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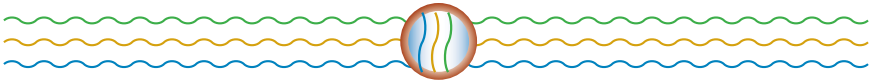


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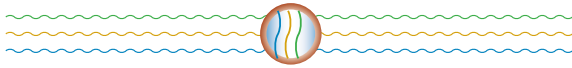
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- Founder of *The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History* (1915)
- Publisher of *The Journal of Negro History* (1916) and *Negro History Bulletin* (1937)
- “Father” of Negro History Week (1926)
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Events

Monday, January 24, 2025

Deadline: Artist Call for the 4th Annual Celebrating the Black Experience Exhibition

The Kentucky Center for African American Heritage (KCAAH) announces the Artist Call for the 4th Annual Celebrating the Black Experience Exhibition. The exhibition will run **April 11 – June 19, 2025**, in **KCAAH's Elmer Lucille Allen Gallery**.

For more information about submitting art, go to: **kcaah.org** or contact Julia Youngblood at (502) 396-6784



2025 ASALH National Membership Enrollment



Please become a member and join our mission to carry forth the work of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who on September 9, 1915, established the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. We continue his legacy of speaking a fundamental truth to the world – that Africans and people of African descent are makers of history and co-workers in what W.E.B. Du Bois called “The Kingdom of Culture.”

ASALH Louisville, Kentucky Chapter meets the 3rd Tuesday each month.

For more information contact Barbara Boyd, (502) 356-8651.

Saturday, January 29, 2025

7:30 PM

Walnut Street Revue Presents Soulful Sounds of Derby Town
A Tribute to Louisville's African American Musicians and Entertainers

Featuring Toni Green and Big Poppa Stampley.

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Days Records, 921 Barret Ave., Louisville, KY 40204, or

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Saturday, February 1, 2025

Black History Month:

"Who Am I?" Interactive Display

(February 1 – 28 - Adult)

Visit the **Northeast Regional Library** throughout February to engage with our *"Who Am I? Black History Edition"* display. Our *"Who Am I?"* display highlights local and notable African Americans who have significantly influenced our community. It's a wonderful opportunity for individuals of all ages to learn, engage, and appreciate local Black history enjoyably and interactively. For information on when to see the display, please call: (502) 574-0379. **Northeast Regional Library** 15 Bellevoir Circle Louisville, KY 40223. (502) 394-0379

Because plans may change, patrons are urged to
confirm events prior to attending.

2:00 PM

Brittany J. Thurman: *How a Story Starts* (Children)

There are many ways to begin a story, and one starts with a character! In this interactive workshop with local children's author Brittany J. Thurman, kids will discuss their favorite stories, how those stories began, and memorable characters. They will brainstorm qualities of their imagined character, such as physical appearance, background, desires, weaknesses, and more. Once these traits are created, kids use felt, scissors, and glue to bring their characters to life and make a take-home version of their imagined character. **All ages. South Central Regional Library**
7300 Jefferson Boulevard Louisville, KY 40219. (502) 964-3515

6:30 PM

Beats & Brews: *A Jazz Age Party* (Adult)

Kick-off Black History Month with an after-hours party celebrating the historic Western Library's early days. Enjoy live jazz, spoken word poetry by Hannah Drake, and a nostalgic look back at Louisville's Jazz Age with UofL's Dr. David Anderson. This is an **Adults-only** event (ID required). **Western Library**
604 South Tenth Street Louisville, KY 40203. (502) 574-1779

Sunday, February 2, 2025

1:30 PM

***Black History Month Film Series* (Adult)**

Every Sunday, February 2 – 23,

Presented in partnership with the UofL Health Sciences Center Office of Health Equity and Engagement and features a panel discussion led by academic and community leaders. Call to register for the film, *American Fiction*, (**Rated R**) **Main Library**
301 York Street Louisville, KY 40203. (502) 574-1781

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All times are subject to change.

This four-part series from Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., examines the powerful influence of Black migration on American culture and society. The series' first episode *premieres Tuesday, Jan. 28*.

Great Migrations: A People on the Move

KET Tuesdays, Feb. 4-18 • 9/8 pm

The story of a once-thriving Black neighborhood in Flint, Michigan, that was displaced for construction of a highway.

St. John Street: Story of a Neighborhood

KET Wednesday, Feb. 5 • 4/3 pm

Ida B. Wells was a 19th-century crusading investigative journalist, civil rights leader and passionate suffragist who in recent years was posthumously awarded a Pulitzer Prize.

Ida B. Wells: American Stories

KET Thursday, Feb. 6 • 4/3 pm

This film explores the story of segregation and African Americans serving in the United States military, often risking their lives to defend freedoms they could not enjoy as citizens.

