

# Newsletter

## *Black History Month Edition*



### 2021- The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity.

Black History Month also known as African American History Month, the brainchild of historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans grew out of "Negro History Week".

This year's theme is entitled: The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity. This theme aims to offer a window into the The Black Family's experience over the generations.



#### Quiz Corner

<http://www.pbs.org/black-culture/explore/10-black-history-little-known-facts/>

#### Podcast Corner: Historically Black

<https://features.apmreports.org/historically-black/>

#### Book Corner

The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas

#### Book Corner

Between The World And Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

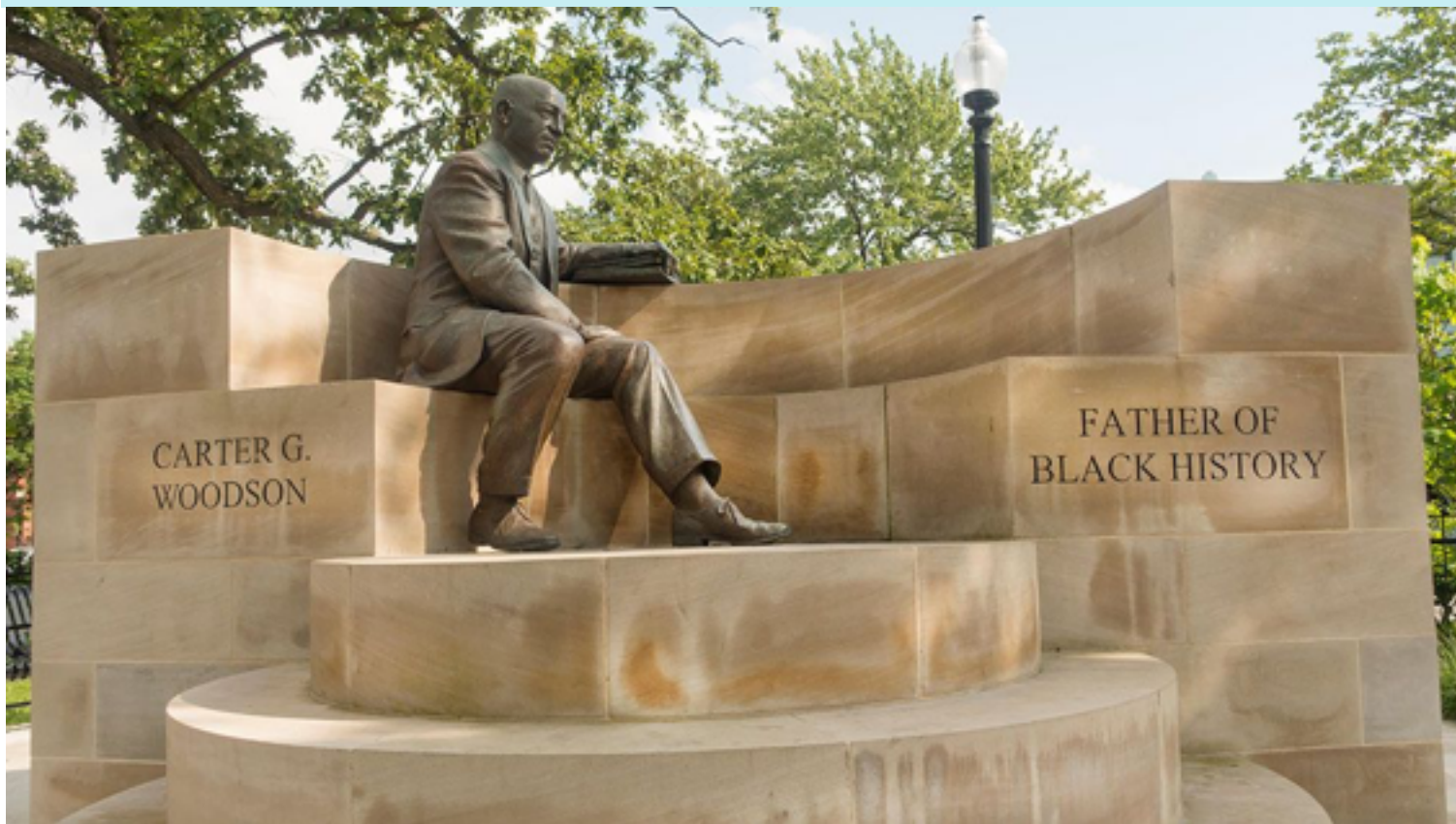
**Story Corner:** All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold & Suzanne Kaufman  
<https://youtu.be/mwS3FO4-Ow>

## CARTER G. WOODSON – “THE FATHER OF BLACK HISTORY”

Black History Month began as “Negro History Week” which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard-educated historian.

