroamcivilwar.org * 202-667-2667

This Far By Faith: Researching DC Civil Rights and Faith-Based Records

12PM

Washingtoniana
4340 Connecticut Ave NW
dclibrary.org/washingtoniana * 202-727-1213

An Afternoon with Dr. Woodson

1 – 4PM

Carter Woodson Home National Historic Site
1538 9th St NW
nps.gov/cawo * 202 426-5961

Read Africa Festival 2020

2PM

Francis A. Gregory Library
3660 Alabama Ave SE
dclibrary.org/node/66211 * 202-698-6373

DC Metro Chapter of NABA: African American Museum Group Visit

2:30 – 5:30PM

National Museum of African American History and Culture
1400 Constitution Ave NW
eventbrite.com/e/african-american-museum-group-visit-tickets-87147992993 *

Black Don't Crack: Black History Dinner Show \$

8 – 11PM

Marvin's
2001 14th St NW
marvindc.com *

OPALINE \$

8 – 11PM

Warehouse 1360
1360 Okie St NE
bit.ly/30Sw8e4 * 202 200-2117

FEBRUARY 2

Free Community Day: February

12 – 5PM

National Museum of Women in the Arts
1250 New York Ave NW
nmwa.org/events/free-community-day-february *
202-783-5000

Laces to Bows: Mentee Interest Meeting

2PM

Capitol View Library
5001 Central Ave SE
LacesToBows.com* 240-615-7487

FEBRUARY 3

Film: *Long Time Coming: A 1955 Baseball Story*

1PM

Georgetown Library
3260 R St NW
dclibrary.org/node/66240 * 202-727-0232

Film: *Fruitvale Station* USA, 2013, rated R,

1 hour and 25 minutes

2 & 6:30PM

Chevy Chase Library
5625 Connecticut Ave NW
dclibrary.org/node/65796 * 202-282-0021

Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company: A Tribute to Marian Anderson

6:30PM

National Portrait Gallery - McEvoy Auditorium
8th & F Sts NW
npg.si.edu/event/dana-tai-soon-burgess-dance-company-tribute-marian-anderson-0 *

Spoken Word Performance: Spit Dat

8PM

Woolly Mammoth's Smith/Melton Rehearsal Hall
641 D Street NW
woollymammoth.net/events/spit-dat-in-residence *
202-393-3939

FEBRUARY 4

Make Your Own Museum

4:30PM

Rosedale Library
1701 Gales St NE
dclibrary.org/node/66275 * 202-727-5012

Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company: A Tribute to Marian Anderson

6:30PM

National Portrait Gallery - McEvoy Auditorium
8th & F Sts NW
npg.si.edu/event/dana-tai-soon-burgess-dance-company-tribute-marian-anderson-0 *

Book Club: "The New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander

7PM

Chevy Chase Library
5625 Connecticut Ave NW
dclibrary.org/node/66188 * 202-282-0021

Film: *Suppressed: The Fight to Vote*

7PM

Shepherd Park (Juanita E. Thornton) Library
7420 Georgia Ave NW
dclibrary.org/node/66103 * 202-541-6100

FEBRUARY 5

Film: *Suppressed: The Fight to Vote*

6PM

Tenley-Friendship Library
4450 Wisconsin Ave NW
dclibrary.org/node/66142 * 202-727-1488

Film: *Answering the Call*

6PM

West End Library
2301 L St NW
dclibrary.org/node/66241 * 202-724-8707

We Are Rising! The Story of Black Women & the Vote by CR Gibbs

7PM

Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin St NE
portofharlem.net/cgibbs/ * 202-541-6226

FEBRUARY 6

In Focus: Come Let Us Build a New World Together 12:30 & 5:30PM

National Portrait Gallery - G Street Lobby
8th & F Sts NW
npg.si.edu/event/focus-come-let-us-build-new-world-together * 202-541-6226

100 Years of the Whitelaw 6PM

Whitelaw Hotel in the Whitelaw Ballroom
1839 13th St NW
bit.ly/whitelaw2020bit.ly/whitelaw2020 *
A Herzog 202-534-1044

Film: *A Raisin in the Sun* 6PM

West End Library
2301 L St NW
dclibrary.org/node/66262 * 202-724-8707

FEBRUARY 7

AfropolitanDC - Black Heritage Experience - Black History Month & DNA Testing \$ 6 – 11PM