Two Wars: The Road to Integration

KET Friday, Feb. 7 • 10:30/9:30 pm

Explore the impact the Chautauqua Institution through this retrospective, anchored by Wynton Marsalis' orchestral masterpiece.

Chautauqua at 150: Winton Marsalis' All Rise

KET Tuesday, Feb. 11 • 10/9 pm

This film explores the inspiring story of how a man born into slavery transformed himself into one of the most prominent statesmen and influential voices for democracy in American history.

Becoming Frederick Douglass

KET Sunday, Feb. 16 • 2/1 pm

KET2 Sunday, Feb. 23 • 9/8 pm

The documentary explores the complicated history of the American South and its music through the life of country star Charley Pride, who was raised in segregated Mississippi.

Charlie Pride: I'm Just Me

KET Monday, Feb. 17 • 9/8 pm

KET2 Thursday, Feb. 20 • 9/8 pm

Explore the life and legacy of Edna Lewis, who left an outsized mark on American culinary history as an early proponent of the farm-to-table movement.

Finding Edna Lewis

KET Thursday, Feb. 20 • 4/3 pm

The Kentucky Center for African American Heritage is a proud supporter of KET.

Monday, February 3, 2025

8:00 PM

African American Music Heritage Institute

The University of Louisville School of Music will sponsor the thirtieth annual African American Music Heritage Institute (AAMHI) on **February 3-4, 2025**, on the Belknap campus of the University of Louisville. This celebration of the history of African American music will feature concerts, clinics, lectures, and workshops for elementary and secondary school students in Kentuckiana, University of Louisville students, and the general public. This year's theme is "**Classified Strings.**" The program honors the contributions of African American composers and performers. The guest artist for this year's event is the Chicago-based Black chamber music collective D-Composed, which consists entirely of Black musicians and whose repertoire exclusively showcases the works of Black composers. Standing firm in its mission, this collective intentionally creates experiences and themes that resonate with a broad range of interests and identities within the Black community.

Location: **Comstock Concert Hall** at the U of L School of Music, 105 W Brandeis Ave, KY. The signature AAMHI event will take place on Monday evening, **February 3rd**, featuring a performance by DComposed at **8:00 PM**. General admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students aged 12 and older. Students under 12 will be admitted free. Tickets will be available starting January 10 on Eventbrite. They can be reserved by calling (502) 852-6907 or purchased at the door. Contact: Jerry Tolson, (502) 693-3080, or visit www.louisville.edu/music

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

10:00 AM

Black History Toddler Storytime (Children)

Explore Black History for Toddlers through this engaging storytime! Join us for books, songs, movement, and art activities highlighting an age-appropriate aspect of Black History.

Ages 2-3. Northeast Regional Library 15 Bellevoir Circle
Louisville, KY 40223. (502) 394-0379

11:00 AM

Black History Preschool Storytime

Explore Black History for Pre-schoolers through this engaging storytime! Join us for books, songs, movement, and art activities highlighting an age-appropriate aspect of Black History.

Ages 3-5 Northeast Regional Library 15 Bellevoir Circle
Louisville, KY 40223. (502) 394-0379

3:30 PM

Teen Zines: Black Poets Edition (Teen)

Be inspired by Black poets to make your own blackout poetry zines. **Ages 12 – 19. Main Library** 301 York Street Louisville, KY 40203. (502) 574-1781

5:30 PM

Family Library Night: Black History Craft (Children)

For families with children **ages 2-10. Shively Library** 3920 Dixie Highway Louisville, KY 40216. (502) 574-1730

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

2:00 PM

Kentucky Fiction Club Book Discussion

Birds of Opulence by Crystal Wilkinson **Main Library** 301 York Street Louisville, KY 40203. (502) 574-1781

4:30 PM

Black History Teen Film Series

Every Wednesday, February 5 - 26

Film series that highlights Black excellence in film. Refreshments provided. **Ages 13-19.** Featured Film: *The American Society of Magical Negroes*, Rated PG-13 **Main Library** 301 York Street Louisville, KY 40203. (502) 574-1781

Thursday, February 6, 2025

11:00 AM

**2025 Kentucky Black Legislative Caucus
17th Annual Black History Celebration**

This year's program theme, "*Learning from the Past, Facing the Future*," invites us to pause and recognize the struggles and triumphs of those who fought for the freedoms we often take for granted. It's a reminder that Black history isn't just about remembering—it's about action, about ensuring that the progress made by those before us continues for generations to come. The program will reflect on the profound contributions of African Americans to Kentucky's history and culture. It will be a chance for participants to recommit themselves to the principles of equality, justice, and community that bind us together.

Location: **Kentucky State Capital, Capitol Rotunda**,
700 Capital Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601. Contact: Senator Gerald
Neal, 502-564-2470, or gerald.neal@kylegislature.gov

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Black History Month Film Screening: *I Am Ali* (Family)

Southwest Regional Library celebrates Black History Month by screening the film *I Am Ali*. A discussion will follow.

