


Forsyth County Public Library

Black History Month 2017
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Executive Summary 2017

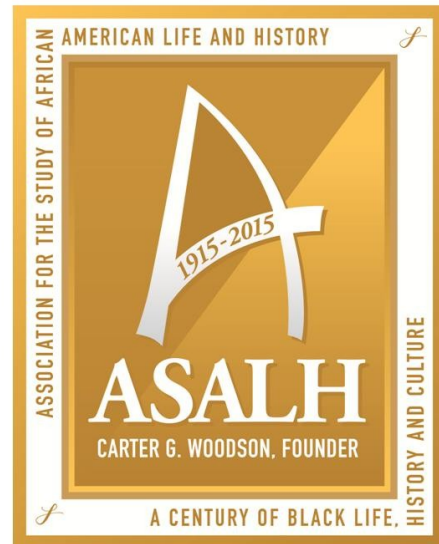
Association for the Study of African American Life and History

“The theme for 2017 focuses on the crucial role of education in the history of African Americans. ASALH’s founder Carter G. Woodson once wrote that ‘if you teach the Negro that he has accomplished as much good as any other race he will aspire to equality and justice without regard to race.’ Woodson understood well the implications associated with the denial of access to knowledge, and he called attention to the crisis that resulted from persistently imposed racial barriers to equal education. The crisis in black education first began in the days of slavery when it was unlawful for slaves to learn to read and write. In pre-Civil War northern cities, free blacks were forced as children to walk long distances past white schools on their way to the one school relegated solely to them. Whether by laws, policies, or practices, racially separated schools remained the norm in America from the late nineteenth century well into our own time.

“Throughout the last quarter of the twentieth century and continuing today, the crisis in black education has grown significantly in urban neighborhoods where public schools lack resources, endure overcrowding, exhibit a racial achievement gap, and confront policies that fail to deliver substantive opportunities. The touted benefits of education remain elusive to many blacks of all ages. Tragically, some poorly performing schools serve as pipelines to prison for youths.

“Yet, African American history is rich in centuries-old efforts of resistance to this crisis: the slaves’ surreptitious endeavors to learn; the rise of black colleges and universities after the Civil War; unrelenting battles in the courts; the black history movement; the freedom schools of the 1960s; and local community-based academic and mentorship programs that inspire a love of learning and thirst for achievement. Addressing the crisis in black education should be considered one of the most important goals in America’s past, present, and future. “

~ **Learn more at www.asaalh.org**



“To save man from the morass of propaganda, in my opinion, is one of the chief aims of education. Education must enable one to sift and weigh evidence, to discern the true from the false, the real from the unreal, and the facts from the fiction... .

“The function of education, therefore, is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. But education which stops with efficiency may prove the greatest menace to society.”

~ **Martin Luther King, Jr., *The Purpose of Education*, 1947**

Library Programming

We have informational and entertainment programs suited for everyone in the family. All library programs are free of charge and open to the public, but some may require registration. Please call library branches for more information.

Carver School Road Branch Library
4915 Lansing Drive, Winston-Salem
For information call (336) 703-2910

Wednesday Afternoon Movies. Please call Carver Library for titles and more information. Movie screenings on Feb. 1st, 8th, & 22nd.

Thursday, February 2nd @ 11:00 am

1st Thursday Friends “Front Porch Stories.” Join our 1st Thursday group as they welcome and discuss with students how education was different for them growing up and the challenges and opportunities that youth may have today.

Tuesday, February 7th @ 6:30 pm

Senergy Book Club. Join us as we celebrate Black History Month discussing some of the greatest African American educators and authors and their stories.

Monday, February 13th, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Information Your Guidance Counselor May Not Share with You. An informational session on resources that may be overlooked by your guidance counselor. This session will discuss academic, career and other resources to help prepare you for your future and beyond.

Friday, February 17th @ 10:30 am

Intergenerational Panel: Education Then vs. Education Now. A Q&A discussion with retired educators, entrepreneurs, students and active educators. Moderator, Dr. Antwain Tate Goode.

Know your facts. Learn about African American historical places, people and events with our informational displays that you can enjoy while exploring our library.

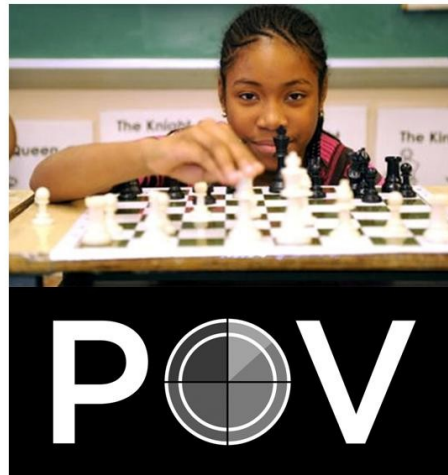
Black History Trivia. Each week, we will focus on actual persons or events in history that have been brought to life on film. All you have to do is guess the correct answer.