Woodson lobbied schools and organizations to participate in a special program to encourage the study of African American history, which began in February 1926 with Negro History Week.

The month of February was selected to coincide with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.



# WHY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IMPORTANT?

*"UNTIL THE LION TELLS THE STORY, THE HUNTER WILL ALWAYS BE THE HERO"* African Proverb

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## HISTORICALLY SPEAKING: AN EVENING WITH REV. JESSE JACKSON

<https://www.si.edu/events/heritagemonth?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D150655836>

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**THE BLACK CHURCH: THIS IS OUR STORY, THIS IS OUR SONG WILL PREMIERE FEBRUARY 16 AND 17, 2021 AT 9:00 P.M. ET ON PBS STATIONS NATIONWIDE**

This moving four-hour, two-part series from executive producer, host and writer Henry Louis Gates, Jr., the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor at Harvard University and director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, traces the 400-year-old story of the Black church in America, all the way down to its bedrock role as the site of African American survival and grace, organizing and resilience, thriving and testifying, autonomy and freedom, solidarity and speaking truth to power.

## CELEBRATING BLACK CULTURE TOGETHER VIRTUALLY

### ***Family African Dance Workshop - Friday, February 12 (Free)***

Have fun with the entire family with this FREE African Dance Workshop with Djapo Cultural Arts Institute. Djapo is a Wolof (Senegalese) word meaning "come together."

<http://karamuhouse.org/events/family-african-dance-workshop>

### ***Stono by Step Afrika - February 1 - February 14 (Free)***

Stono celebrates that spirit of resistance and activism.

The 35 minute show originates from the story of 20 enslaved Africans who began an insurrection in 1739 on the banks of the Stono River in Africa.

<https://www.playhousesquare.org/events/detail/stono-1>

### ***NPR Music's Tiny Desk Concert series - February (Free)***

NPR Music's Tiny Desk Concert series will celebrate Black History Month by featuring 13 Tiny Desk (home) concerts by Black artists across genres. Here's the full schedule of performances:

#### **WEEK 1: JAZZ**

2/2: Wynton Marsalis

2/3: Immanuel Wilkins

2/4: Melanie Charles

#### **WEEK 2: R&B**

2/8: Meshell Ndegeocello

2/9: Giveon

2/10: KeiYaA

#### **WEEK 3: HIP HOP**

2/15: Rick Ross

2/16: 2 Chainz

2/17: Rae Khalil

#### **WEEK 4: WILDCARD WEEK**

2/22: Wizkid

2/23: Barteess Strange

2/24: Sampa The Great

2/25: Kirk Franklin

These concerts will be broadcast live on NPR Music Instagram page. **Check for exact times:** <https://instagram.com/nprmusic?igshid=1jdus8gz1ub89>

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND NYC PARKS

Join NYC Parks in celebrating Black History Month in the parks and at their virtual events! With the family, learn about the Black experience in New York City and across the nation, and discover parks that honor the empowering life and legacy of Black history makers and culture shapers.

[https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/black\\_history\\_month](https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/black_history_month)