9725 Dixie Highway Louisville, KY 40272. (502) 933-0029

7:00 PM

Researching Historic Black Newspapers

Learn how to access more than two dozen historic Black newspapers from cities across the United States, including the Louisville Defender—even from home with your library card! Registration requested.

Northeast Regional Library

15 Bellevoir Circle Louisville, KY 40223. (502) 394-0379

6:00 pm

Black Cyclists: The Race for Inclusion, Robert Turpin

Cycling emerged as a sport in the late 1870s, and from the beginning, Black Americans rode alongside and raced against white competitors. Robert J. Turpin sheds light on the contributions of Black cyclists from the sport's early days through the cementing of Jim Crow laws during the Progressive Era.

The Filson Historical Society, 1310 S. 3rd St., Louisville. (502)

635-5083. Free for Filson members, \$18 for potential members.

www.filsonhistorical.org/events/upcoming-events

Friday, February 7, 2025

Opening Reception: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

From Red Earth to Prophetic Creations

James G. Bennett Paintings 1978 to 2024

The Kentucky Center for African American Heritage's **Elmer Lucille Allen Gallery** is honored to present a retrospective solo

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exhibition of paintings by Louisville artist James G. Bennett. The exhibition, *From Red Earth to Prophetic Creations*, will feature over 30 works from 1978 to 2024. The exhibition will run from **February 7, 2025, to March 27.**

Saturday, February 8, 2025

10:30 AM

Saturday Morning Book Discussion (Adult)

Please join us for a lively discussion of *A Lesson Before Dying* by *Ernest Gaines*. Copies of this book are available at the Crescent Hill Library circulation desk. A limited number of digital copies of this book are available for download from the library's website. <https://www.lfpl.org/crescent-hill-1> **Crescent Hill Library**
2762 Frankfort Avenue Louisville, KY 40206. (502) 574-1793

11:00 AM

Black History Preschool Storytime (Children)

Storytime allows families to bond over shared stories and songs and learn about Black inventors. **Ages 3-5. Middletown Library**
12556 Shelbyville Road Louisville, KY 40243. (502) 245-7332

11:00 AM

Books & Brews 502: Black Authors Book Tasting (Adult)

Join the **Northeast Regional Library at Blak Coffee**, 1219 Jefferson St., to sample books featuring Black authors. For more information, call (502) 394-0379

11:00 AM

Yesterday's Educators & Tomorrow's Education (Adult)

Dr. Rita G. Greer, author of *Teacher Journeys: Memories, Reflections, and Lessons from 20th-Century African-American Educators*, will moderate a panel of former educators who will discuss their journeys as teachers and administrators in the Louisville/Jefferson County Public School system. Panelists will also ponder what's next for the district using their knowledge and experiences and answer questions from the audience regarding the children's future education in our community. Refreshments will be served. **Shawnee Library** 3912 West Broadway Louisville, KY 40211. (502) 574-1722

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2:00 PM

Making Stories with Black Art

Explore the work of famous black artists. Kids ages 6-10 will start with a fun story and then use a variety of art materials to bring their ideas to life. Each session offers new supplies and creative adventures, so dress for mess and get ready to create! To register, call 394-0379. **Northeast Regional Library** 15 Bellevoir Circle Louisville, KY 40223. (502) 394-0379

2:00 PM

Simmons College Dance Performance

Celebrate Black History Month with a Satin Rhythm Dance Team performance, part of the Simmons College of Kentucky Revolutionary Sound of the South Marching Band. *Ms. Stephanie Kirtley* is the Band Auxiliary Coordinator and Dance Coach. **Southwest Regional Library** 9725 Dixie Highway Louisville, KY 40272. (502) 933-0029

2:00 PM

StageOne Family Theater presents *The History of Now* (Family)

Enjoy a free performance of Keith McGill's original play, ***The History of Now***, and learn more about poetry, history, and how we all can make a difference - whatever your age. **Western Library** 604 South Tenth Street Louisville, KY 40203. (502) 574-1779

3:00 PM

Where We Were, Where We Are

Shirley Harmon, Curator and Director of the historic Oxmoor Estate, and *John Chenault*, Director of Antiracism Initiatives for the University of Louisville School of Medicine (ULSOM), will co-present this event. This presentation uses the settlement of Kentucky to show how human history has been defined and determined by constant movement, including planned migration, forced migration, dislocation, and uprootedness. It explores this theme using the family histories of selected enslavers—and the enslaved persons they exploited—to

illuminate their roles in building the State, Jefferson County, and the City of Louisville. This talk thus combines history with genealogy to identify known and formerly unknown persons, free and enslaved, to show how the past is present and endures through their descendants. Location: **Kentucky Center for African American Heritage**, 1701 West Muhammad Ali Blvd, Louisville, KY. Free Admission - Contact: John Chenault, (502) 836-1916