Clemmons Branch Library
3554 Clemmons Road, Clemmons
For information call (336) 703-2920

Monday, February 13th @ 6:00 pm

Movie: *Brooklyn Castle* (2012) PG

Brooklyn's I.S. 318 junior high school fits one inner-city stereotype—a majority of its students come from below-the-poverty-line families. All other expectations should be checked at the door. Beginning in 2000, I.S. 318 expanded its small chess program and began competing in national tournaments. The results have been stunning: more than 30 national chess titles, including, in 2012, the U.S. High School National Championship, a first for a junior high. *Brooklyn Castle* goes behind the scenes to reveal the inspirational effect of the chess team's success on the entire student body. In achieving the improbable, the "chess nuts" of I.S. 318 are expanding the possibilities for themselves and for disadvantaged students like them. All ages are welcome. Light refreshments will be served and we're going to raffle off a chess set to one lucky audience member! This event is a collaboration with POV, the award-winning independent non-fiction film series on PBS. pbs.org/pov



Monday, February 20th @ 10:30 am

Preschool family friendly movie: *The Princess & the Frog* (2009) G.

Wednesday, February 22nd @ 4:00 pm

Teen movie: *Ruby Bridges* (1998) Not rated.

Thursday, February 23rd @ 10:30 am

Preschool storytime with traditional African folktales and music.

"Success doesn't come to you...you go to it."

~ Marva Collins

Kernersville Branch Library
130 East Mountain Street, Kernersville
For information call (336) 703-2930

Thursday, February 2nd @ noon

The Kernersville Friends of the Library Book Club welcomes Ross A. Howell, author of the historical fiction novel *Forsaken*: In April 1912 in Hampton, Virginia, an African American girl, Virginia Christian, was tried for killing her white employer. She was the only juvenile female executed in Virginia history; Ross' striking novel tells this true story from the perspective of the 18 year-old reporter who covered the case.


Thursday, February 23rd @ 2:30 pm

Movie: *Southside with You* (2016) PG-13.

Young Chicago lawyers Michelle Robinson (Tika Sumpter) & Barack Obama (Parker Sawyers) spend a sweltering summer day visiting the art museum, eating lunch together, watching *Do The Right Thing*, getting ice cream and sharing a first kiss in this dramatization of the President and First Lady's fateful first date. Paddison Room.

Tuesday, January 24th @ 3:30 pm

Teen Movie: *Race* (2016) PG-13. Celebrate Black History Month a little early in January by watching a film about Olympian Jesse Owens. Free popcorn and drinks while supplies last. Ages 12 -18. Room 7.



Reynolda Manor Branch Library
2839 Fairlawn Drive, Winston-Salem
For information call (336) 703-2960

Wednesday, February 8th, 10:30 am-11am

The Healing Force. An interactive African music program. This program is best for children 18 months - 5 years and their caregivers, but all are welcome.

Wednesday, February 8th @ 3:00 pm

African American Genealogy. Celebrate Black History Month by learning about your ancestors! This free program is presented by North Carolina Room staff and features tips for researching African American genealogy resources online. The program will also cover the different types of resources unique to African American history that are used to find genealogical information. Genealogy Starter Kits and resources list will be available.

Reynolda Manor Branch Library (continued.)

Thursday, February 23rd @ 1:00 pm

Quilts and the Underground Railroad. Much has been written about the role of quilts as signals for directions and for "safe houses" during the northern migration of slaves known as the "Underground Railroad". Madeline Shepperson, an avid quilter and collector of antique quilts will share the truth, myths and folklore surrounding this fascinating subject.



Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center

1110 East Seventh Street, Winston-Salem

For information call (336) 703-2950

Black Cinema Sundays

February 5th @ 2:00 pm. Movie: *Southside with You* (2016) PG-13.

Romantic Drama: Young Associate Barack Obama tries to win the heart of a young lawyer, Michelle Robinson, in Chicago in 1989.

February 12th @ 2:00 pm. Movie: *Selma* (2015) PG-13.

David Oyelowo stars as Martin Luther King Jr. in this historical drama set during the height of the American civil-rights movement.

February 19th @ 2:00 pm. Movie: *The Queen of Katwe* (2016) PG.

This biopic of Ugandan chess prodigy Phiona Mutesi traces her journey from the Kampala slum of Katwe to the upper echelons of the chess world at a youth-outreach program run by Robert Katende.

February 20th, 10:00 am-noon

African American Read-In.

Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center will host an African American Read-In event. We invite all to gather with us to read the works of African American authors. All ages are welcomed.

February 26th @ 3:00 pm

Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center will host Ms. Hazel Mack, attorney and former member of the Black Panther Party. More information will be available on the library's website.

Black History Trivia. Every day for the entire month of February, test your knowledge about Black history and famous African Americans.

“Let’s not play these kids cheap; let’s find out what they have. What do they have that is a strength? What do they have that you can approach and build a bridge upon? Education is all a matter of building bridges, it seems to me.”