## FINALLY . . . . HAIR LOVE: BUILDING A LEGACY THROUGH REPRESENTATION WITH MATTHEW A. CHERRY

Thursday, February 18, 2021

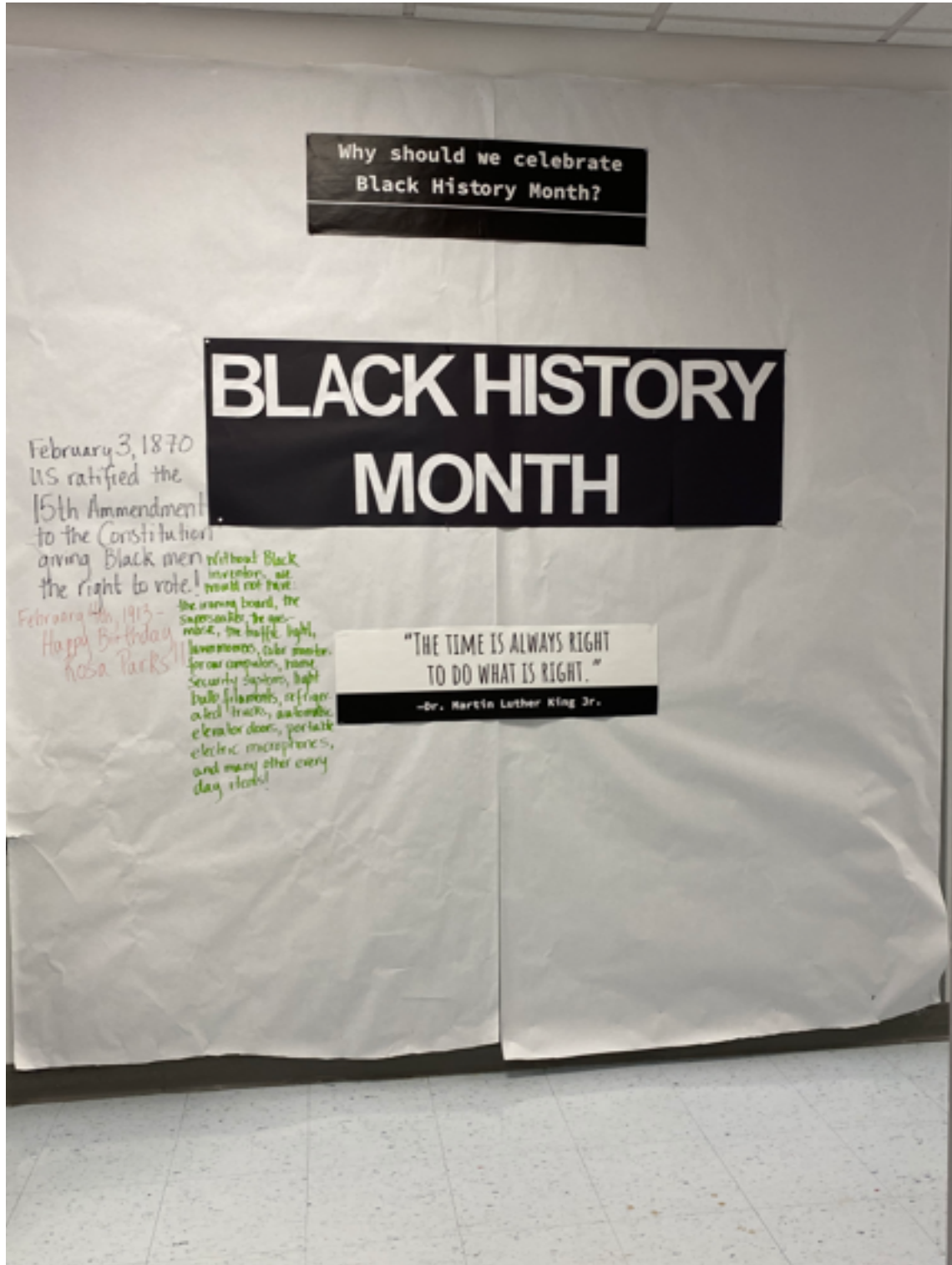
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST

In celebration of Black History Month, a free screening of Mathew A. Cherry's Academy Award-winning short film, Hair Love. The 7 minute film focuses on the uplifting and emotional journey of an African American father learning to style his daughter's natural hair. A discussion will follow with the writer, director and producer about the power of representation, the film's purpose-led storyline and how the Hair Love legacy will continue to unfold.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hair-love-building-a-legacy-through-representation-with-matthew-a-cherry-registration-135911174983?aff=ebdssbeditorialcollection>

## STUDENT CORNER

THIS IS A GRAFFITI WALL IN THE **JUNIOR SCHOOL** LOBBY ON WHICH THE JS STUDENTS WILL ADD TO DURING THE MONTH.





THIS BOOK BROAD IS A PLETHORA OF BLACK STORIES PENNED AND ILLUSTRATED BY BLACK AUTHORS AND ARTISTS. THIS TOO IS IN THE LOBBY OF THE **JUNIOR SCHOOL** FOR STUDENTS GET TO KNOW AND LEARN FROM.



For the *first time* the **Junior School** is alive with discovering Black History month. Each grade is celebrating in their individual ways. J1 for example is incorporating BHM into the unit of "Where are we on the map?" as a permanent addition. Students from all grades have been stopping at the book broad excited at discovering a book or series of books they had never seen before.

*THANK YOU to Rose Fico for the incredible work in putting both these broads together for the Junior School students. "I felt pride and hope in the JS and for the future of UNIS." Rose Fico.*

THE STUDENTS OF THE **MIDDLE SCHOOL** AND **TUT HOUSE** HAVE A VARIETY OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HAPPENING DURING THIS MONTH TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND WHERE AVAILABLE TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY WILL BE COMMUNICATED ON AN ONGOING BASIS. THE STUDENTS ARE ALSO STUDYING BLACK HISTORY IN THE CLASSROOM AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM. BELOW IS LIST OF BLACK HISTORY TOPICS CURRENTLY BEING STUDIED BY OUR **MIDDLE SCHOOL** AND **TUT HOUSE** STUDENTS.