Sunday, February 9, 2025

1:30 PM

Black History Month Film Series (Adult)

Every Sunday, February 2 – 23

Presented in partnership with the UofL Health Sciences Center Office of Health Equity and Engagement and features a panel discussion led by academic and community leaders. Call to register for the film, *Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot*, Rated PG-13 **Main Library** 301 York Street Louisville, KY 40203. (502) 574-1781



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Tuesday, February 11, 2025

3:30 PM

Kid's Club (Children)

Create a clay sculpture inspired by Harlem Renaissance artist and teacher Augusta Savage. **Highlands-Shelby Park Library** 1250 Bardstown Rd., Suite 4, Louisville, KY 40204. (502) 574-1672

3:30 PM

Teen Movie Afternoon (Teen)

Join us after school for snacks and a showing of *The Sun Is Also a Star*. **Ages 13-18. Jeffersontown Library** 10635 Watterson Trail Louisville, KY 40299. (502) 267-5713

4:00 PM

Teen Trivia Night: Black Achievement

A fun trivia game that focuses on Black achievement in the arts, sports, sciences, and more. Join a team, be the first to buzz in, and you might go home a winner! **Ages 12 – 19. Main Library** 301 York Street Louisville, KY 40203. (502) 574-1781

6:00 pm

Alleyways: Early Residential Patterns of Louisville, KY and What it Says about Louisville's Current Residential Patterns

Dr. Camara Douglas. Free. This program seeks to inform the audience of Louisville, KY's early post-slavery housing patterns. Many assume that residential segregation has always been a thing of our society. However, segregation is more reflective of comfort for those with power. This program will also examine the early home-to-work patterns, Louisville's Urban Renewal and current ramifications of spatial mismatch. Location: **Kentucky Center for African American Heritage**, 1701 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd., Louisville - Free Admission (In Person and Zoom Options Available)

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Wednesday, February 12, 2025

10:05 AM, 10:45 AM, & 3:00 PM

Stories with Black Authors & Illustrators (Children)

For more information, contact: **Crescent Hill Library**, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206. (502) 574-1793

2:30 PM

The Next Chapter: A Program for Retirement and Beyond (Adult)

Are you a recent retiree or senior looking to socialize, stay active, or engage more in your community? Join us at **Middletown Library** for a new program celebrating your next chapter of life! Each month, a short presentation on a different topic will be followed by coffee and conversation. This month, *Natalie Woods*,

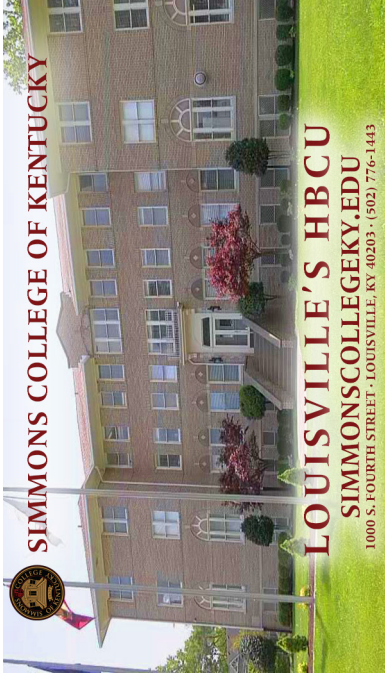


Listen to Soulful Sounds of Derbytown hosted by Marjorie Marshall, President of the Kentucky Music Heritage Foundation. Tune in every Sunday from 4-6 pm on WLLV 1240 AM & 101.9 FM Radio, Louisville, Kentucky, or listen online at: <https://www.wllvonline.com/listen/>

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manager of the Western Library, will speak about the historical significance of the branch as the first public library built for African Americans and staffed entirely by African Americans.

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4:30 PM

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Thursday, February 13, 2025

6:30 PM

How Well Do You Know Black History? (Adult)

Test your knowledge by playing this Jeopardy-style game to find how well you know Black history. **Ages 18+.** **Bon Air Library** 2816 Del Rio Place Louisville, KY 40220. (502) 574-1795

Friday, February 14, 2025

7:30 PM

***Clyde's* by Lynn Nottage**

The African American Theatre program is presenting *Clyde's* this February. *Clyde's* is a truck stop sandwich shop that offers its formerly incarcerated kitchen staff a shot at redemption. Even as the shop's callous owner tries to keep them down, the staff members learn to reclaim their lives, find purpose, and

become inspired to dream by their shared quest to create the perfect sandwich. Location: **U of L's Thrust Theatre**, 2314 South Floyd St., Louisville, KY 40292 Admission Price: \$20. Contact: LaShondra Hood. (205) 260-2846 <https://louisville.edu/theatrearts/productions>