~Ralph Ellison, “What These Children Are Like”, 1963

Rural Hall Branch Library
7125 Broad Street, Rural Hall
For information call (336) 703-2970

Saturday, February 11th, 2:00-3:00 pm


Exploring African American Heritage Online. This is a hands-on workshop using a database specific to genealogy research on African Americans. Each participant will also get a genealogy starter kit booklet produced by our North Carolina Room specialists. This program is limited to 10 people. Call (336) 703-2970 for additional information or to register.

Thursday, February 16th @ 11:00 am

Preschool Storytime. Join us for a music filled, inspiring storytime full of African American musicians, inventors, and more. Stories and songs will highlight African American history and influence on our day to day lives.

Saturday, February 18th @ 1:00 pm

Crisis in Education: A STEM Response. Special guest presenter Dr. J. Denise Johnson from WSSU's Department of Education will lead an interactive discussion on how to engage students through science, technology, engineering and math experiences. All ages are welcome, especially Middle and High School aged students. Registration is appreciated but not required, at (336) 703-2970.



Southside Branch Library
3185 Buchanan St., Winston-Salem
For information call (336) 703-2980

Monday, February 13th @ 6:00 pm

Southside Book Club reads Yaa Gyasi's *Homegoing*. "The unforgettable *New York Times* bestseller begins with the story of two half-sisters, separated by forces beyond their control: one sold into slavery, the other married to a British slaver. Written with tremendous sweep and power, *Homegoing* traces the generations of family who follow, as their destinies lead them through two continents and three hundred years of history, each life indelibly drawn, as the legacy of slavery is fully revealed in light of the present day." ~penguinrandomhouse.com

Thursday, February 23rd, 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Characters of Color Challenge will engage students in grades 6 - 12 with two games and a TED talk to consider the effects of diversity or its lack in comic books and graphic novels.

Would you agree that people learn from all the stories they see, hear, and read from childhood on? If so, what effects occur if the stories don't reflect the racial diversity of our communities?

First, we will start with a 20-Question Characters of Color Powerpoint Quiz Game. A fast-paced What-If Story Scramble Game will follow. Then, at 5:00 pm, join us for Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's TED talk, "The Danger of a Single Story." After it, you may share your ideas about characters of color in graphic format books. If you wish, you may bring your favorite comics or graphic novel(s) to use as references.

Light refreshments will be provided at 5:00 pm for participants. Open to public-schooled and home-schooled youth in grades 6 - 12 and to adults who guide, teach, coach, or care for them.

"Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations."

~Dr. Mae Jemison, 2009

Walkertown Branch Library
2969 Main Street
Walkertown
For information call (336) 703-2990

Monday, February 6th @ 6:30 pm

African Sunset: Free Acrylic Painting Class. Robin Buchanan will instruct us how to paint an African Sunset scene using acrylic paint and imagination. Supplies provided, but you can bring your favorite brush if you want. Please register by phone (336) 703-2990 or via email to walkertownlibrary@gmail.com as seats are limited. Everyone is invited, especially beginners.



Tuesday, February 7th @ 10:30 am

Storytime Celebration of African American Illustrator Kadir Nelson.

Come and celebrate renowned African American author, illustrator, 2012 Coretta Scott King Award Winner, and two-time winner of the Caldecott Honor Award, Kadir Nelson at this special storytime event. Enjoy his contributions to beautiful picture books, and make a craft at the end.

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Saturday, February 18th @ 11:00 am

Collaboration at Home: The Importance of Shared Motivation to Obtain Family and Business Goals.

Antwain Tate Goode, PhD, presents "Collaboration at Home." Dr. Goode will discuss the importance of family goal planning and development to reach the needed synergy between family success and business success. Dr. Goode holds a doctorate in Organization and Management with a specialization in Leadership and has presented at a number of Fortune 500 companies.

Walkertown Branch Library (continued.)

Saturday, February 18th @ 2:00 pm

The History of Black Movie Theaters in Winston-Salem.

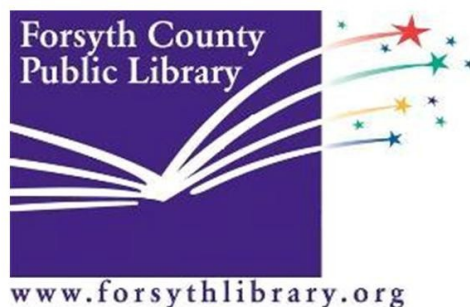
Historian Fam Brownlee presents a brief history of black movie theaters in Winston-Salem during segregation. Includes a look at the North State Film Company and their 1921 feature film made in Winston-Salem using local black citizens that was shown in theaters across the nation.

**For more information about Black History Month
events at the Forsyth County Public Library
visit www.forsythlibrary.org**

**All library programs are free and open to the public.
Some programs may require that you call
ahead to register.**

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“Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history.”

~Carter G. Woodson

