

# 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!

Pictured above: Richard Wright, Mae C. Jemison, Madam Cj Walker, Muhammed Ali, Angela Davis, Neil deGrasse Tyson, and Shirley Chisholm.

## Children's Events

### Discover Black History: Scavenger hunt

*Monday, February 3 - Friday, February 7*

**Main Library | Children's Department**

Search our shelves for historical figures and learn all about them as you go!

### Once upon a Time at Lark

*Monday, February 3 at 11:00AM*

**Lark Branch Library**

Get ready for a Black History Month adventure at the Lark Branch Library! We'll read exciting stories about amazing Black people, then unleash your creativity with fun crafts. All ages are welcome!

### Toddler Time

*Tuesday, February 18 at 11:00AM*

**Lark Branch Library**

Get ready for toddler fun every Tuesday at the Lark Branch Library! In February, we're celebrating Black History Month with exciting stories and creative crafts. Don't miss out!

### Homeschool Hangout: Trailblazer Jeopardy

*Monday, February 10 at 12:00PM*

**Palm View Branch Library**

Teens and tweens are invited to join this month's Homeschool Hangout: Trailblazer Jeopardy in honor of Black History Month! Homeschool Hangout creates a safe space for homeschooled teens/tweens to socialize and learn promote literacy and wellness.

### In-B-Tween Club: Libflix

*Wednesday, February 19 at 6:00PM*

**Palm View Branch Library**

Celebrate Black History Month with a tween-friendly movie about a music teacher's heartfelt journey of soul searching and discovering life's meaning.

### Toddler Time: Black History Month

*Thursday, February 20 at 11:00AM*

**Palm View Branch Library**

Enjoy a Storytime that brings together a celebration of music, history, and highlighting black voices from past and present. Toddler Time is an interactive Storytime for caregivers and toddlers to have fun while encouraging early literacy through books, songs, finger plays, and body movement.

## Teen Events

### Sunday Cinema

**Sunday, February 2 at 6:00PM**

**Main Library | Teen Department**

Celebrate Black History Month 🍿 Enjoy some popcorn 🍿 and a great movie 📺 that highlights action, culture, and inspiration on the big screen! While supplies last.

### Makerspace: History Shakers Collage

**Monday, February 17 at 4:30PM**

**Palmview Branch Library**

Teens are invited to celebrate Black History Month by creating a unique art collage that honors the ingenuity and innovation and of famous Black inventors and trailblazers. Join us for a fun and artistic experience as we highlight their incredible contributions and add your own artistic touch to this powerful celebration.

### Book Displays at MPL

**African Americans & Labor**

YA Non-Fiction on Black History

*Location: Teen Department*

**Distinguished & Proud**

YA Fiction Books Celebrating Black History Month

*Location: Reference Department*

**Celebrating Black History**

Children Non-Fiction books celebrating Black History month

*Location: Children's Department*

**Celebrating Black Voices**

Variety of books celebrating Black History month

*Location: Reference Department*

## Adult Events

### Valley Roots: Civil Rights Movement in Texas

**Thursday, February 13 at 7:00PM**

**Main Library | Meeting RM A**

Join Dr. Charles Waite from the College of Liberal Arts at UTRGV for an insightful program exploring the Civil Rights Movement in Texas and its profound impact on the educational system of the Rio Grande Valley.

### Page to Screen: 12 years of A Slave by Solomon Northup

**Monday, February 24 at 11:30AM**

**Palmview Branch Library**

Dive into the gripping true story of Solomon Northup, a free African-American man, who was kidnapped and sold into slavery in pre-Civil War America. His extraordinary tale of resilience, courage, and hope serves as a powerful reminder of the strength of the human spirit. Bring your thoughts, questions, and insights as we explore this unforgettable memoir together from page to screen in honor of Black History Month.

**For Questions About Our  
Events, Please Contact Us At:**

#### MAIN LIBRARY

4001 N. 23rd St. | McAllen, TX 78504  
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#### LARK BRANCH

2601 Lark Ave. | McAllen, TX 78504  
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#### PALM VIEW BRANCH

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