Saturday, February 15, 2025

10:30 AM

Designing Arts Futures:

Reimagining Creative Placemaking (Adult)

Join COLLIDER Artist-in-Residence *Dr. Jabani Bennett* for this workshop to discover what creative placemaking is. How does this concept relate to my family and me? In this workshop, participants will explore ideas about creative placemaking through collaborative mapmaking. Inspired by art as social practice, a collective blueprint draft and community building will be the goal at the end of the session. During Black History Month, the workshop will also feature Dr. Jabani's favorite authors, illustrators, and books that demonstrate equitable creative placemaking, wellness, and creativity. At the end of the workshop, participants will gain a deeper understanding of creative placemaking. **Ages 18+**. *Email Liz.Magee@lfpl.org* to sign up. **South Central Regional Library** 7300 Jefferson Boulevard Louisville, KY 40219. (502) 964-3515

1:30 PM

Black Superhero Showcase (Family)

We will spotlight graphic novels, artwork, and activities featuring some of the media's most popular—and not-so-popular—*Black superheroes*! Come dressed as your favorite! **Shawnee Library** 3912 West Broadway, Louisville, KY 40211. (502) 574-1722

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2:30 PM

Alma Thomas Art (Children)

Learn about *Alma Thomas* and the impact of her art.

Recreate your favorite Alma Thomas work of art. **Ages 6-12.**

Newburg Library 4800 Exeter Avenue Louisville, KY 40218.

(502) 479-6160

3:00 PM

Book Discussion and Signing

***Not Far From Freedom* by Emma McElvaney Talbott**

Emma McElvaney Talbott has researched genealogy for decades in search of her family roots. *Not Far From Freedom* is the result of her tireless efforts. The book tells a story about a young woman seeking answers and direction who makes an impetuous journey from Washington, DC, to the Kentucky cabin of her century-old great-grandmother. "Great," born into slavery as Susan in Bardstown, Kentucky, pulls deep into her memory, sharing stories that might have been lost forever had Marian, known as Sweetpea, not come to her great-grandmother seeking direction. These stories help Sweetpea appreciate and understand that she is descended from strong ancestors and that strength has been passed down to her. Now, she must use it to chart her future on the cusp of the modern-day Civil Rights Movement. Talbott is an educator, freelance writer, and human rights advocate raised in Louisville, Kentucky. She taught in the Jefferson County Public Schools and was an adjunct professor at the University of Louisville, Clark-Atlanta University, and Spalding University. Location: **Kentucky Center for African American Heritage**, 1701 West Muhammad Ali Blvd., Louisville, KY.

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Since 2011, the **Kentucky Center for African American Heritage** has been a member of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet. As a quasi-state agency, the Heritage Center is dedicated to a statewide mission to preserve, promote, and advance the culture and heritage of African Americans in Kentucky and the legacy shared throughout the African Diaspora.

For over a decade, the Heritage Center's operation has been located in the heart of Louisville's historic Russell neighborhood on the former Louisville Street Railway Complex known as the "Trolley Barn," built in 1876. The imposing 68,000 sq. ft. campus provides multiple venues where education, enrichment, and entertainment happens.

Permanent exhibitions in the Brown-Forman Great Hall and other galleries across the Heritage Center campus include "A Salute to Muhammad Ali: A Life of Inspiration," "Black freedom Struggle in Kentucky," "Brigadier General Charles Young: Soldier, Educator, Diplomat & Civil Rights Advocate," "The Legends of Great African American Jockeys," "Two Centuries of Black Louisville" and "A Self-Guided Tour of Louisville's Civil Rights History." In addition to rotating and permanent exhibitions throughout the year, the Heritage Center produces, curates, and hosts educational, enrichment, and entertainment programs with performances of all types for children and adults alike.



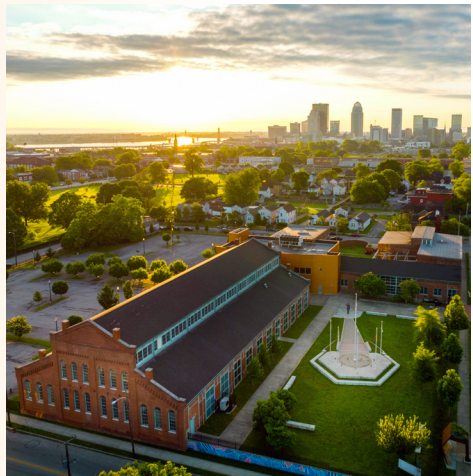
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Tuesday, February 18, 2025

10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

**7th Annual Elmer Lucille Allen Conference on African
American Studies “Environmental Injustice in the
Black Community”**

This conference honors *Elmer Lucille Allen*, one of the first African Americans to graduate from Nazareth College - now Spalding University. The conference will be held on **February 18th and 19th**. The first day of the conference is dedicated to young people and features a Grassroots Fair where youth-serving and youth-led organizations can promote their work. The second day (February 19th) features a keynote address by *Dr. Tommy Parker* about how to move forward in the face of Environmental Injustice. Location: **Spalding University**, 901 S 4th St, Louisville, KY 40203. Both days of this conference are free and open to the public. The Conference will be a hybrid with in-person and virtual presentation options.