Saint Yves
1220 Connecticut Ave NW
bit.ly/Afropolitan2020feb *

FEBRUARY 8

Investment 101: How to Start Investing Now! 11AM

Martha's Table
2755 Elvans Rd SE
thefcacadst.org/event/investment-101/ *

Seafarers Yacht Club Black History 11AM – 4PM

Seafarers Yacht Club
1950 M St SE
seafarersyachtclub.com/

Carter G. Woodson: History, the Black Press and Public Relations 2 – 3PM

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House
1318 Vermont Ave NW
nps.gov/mamc

A Closer Look at African American Artists in SAAM's Collection 6PM

Smithsonian American Art Museum -
McEvoy Auditorium
8th & F Sts NW
americanart.si.edu/events/panel-discussion-closer-look-
african-american-artists-saams-collection-february-8-2020

FEBRUARY 9

Up For Discussion Movement Money vs Value 2PM

5001 Central Ave SE
Yoshi * 202-841-9638
bbardc.org/event/collage-dance-collective/2019-02-09/

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of DC Black History Celebration

3 – 5PM

University of the District of Columbia,
Theater of the Arts
101 N St NW
mwphglcdc.com/

FEBRUARY 10

Young Portrait Explorers: Martin Luther King Jr. 10:30–11AM

National Portrait Gallery - G Street Lobby
8th & F Sts NW
npg.si.edu/event/young-portrait-explorers-martin-luther-king-jr *

Film: Fences USA, 2016, rated PG-13, two hours and 19 minutes

2 & 6:30PM

Chevy Chase Library
5625 Connecticut Ave NW
dclibrary.org/node/65798

FEBRUARY 12

G. Derek Musgrove: Black Power in Washington, D.C.5 pm

Woodridge Library
1801 Hamlin St NE
dclibrary.org/node/62040 * 202-541-6226

Films: *Fannie Lou Hamer: Voting Rights Activist* + *Voting Matters: Fighting for Voting Rights*

West End Library
2301 L St NW
dclibrary.org/node/62462 * 202-727-0232

What's Really Going On Podcast

7PM

Southeast Neighborhood Library
403 7th St SE
podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/whats-really-going-on/id1418977803 * 202-698-3377

Black History Month Book Club: *March* by John Lewis 7PM

Capitol View Library
5001 Central Ave SE
dclibrary.org/node/66042 * 202-645-075

Hand Dancing & Its Amazing History by Tyrone Woods & Co.

7PM

Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin St NE
dclibrary.org/node/66042 * 202-541-6226

Film: *Race for the White House “Obama v. McCain”*
7 - 8:30PM

William G. McGowan Theater - National Archives Foundation
700 Pennsylvania Ave NW
[archives.gov/calendar/event/documentary-premiere-race-for-the-white-house-obama-v-mccain](https://www.archives.gov/calendar/event/documentary-premiere-race-for-the-white-house-obama-v-mccain) * 202-357-5946

FEBRUARY 13

Negro Baseball League Commemoration

1 – 2PM

Carnegie Library
801 K St NW
dchistory.org * 202 516-1363

Film: *Suppressed: The Fight to Vote*
7PM

West End Library
2301 L St NW
dclibrary.org/node/66264 * 202-727-0232

FEBRUARY 14

Douglass Day 2020

12 - 3PM

Howard University - Founders Library Reading Room
2400 Sixth St NW
DouglassDay.org * 202-357-5946

African American Suffragists: Fighting on Dual Fronts of Gender and Race

1 - 2PM

Belmont-Paul
144 Constitution Avenue NE
nps.gov/bepa * 202 763-3440

Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Season Six

7PM

Lisner Auditorium - The George Washington University
730 21st St NW
bit.ly/FindingYourRoots14feb2020 *

FEBRUARY 15

Frederick Douglass Birthday Celebration: Opening Ceremony

10:15 - 11:45AM

Anacostia High School
1601 16th St SE
nps.gov/frdo * 202 426-5961

“Frederick Douglass- Women’s Advocate”