#### **T4**

IB Global Politics - African states and alternative development

IB History - Civil Rights protests & outcomes between 1955-1965

IB Social & Cultural Anthropology - *African Americans and Gentrification in Washington, DC* (S. Prince)

#### **T3**

Global Politics - peacebuilding and reconciliation efforts in post-conflict Liberia

IB History - US Civil Rights movement; Apartheid South Africa

IB Social & Cultural Anthropology - *Race - Power of an Illusion*, Stratification (Race, class, ethnicity, caste), excerpt of Khabeer, Muslim Cool: race, religion and hip hop in the US

#### **T2**

History - segregation in the ranks of American soldiers and the effect of WWI on soldiers (Harlem Hell fighters; post-war segregation in the US); Global ramifications of World War I, including the involvement of Africans and Asians, in WWI and WWII; "Double V" campaign by African Americans during World War II

Rwandan Genocide and peacebuilding

#### **T1**

History - Slavery, Abolition and Reconstruction in the US; the Haitian Revolution, abolition; the 1619 project

#### **M3**

West African Empires of Ghana and Mali

#### **M2**

BLM and the US Constitution

#### **M1**

US Civil Rights Movement; Black Lives Matter Movement

*Thank you to all the Middle School and Tut House Curriculum Specialists for providing this list.*



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH RESOURCE CORNER

## Black History Month Challenge

<https://www.becauseofthemwecan.com/blogs/culture/join-the-botwc-black-history-month-challenge>

## Take a Virtual Tour of the National Museum of African-American History and Culture

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/exhibitions>

## Black History Month Book Lists

<https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/black-history/>

<https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/black-lives-matter-school/>

<https://www.leeandlow.com/collections/black-history-special-collection>

### Literature & Poetry

- 1 Maya Angelou: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
- 2 James Baldwin-The Fire Next Time
- 3 Claude Brown-Manchild in the Promised Land
- 4 Octavia Butler-Parable of the Sower
- 5 Ta-Nehisi Coates-Between the World and Me, The Water Dancer
- 6 Frederick Douglass-Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave
- 7 Ralph Ellison-Invisible Man
- 8 Yaa Gyasi-Homegoing
- 9 Lorraine Hansbury-A Raisin in the Sun
- 10 Alex Haley-Roots, The Autobiography of Malcolm X
- 11 Langston Hughes-Selected Poems, The Ways of White Folks
- 12 Zora Neale Hurston-Their Eyes were Watching God
- 13 Audre Lorde-the Collected Poems, Sister Outsider
- 14 Toni Morrison-Beloved, Song of Solomon, The Bluest Eye, Sula

- 15 Alice Walker-The Color Purple, In Search of our Mothers' Gardens, Meridien
- 16 Richard Wright-Native Son, Black Boy
- 17 Sapphire-Push
- 18 Sing, Unburied Sing-Jesymyn Ward

## **Non-Fiction**

- 1 Michelle Alexander-The New Jim Crow
- 2 Angela Davis-Freedom is a Constant Struggle, Abolition Democracy, Women, Culture & Politics
- 3 Frantz Fanon-The Wretched of the Earth
- 4 Roxanne Gay-Hunger
- 5 bell hooks Ain't I a Woman, The Will to Change, All About Love
- 6 Patrice Khan-Cullors-When They Call You a Terrorist Ibram Kendi-How to be an Anti Racist, Stamped from the Beginning
- 7 Barack Obama-Dreams from my Father, The Audacity of Hope, Promised Land
- 8 Michelle Obama-Becoming
- 9 Bryan Stevenson-Just Mercy
- 10 Isabel Wilkerson-The Warmth of Other Sons, Caste

## **Articles**

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/>

Archives from The Atlantic of Race & Racism

<https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2020/06/atlantic-reader-race-and-racism-us/613057/>

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture's Black Liberation Adult Reading List

<https://www.nypl.org/books-more/recommendations/schomburg/adults>

## **Black Lives Matter Principles Activity Book**

<https://www.leeandlow.com/books/what-we-believe>

## **Black Lives Matter at School Resources**

<https://www.blacklivesmatteratschool.com/>

## **Support Black-owned Businesses in NYC**

<https://nymag.com/strategist/article/black-owned-businesses-support-shop.html>