Contact: Dr. Deonte Hollowell, Director of African American Studies, Spalding University at dhollowell@spalding.edu, or (502) 855-1348

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10:00 AM

Early Birds Book Discussion

The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead. Books available at the branch. **Middletown Library** 12556 Shelbyville Road Louisville, KY 40243. (502) 245-7332

2:00 PM

Mystery Book Discussion

The Other Black Girl by Zakiya Dalila Harris

Main Library 301 York Street Louisville, KY 40203.
(502) 574-1781

2:00 PM

Family Puppet Theatre! Black Folktale Showcase (Children)

Fun stories with puppets, including puppet show productions of Black folktales! **Ages 4 -12. Main Library** 301 York Street Louisville, KY 40203. (502) 574-1781

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confirm events prior to attending.

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5:30 PM

**Teen Art Flow: Black History Month Canvas Bag Painting
(Teen)**

No need to be a professional. Teen Art Flow is a place to practice your creativity and make something new each month! For middle and high school students, ages 13-19. Limit 15. Call to register. **Shively Library** 3920 Dixie Highway Louisville, KY 40216. (502) 574-1730

6:00 PM

**Film Screening - Secrets of the Dead:
The Civil War's Lost Massacre**

The Secrets of the Dead series, which uses the latest science to challenge prevailing ideas and share fresh perspectives on historical events, investigates an incident from Kentucky history known as the "Simpsonville Massacre," when 22 Civil War soldiers from the 5th US Colored Cavalry on a cattle drive to Louisville were ambushed and slain by outlaws. The episode "The Civil War's Lost Massacre," which was co-produced by KET, revisits the events of January 25, 1865, tracing the stories of several of the Kentucky soldiers and their families with help from guest historians, two of whom hail from Kentucky:

Jerry Miller, a former state legislator from Louisville, and *Juanita White*, a docent at the Farmington Historic Plantation in Louisville. Location: **Muhammad Ali Center**, 144 N. 6th St., Louisville, KY • 502-635-5083 • www.filsonhistorical.org/events/upcoming-events • Free (Garage Parking is \$6)

6:30 PM

MyLibraryU Fast Class - BlatinX: Uruguay

Dr. Thomas Wayne Edison, a 2025 Fulbright Scholar, will discuss the Black community of Uruguay and how it is represented in the nation's history, poetry, and country's national symbol: Candombe music. Call 574-1623 to register. **Main Library** 301 York Street Louisville, KY 40203. (502) 574-1781

6:00 PM

Horror Book & Film Club: Discussion

Movie Screening, February 19 • Discussion, February 26,
Calling all horror fans: a book and movie every month! This
month, we'll pair *Kindred* by Octavia Butler and *Antebellum*
(R, 17+). Copies of the book and movie are available at the
branch, and the movie will be screened before the discussion.
A limited number of digital copies of this book are available for
download from the library's website. **Ages 18+**
Crescent Hill Library 2762 Frankfort Avenue Louisville, KY
40206. (502) 574-1793

10:30 AM

Black History Heroes (Family)

Join us for a special family story time to celebrate Black History
Month! **Ages 0 – 6 • Fairdale Library** 10620 West Manslick
Road Louisville, KY 40118. (502) 375-2051

10:30 AM

Adult Book Discussion (Adult)

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett. Books are available at the
branch. **Jeffersontown Library** 10635 Watterson Trail Louisville,
KY 40299. (502) 267-5713

4:30 PM

Black History (Teen) Film Series

Every Wednesday, February 5 - 26

Film series that highlights Black excellence in film. Refreshments
provided. **Ages 13-19.** Featured Film: *Black Panther: Wakanda
Forever*, Rated PG-13. **Main Library** 301 York Street Louisville,
KY 40203. (502) 574-1781

Thursday, February 20, 2025

2:00 PM

Movie Discussion Group (Adult)

The Color Purple (1985), **St. Matthews Library**

3940 Grandview Avenue Louisville, KY 40207. (502) 574-1771

6:30 PM Art Night (Family)

Enjoy making art inspired by Black artists!

Iroquois Library 601 West Woodlawn Avenue Louisville, KY

40215. (502) 574-1720

7:00 PM

Black Cemeteries of Louisville

Greenwood, Louisville, and Forest Home Cemeteries are just a few of the historic, local Black cemeteries. Learn the basic history of these spaces and admire the funerary art. Participants are encouraged to share memories and knowledge. Call to register.