1 – 2PM

Anacostia High School
1601 16th St SE
nps.gov/frdo * 202 426-5961

African American Women in the Women's Suffrage Movement

1 – 2PM

Anacostia Arts Center
1231 Good Hope Road SE
nps.gov/frdo * 202 426-5961

An Afternoon with Dr. Woodson

1 – 4PM

Carter Woodson Home National Historic Site
1538 9th St NW
nps.gov/cawo * 202 426-5961

Black History Month Graphic Novel Book Tasting

1PM

Capitol View Library
5001 Central Ave SE
dclibrary.org/node/66284 * 202 645-0755

The Beloved Community: MLK Jr. and Activism in Washington, DC by Derek Gray, DC Public Library

2PM

Anacostia Community Museum
1901 Fort Place SE
dclibrary.org/node/66195 * 202.633.4820

Journey to Womanhood by Krysta Jones

4 – 5PM

Anacostia Arts Center
1231 Good Hope Road SE
nps.gov/frdo * 202 426-5961

FEBRUARY 16

“Frederick Douglass- Women's Advocate”

1 - 2PM

Belmont-Paul
144 Constitution Avenue NE
nps.gov/bepa * 202 763-3440

African American Musical by the Cathedral Choir and the Men's Choir

3:30PM

John Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
1615 14th Street NW
M Shannon * 202 258-6939

African American Men Sing Songs of Praise

3PM

Greater New Hope Baptist Church
816 Eighth St NW
Chuck Hicks * 202-421-8608

FEBRUARY 17

Semi-Annual Main Reading Room Open House

10AM - 3PM

Library of Congress: Thomas Jefferson Building -
Main Reading Room
10 First St SE
202 707-8000

Film: "The Great Debaters"

2PM

Chevy Chase Library
5625 Connecticut Ave NW
dclibrary.org/node/65800 * 202 282-0021

FEBRUARY 18

Race Against Time: A Reporter Reopens the Unsolved Murder Cases of the Civil Rights Era

12 – 1PM

William G. McGowan Theater -
National Archives Foundation
700 Pennsylvania Ave NW
<https://www.archives.gov/calendar/event/race-against-time-a-reporter-reopens-the-unsolved-murder-cases-of-the-civil-rights-era> * 202-357-5946

Art AfterWords: Brown Girl Dreaming

5:30 – 7PM

National Portrait Gallery - G Street Lobby
8th & F Sts NW
npg.si.edu/event/brown-girl-dreaming-jacqueline-woodson

Celebrating Harriet Tubman and 100 years of Women's Suffrage

6 – 8:30PM

Fraser Mansion
1701 20th St NW
facebook.com/DCNationalAffairsOffice/ * 202-667-6404

Film: Suppressed: The Fight to Vote
7PM

Francis A. Gregory Library
3660 Alabama Ave SE
dclibrary.org/node/65921 * 202-698-6373

Film: Suppressed: The Fight to Vote
7PM

Anacostia Library
1800 Good Hope Rd SE
dclibrary.org/node/66175 * 202-715-7707

FEBRUARY 19

Right to Vote Story Time

10:30AM

Lamond-Riggs Library
5401 South Dakota Ave NE
dclibrary.org/node/66173 * 202-541-6255

Toni Morrison Book Club: Beloved

6:30PM

West End Library
2301 L St NW
dclibrary.org/node/65053 * 202-727-0232

A Season of Splendor: Emancipation, the End of the Civil War, & the First Black Vote in DC by CR Gibbs

7PM

Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin St NE
<https://portofharlem.net/cgibbs/#lectures> * 202-541-6226

FEBRUARY 20

Rayceen Pendarvis is Living Black History 5PM Artwork – 6:30PM Program

Cleveland Park Library
3310 Connecticut Ave NW
dclibrary.org/node/66172 * 202-282-3080

Film: *Beloved*

5:30PM

West End Library
2301 L St NW
dclibrary.org/node/66265 * 202-727-0232

Film: *Suppressed: The Fight to Vote* 7PM

Parklands-Turner Library
1547 Alabama Ave SE
dclibrary.org/node/66139 * 202-645-4532

FEBRUARY 21

Seniors and Cannabis

10AM
Congress Heights Senior Wellness Center
3500 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
anacostiaorganics.com *

Artist Gallery Talk: Delita Martin \$ 12 – 12:30PM & 2:30 – 3PM

National Museum of Women in the Arts
1250 New York Ave NW
nmwa.org/events/artist-gallery-talk-delita-martin-1 *
202-783-5000

