




Parent Newsletter

HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

Black History Month is a time to honor and reflect on the rich heritage, achievements, and resilience of African Americans throughout history. Originally established as “Negro History Week” in 1926 by historian Carter G. Woodson, it evolved into a month-long observance in 1976. Each February, we pause to celebrate the central role African Americans have played in shaping our nation, while also acknowledging the challenges and triumphs that continue to define Black history today! 

TEACHING CHILDREN ABOUT BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Download our free resource with inspiration for celebrating in February and beyond!



Explore Together

No matter a child's ethnicity, studying Black history broadens their perspectives and cultivates empathy. Choose books that feature Black children, families, and leaders. Let your child explore the pictures, turn the pages, ask questions, and get curious.



Celebrate Leaders

Share stories about Black educators, learners, and leaders like Carter G. Woodson, who believed children should know their history from a young age. Connect the dots by talking about leaders and helpers in your child's life, too.



Use Language Your Child Can Understand

Big ideas don't need big words. Phrases like “fairness,” “being brave,” “kindness,” “helping others,” and “standing up for yourself” help children build empathy and understand Black history in ways that are age-appropriate.



BLACK HISTORY SCAVENGER HUNT

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose a scavenger hunt category and look for a book or video about a Black learner, helper, creator, or thinker.
2. Read or explore together. Take your time and follow your child's interest!
3. Talk about what you learn using simple questions like:
 - "What do you notice?"
 - "What do you like about this story?"
 - "How did this person help others?"
4. Extend the learning by drawing a picture, creating a timeline, or inviting your child to share what they learned with someone else.

Use the categories below to get started!

LEARNERS + TEACHERS

- Carter G. Woodson
- Mary McLeod Bethune
- Elizabeth Eckford

HELPERS + LEADERS

- Ruby Bridges
- Harriet Tubman
- Opal Lee

CREATORS + ARTISTS

- Faith Ringgold
- Ezra Jack Keats
- Misty Copeland

THINKERS + BUILDERS

- George Washington Carver
- Katherine Johnson
- Heman Bekele

Coming Up...

Snoreytime: Popcorn Party | West Newark Library
| February 19, 2026 | 4-5pm

POP into family story time for a fun celebration of popcorn! We'll share stories, songs, and rhymes about everyone's favorite crunchy snack. [LEARN MORE](#)

Toddler Adventure Club | Scioto Audubon Metro
Park | February 16, 2026 | 10-11am

Join us for a short exploratory hike at Scioto Audubon Metro Park! This program is perfect for toddlers wanting to adventure at their own pace. Meet at the Climbing Wall parking lot at Scioto Audubon Metro Park. [LEARN MORE](#)

KidsLinked Columbus Baby & Kids Expo | Polaris
Fashion Place | February 22, 2026 | 12-3pm

An event to help parents find care, classes, health, resources, & more for babies or kids! Plus tons of family activities & entertainment! [LEARN MORE](#)



February is also
the month of loooooove!

Looking for Valentine's Day inspiration? Check out this guide from PBS Kids for articles, crafts, games, and printable activities!