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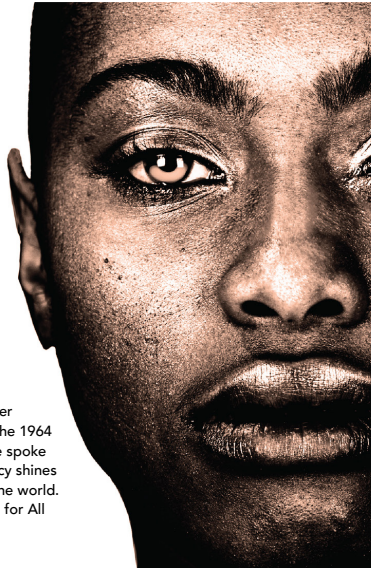
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Sung in English with English captions



 TICKETS

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 502.584.4500

Saturday, February 22, 2025

2:00 PM

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, 15 Years On (Adult)

A New York Times Best Seller, it is notable for its science writing and dealing with ethical issues of race and class in medical research. Since its publication in 2010, it has led to public honors for Henrietta and a new perception of social justice.

Highlands-Shelby Park Library 1250 Bardstown Rd., Suite 4, Louisville, KY 40204. (502) 574-1672

Sunday, February 23, 2025

1:30 PM

Black History Month Film Series

Presented in partnership with the UofL Health Sciences Center Office of Health Equity and Engagement and features a panel discussion led by academic and community leaders. Call to register for the film ***Kiki***, Unrated. **Main Library** 301 York Street Louisville, KY 40203. (502) 574-1781

2:00 pm

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(502) 561-7936 or floren_kyteler@kyopera.org Tickets start at \$35 & increase based on location. Student, Group, and Pay-What-You-Can pricing available. Website kyopera.org/this-little-light

Monday, February 24, 2025

1:00 PM

Maker Mondays: Watch and Listen: African American Artists A-Z

Join us for a multimedia presentation and a craft as we highlight the music and lives of legendary 20th century African American artists. **Ages 18+ • Northeast Regional Library** 15 Bellevoir Circle Louisville, KY 40223. (502) 394-0379

1:00 PM

Art as Care - Collage Making for Grief and Loss

Join COLLIDER Artist-in-Residence *Dr. Jabani Bennett* for this workshop. Participants ages 60+ will explore collage techniques to assemble different materials to make a unified image of grief and loss. Inspired by diverse artists, an expressive collage will be the goal at the end of the session. The workshop will integrate information about wellness during a global time of change to nurture a collective space of belonging, safety, and deep reflection. The workshop will also feature Dr. Jabani's favorite authors, illustrators, and books demonstrating resilience, wellness, and creativity during Black History Month. At the end of the workshop, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the power of art to heal our pain. Email Liz.Magee@lfpl.org to sign up. **South Central Regional Library** 7300 Jefferson Boulevard Louisville, KY 40219. (502) 964-3515

6:30 PM

DIY Series: Alma Thomas Inspired Art

Join us to try your hand at a new craft. Seasoned and non-crafters are welcome. Registration is required as space and supplies are limited. Call 375-2051 to register. **Ages 18+**
Fairdale Library 10620 West Manslick Road Louisville, KY 40118. (502) 375-2051



The Voice of the Griot Podcast



Mary Cunningham Smith
Louisville's Trolley Heroine

The Kentucky Center for African American Heritage presents the Voice of the Griot Podcast. This is our inaugural program, "Traveling While Black: Louisville's Struggle to Desegregate Public Transportation."

In this inaugural episode of Voice of the Griot features the story of one community's resistance to racist efforts to create a segregated society by depriving African Americans of equal access to public transportation in the city of Louisville, Kentucky in the post-Civil War years.

Listen to podcast at:

kcaah.org/the-voice-of-the-griot-podcast/

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

3:30 PM

Watch the movie *Soul*

and check out some read-alike books. **Highlands-Shelby Park Regional Library** 1250 Bardstown Rd., Suite 4, Louisville, KY 40204. (502) 574-1672

5:30 PM

Adult Book Discussion

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict. **Ages 18+**
Fairdale Library 10620 West Manslick Road Louisville, KY 40118.
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7:00 PM

LGBTQ+ Adult Book Discussion

***The Deep* by Rivers Solomon**

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Wednesday, February 26, 2025

12:30 PM

Dance! Sing! Speak! Collage Making!* *For Radical Joy –

An Interdisciplinary Approach to Art Making & Family Fun!
What is joy? How can I have more joy in my life? In this family fun workshop with COLLIDER Artist-in-Residence *Dr. Jabani Bennett*, participants will create a short performance

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about joy using dance, singing, spoken word performance, and collage making. Inspired by performance artists, a short performance, play, and joy-making will be the goal at the end of the session. The workshop will also feature Dr. Jabani's favorite authors, illustrators, and books demonstrating joy, family wellness, and creativity during Black History Month. At the end of the workshop, participants will gain a deeper understanding of self-care, radical joy, and the power of play. **Ages 2-5** with their families. Email Liz.Magee@lfpl.org to sign up.

