

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT MPL

February is Black History Month, honoring the triumphs and struggles of African Americans throughout U.S. history. At MPL, we are celebrating Black History Month by hosting programs that will include book discussions, presentations, movie screenings, storytime, and more!

Children's Events

Stay & Create: Bold Creations

Wednesday, February 4 at 6:00PM

Palm View Branch Library

In celebration of Black History Month, join Village in the Valley (ViVA) to learn about contemporary African American artists and create art inspired by their works. Open to children 5-11 years old.

Toddler Time

Thursday, February 5 & 19 at 1:00PM

Main Library

Celebrate Black History Month with us this week! Toddler Time is an interactive storytime for caregivers and toddlers that encourages early literacy through fun stories, songs, finger plays, and body movement.

Toddler Time

Thursday, February 5 at 11:00AM

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Mini Masterpieces

Sunday, February 8 at 2:00PM

Main Library

Come explore the work of Black artists and create your very own Basquiat-inspired portraits!

In-B-Tween Club: Black Super Hero Showcase

Wednesday, February 11 at 6:00PM

Palm View Branch Library

Suit up for an action-packed In-B-Tween Club celebration of Black superheroes! Discover legendary icons from comics and film through hands-on games and creative challenges.

Take & Make: Heritage Makers

Friday, February 20 at 11:00AM

Lark Branch Library

Celebrate Black History Month with a Take & Make craft kit! Pick yours up at the Lark Branch circulation desk while supplies last.

Toddler Time: Black History Month

Tuesday, February 24 at 11:00AM

Lark Branch Library

Celebrate Black History Month at Toddler Time! Lark Branch features weekly activities for toddlers and families.

Teen Events

Homeschool Art Zone! Black History Month

Wednesday, February 11 at 11:00AM

Lark Branch Library

Celebrate Black History Month with hands-on art! Tweens explore painting and sculpture through creative, themed projects.

Timeline Challenge

Sunday, February 15 at 6:00PM

Main Library | Teen Department

Think you're smarter than your friends? Put your knowledge to the test with our trivia card game and celebrate Black History Month with us!

Adult Events

Sunday Book Club

Sunday, February 8 at 2:00PM

Main Library | Board Room

Join our Sunday Book Club to explore great reads and enjoy thoughtful conversations. This month's pick is *Dream Count* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, a compelling novel weaves together the stories of four women facing love, loss, and self-discovery in a changing world.

Diverse Voices Book Club

Thursday, February 19 at 6:30PM

Main Library | Conference Room A

Join MPL's Diverse Voices Book Club! This month's pick, *Amity* by Nathan Harris, is a powerful story of a brother and sister, freed from slavery but still searching for true freedom on a journey across the deserts of Mexico.

Palm View Book Club

Wednesday, February 25 at 6:00PM | Palm View Branch Library

Join the Palm View Book Club to discuss the book of the month with light refreshments and engaging conversation. In honor of Black History Month, we will read *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

Book Displays at MPL

Words Have Power: Stories by Black Authors

Discover chapter books by Black authors that celebrate voice, resilience, and imagination.

Location: Main Library | Children's Department

Legacies of Strength

YA nonfiction celebrating the triumphs, struggles, and enduring influence of Black history.

Location: Main Library | Teen Department

Makerspace: Remix the Message

Tuesday, February 17 at 4:30PM

Palm View Branch Library

Explore the power of Black voices through poetry, song, and speech. Join our teen writing session to analyze and "remix" the words of legendary Black icons. Connect history to the modern world through your own poetry and prose. Registration required.

Indie Lens Pop-Up: The Inquisitor

Sunday, February 22 at 2:00PM

Main Library | Auditorium

In partnership with PBS, the McAllen Public Library presents *The Inquisitor*, a compelling feature documentary exploring the life and legacy of Barbara Jordan, the groundbreaking Texas congresswoman whose moral clarity and commanding voice helped reshape American politics during pivotal moments in U.S. history.

Valley Roots: Black Soldiers of South Texas

Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00PM

Main Library | Meeting RM A

Join historian Charles Waite for an in-depth look at the history of African American military service in South Texas. Attendees will gain insight into the challenges these soldiers faced and the lasting impact they left on South Texas communities.

Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month with inspiring reads across fiction, nonfiction, and biography.

Location: Main Library Reference Department

Black History Month Children's Display

Explore Black History Month! Discover inspiring stories, iconic characters, and history-makers.

Location: Lark Branch Library

**For Questions
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