FEBRUARY 22

ASALH Annual Author's book Signing 10AM - 12PM

The Renaissance Hotel
999 Nineth St NW
asalh.org/annual-black-history-luncheon/authors-book-signing/

The Artifact, Archivist & Activists 2 – 3PM

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House
1318 Vermont Ave NW
nps.gov/mamc * 202 426-5961

Campaign 72: A one woman performance on the life of Shirley Chisholm \$

3PM & 7PM

Eaton Hotel
1201 K St NW
eventbrite.com/e/campaign-72-tickets-86645104841 *
L Dyson - 202 270 2850

FEBRUARY 23

Taste of All Nations and African Attire Day! 11AM

All Nations Baptist Church
2001 North Capitol St NE
allnationsbaptistchurch.com * 202 832-9591

Film: *Suppressed: The Fight to Vote*

2PM

Mt. Pleasant Library
3160 16th St NW
dclibrary.org/node/66234 * 202-671-3121

Campaign 72: A one woman performance on the life of Shirley Chisholm \$

3PM & 7PM

Eaton Hotel
1201 K St NW
eventbrite.com/e/campaign-72-tickets-86645104841 *
L Dyson - 202 270 2850

FEBRUARY 24

Film: "BlacKkKlansman" USA, 2018, rated R,

2 hours and 15 minutes

2 & 6:30PM

Chevy Chase Library
5625 Connecticut Ave NW
dclibrary.org/node/65802 * 202-282-0021

Mosaic on the Move - Reconstruction

6:30PM

West End Library
2301 L St NW
dclibrary.org/node/65502 * 202-724-8707

Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company: A Tribute to Marian Anderson

6:30PM

National Portrait Gallery - McEvoy Auditorium
8th & F Sts NW
npg.si.edu/event/dana-tai-soon-burgess-dance-company-tribute-marian-anderson-0 *

FEBRUARY 25

Congress at War: How Republican Reformers Fought the Civil War, Defied Lincoln, Ended Slavery, and Remade America

12 – 1PM

William G. McGowan Theater - National Archives Foundation
700 Pennsylvania Ave NW
archives.gov/calendar/event/congress-at-war-how-republican-reformers-fought-the-civil-war-defied-lincoln-ended-slavery-and * 202-357-5946

FEBRUARY 26

Film: *The Color Purple*

6PM

West End Library
2301 L St NW
dclibrary.org/node/66266 * 202-724-8707

Urban Renewal, Gentrification and the Origins of 'East of the River' by G. Derek Musgrove

7PM

Anacostia Library
1800 Good Hope Rd SE
dclibrary.org/node/66268 * 202-715-7707

FEBRUARY 27

Black History Month Film Screening & Discussion 5:30 – 8PM

XFINITY Store in Chinatown
715 Seventh St NW
[eventbrite.com/e/black-history-month-film-screening-discussion-tickets-86605289753](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-history-month-film-screening-discussion-tickets-86605289753) *

Film: *Harriet* 6PM

West End Library
2301 L St NW
dclibrary.org/node/66267 * 202-724-8707

Game Night: Black History Month Family Feud 6PM

Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin St NE
dclibrary.org/node/66286 * 202-541-6226

Beyond Charlottesville 7 - 8:30PM

William G. McGowan Theater - National Archives
Foundation
700 Pennsylvania Ave NW
<https://www.archives.gov/calendar/event/beyond-charlottesville> * 202-357-5946

FEBRUARY 29

Walk the Walk 11AM – 12:30PM

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House
1318 Vermont Ave NW
nps.gov/mamc * 202 426-5961

Momma's Safe Haven 7th Annual "DC's Youth has Talent" Black History Show 12 - 3PM

Charles Hart Middle School
601 Mississippi Ave SE
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mommas-safe-haven-7th-annual-dcs-youth-has-talent-black-history-show-tickets-88488157461> *

An Afternoon with Dr. Woodson 1 – 4PM

Carter Woodson Home National Historic Site
1538 9th St NW
nps.gov/cawo * 202 426-5961

Black History Month Tribute to Black Broadway on U St 6PM

Lincoln Theatre
1214 U St NW
<https://washington.org/find-dc-listings/lincoln-theatre>
202 888-0050