South Central Regional Library 7300 Jefferson Boulevard
Louisville, KY 40219. (502) 964-3515

1:30 PM

Afternoon Book Discussion

Hitting a Straight Lick with a Crooked Stick: Stories from the Harlem Renaissance, by *Zora Neale Hurston*. A limited number of digital copies of this book are available for download from the library's website. **Crescent Hill Library** 2762 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206. (502) 574-1793

4:30 PM

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 8, 2025

2:00 PM

Henrietta Beauchamp Helm: A Segregation Era Educator

Philip Cherry, Sr., Henrietta's great-nephew, will present to commemorate his great-aunt who was a significant figure in education during the segregation era, dedicating her life to empowering her community and leaving a lasting legacy. Her mission was to ensure that working Black children and adults 14 years old and older could get an education. Philip Cherry Sr., a professional actor, writer, director, producer, filmmaker, and educator, will discuss his efforts to create a documentary and a children's book about his great-aunt Henrietta. Location: **Kentucky Center for African American Heritage**, 1701 West Muhammad Ali Blvd, Louisville, KY. Free Admission



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Friday, April 11, 2025

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Opening Reception

Celebrating the Black Experience Exhibition

Celebrating the Black Experience showcases the contributions of African descendants through the visual arts, honors the rich legacy of Black artists, and highlights the transformative impact of Black art in our struggle against oppression and racism. The selected artworks will reflect the diverse environments and traditions that contribute to the fabric of the Black experience. Imagery that embodies joy, sorrow, love, creativity, and truth-telling will be explored within the Black aesthetic. This year, the Kentucky Arts Council and KCAAH have partnered to enhance the exhibit's visibility by traveling to several additional communities across the state through December 2025.

Location: **Kentucky Center for African American Heritage**, in the **Elmer Lucille Allen Gallery**, 1701 West Muhammad Ali Blvd., Louisville, KY. **April 11 to June 19, 2025, Monday through Friday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**

Friday, April 25, 2025

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Opening Reception

Black Jockeys of the Kentucky Derby:

Life-Size Appliqué Art by *Eugene Poole Jr.*

You are cordially invited to the exclusive exhibition of *Eugene Poole Jr.'s* original life-size Appliqué Art, showcasing Black Jockeys of the Kentucky Derby from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. A self-taught artist, Eugene has always had a profound passion for his craft. Since childhood in a rural Kentucky town,

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he has maintained a close connection to art. Although a successful architect, Eugene spent many years designing and transforming buildings into three-dimensional artistic expressions of the environment. However, he has never wavered in his love for two-dimensional art forms. He has gained recognition across the United States for his unique artistic vision. These works will be displayed throughout the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage during the 2025 Derby festivities.

Location: **Kentucky Center for African American Heritage**,
1701 West Muhammad Ali Blvd., Louisville, KY.

From **April 25 to June 25, 2025**, Monday through Friday,
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Contact: Julia Youngblood,
(502) 396-6784



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Walter Williams Hutchins, Jr.

September 29, 1931 - November 17, 2022

Walter William Hutchins, Jr. was born on September 29, 1931, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he attended elementary, junior high, and senior high schools. Since high school, he developed two interests that would stay with him his entire life — photography and athletics. Walter graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a B.S. degree in Industrial Psychology. At Penn State, he was one of the founding members of the Delta Theta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Walter held various positions in advertising and marketing firms throughout his career.

However, Walter's true calling and passion was personal and community development. Even while working full time, Walter's entrepreneurial and giving spirit led him to found the groundbreaking "Black House" community center in North Philadelphia in 1967 "to serve the real needs of Black Philadelphia."

After relocating to Louisville in 1990, Walter was most known to Louisvillians as the publisher of the African American History Month Cultural Events Calendar, a fixture in the community that he published for 27 years, from 1992 to 2020. Walter referred to himself as a "History Promoter" and was especially dedicated to providing continuity for Louisville's African American history and culture. He enjoyed conducting African American history bus tours and creating picture postcards documenting historic sites hidden in plain sight. Walter was also proud to serve on the Board of the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage and was a founding member of the Western Branch Library Support Association (WBSA). WBSA created the *Keeper of the Flame Award* in honor of Walter W. Hutchins, who created, produced, and distributed the first twenty-seven years of this celebrated Annual African American History Month Cultural Events Calendar for the local Louisville community. WBSA will present the award annually, recognizing an individual with an outstanding community service career and significant contributions to African American culture and the overall broader Louisville community.



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