



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 1 – 28, 2023

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!

## PAINT WITH WORDS (FOR TEENS)

**Wednesday, February 2nd at 6:00PM | Main Library - Teen Dept.**

Let's get inspired with amazing and important figures for Black History Month! Create your own unique paintings with your friends! Supplies will be provided.

## ONCE UPON A TIME AT LARK: I AM PROUD TO BE ME! (FOR FAMILIES)

**Monday, February 6th at 11:00AM | Lark Branch Library**

**Wednesday, February 8th at 11:00AM | Lark Branch Library**

Children and their caregivers are invited for virtual stories, songs, rhymes, and activities.

## FAMILY STORYTIME: UNIQUE (FOR FAMILIES)

**Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30PM | Lark Branch Library**

Join us at the Lark Branch Library for storytime! Each week children will listen to stories, sing songs, and get creative with fun craft activities. Children of all ages are welcome.

### DIVERSE VOICES BOOK CLUB (FOR ADULTS)

**Thursday, February 9th at 6:30PM | Main Library - Board Room**

Looking for a new and interesting read? Join MPL's New Diverse Voices Book Club!

Enjoy a variety of literary works and meaningful discussion amongst peers!

This month, we will be reading and discussing *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones.

### FEATURE FLIX: BLACK PANTHER (FOR TEENS)

**Sunday, Feb. 12th at 6:00PM | Main Library - Teen Department**

Join us for a movie in honor of Black History Month, featuring *Black Panther*, the first superhero film to receive a Best Picture Nomination.

Come relax and enjoy a snack!

### SLAVERY IN THE SPANISH COLONIAL BORDERLANDS OF NORTH AMERICA (FOR ADULTS)

**Monday, February 13th from 6:00-8:00PM | Main Library - Auditorium**

Dr. Jamie M. Starling, UTRGV Associate Professor of History, will present on slavery in the Spanish colonial borderlands of North America.

### MOVIE TIME: SOUL (FOR FAMILIES)

**Friday, February 17th at 11:00AM | Lark Branch Library**

Join us for a movie in honor of Black History Month, featuring *Soul*.

After landing the gig of a lifetime, a New York jazz pianist suddenly finds himself trapped in a strange land. Come relax and enjoy a snack!

### SUNDAY CINEMA: THE WOMAN KING (FOR ADULTS)

**Sunday, February 19th from 2:00-4:00PM | Main Library - Auditorium**

Join MPL as we celebrate Black History Month with a showing and discussion of the film *The Woman King*. Inspired by true historical events in The Kingdom of Dahomey, one of the most powerful states of Africa.

Discussion Facilitator: Dr. Deb Stark. Film is rated PG-13.

### STAY & CREATE: HISTORY MAKERS SHOWCASE (FOR FAMILIES)

**Monday, February 20th at 5:00PM | Palm View Branch Library**

**Wednesday, February 22nd at 5:00PM | Palm View Branch Library**

Hang out and play with fun activities as we discover History Makers that changed the game. Join us for a celebration of Black Excellence.

For children of all ages and family.

### THE READING RAINBOWS (FOR ADULTS)

**Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00PM | Main Library - Conference Room B**

The Reading Rainbows is a book club (18+) featuring literary works by, and about, the LGBTQIA+ community. This month we will be reading and discussing *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin. Pick up your copy at the reference desk!

### SATURDAY STORYTIME (FOR FAMILIES)

**Saturday, February 25th at 11:00AM | Main Library – Children's Program Room**

Get ready for weekend fun with great stories & activities for the family in celebration of Black History Month!

### LA HORA DE LOS CUENTOS: FRIENDSHIP TREE (FOR FAMILIES)

**Tuesday, February 28th at 11:00AM | Palm View Branch Library**

Share bilingual stories, songs, rhymes and activities.

Cuentos en idioma Ingles y español, canciones y rimas tambien.

### DOCUMENTARY: *SUMMER OF SOUL* (FOR ADULTS)

**Tuesday, February 28th at 11:00AM | Palm View Branch Library**

Celebrate Black History Month by watching the Academy Award-Winning documentary *Summer of Soul*, directed by musician Questlove.

This documentary covers the Harlem Cultural Festival of 1969, where citizens came together to celebrate Black culture, history, and music.

**FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT US AT:**

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