

Black History Month events, FEB 2021

All events are virtual/online, unless indicated otherwise. List updated 2/8.

Association for the Study of African American Life & History (ASALH)

[“The Black Family: Finding and Telling Your Family Story”](#), presented by the Charleston Area Branch of ASALH; free. Sat, 2/13 @ 1pm.

[“Re-connecting the Black Family: Family, Community, Diaspora: A Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Black History Month in Canada”](#), presented by the Toronto International Branch of ASALH, free. Sat, 2/13 @ 1pm.

[“Prosperity Under Adversity: Black Cincinnatians before 1860”](#), presented by the Garner Cincinnati Branch of ASALH, free. Sat, 2/13 @ 1-3pm.

[“Breaking the Silence: Lillian Smith”](#), documentary film screening and “Lillian Smith; Anti-Racist Ally” panel discussion hosted by the Athens Georgia Branch of ASALH, free. Sun, 2/21 @ 2-5pm.

Baseball Heritage Museum

[“Oscar Charleston: The Life and Legend of Baseball’s Greatest Forgotten Player,”](#) lecture/discussion on Facebook Live, Baseball Heritage Museum, Free. Thurs 2/4 @ 6pm.

[“Baseball Stories, Vol.2: Black Baseball Chronology”](#), presented by the Baseball Heritage Museum, Free. Sat, 2/13 @ 10:30am.

Black Stories Matter/TMI Project: NY

[“Inside Black Stories Matter,”](#) true storytelling workshop/discussion featuring writer Victorious Ritter Snow and educator Albert Cook. From the TMI Project. Suggested donation. Thurs, 2/25 @ 7pm.

CWRU Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration programming

[“The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together.”](#), lecture/discussion by Heather McGee. 2/5, free.

[“Building Black Avenue: How Youth Voices are Shaping the Development of Cleveland’s East 66th Street”](#). Interactive discussion by Daniel Gray-Kontar and the Youth Development Council. Free, Thurs, 2/18 @ 4pm.

[“Building Bridges of Community through Poetry & Vocal Expression”](#) performance showcase hosted by CWRU Mandel School’s Black Students Association. Free, Thurs, 2/25 @ 6pm.

Case Western Reserve Univ. Seigel Lifelong Learning Center:

[“Black Burials Matter”](#), presented by Vicki Daniel, on the cultural importance of funerals, burials, and commemorations in the African American community. \$10. Mon, 2/8 @ 1pm.

The City Club of Cleveland

[“A New Era of Justice”](#), City Club panel discussion on Cleveland institutions working toward racial justice, including Felton Thomas, CEO of CPL and Danielle Sydnor of NAACP. Weds, 2/17 @ 11:30.

[“Race, Equity, and the Future of Work”](#), City Club panel discussion. Fri, 2/26 @ 12:30.

Cleveland History Center/Western Reserve Historical Society

[“Charles Waddell Chesnutt: The Civic Life of a Cleveland Creative \(c. 1899-1929\).”](#) lecture/discussion presented by Dr. Regennia Williams, 2/16 @ 7pm.

[“Praying Grounds: African American Faith Communities,”](#) lecture/discussion presented by Dr. Regennia Williams, 2/17 @ 6pm.

[“Tribute to Robert P. Madison: Designing Victory and Building Community”](#), lecture/discussion presented by Dr. Regennia Williams, 2/19 @ 7pm.

[“Black Innovators of Northeast Ohio,”](#) lecture/discussion for kids, K-5. \$15. Thur, 2/24 @ 3:30pm.

Cleveland Playhouse

[“Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom”](#), theatrical production for virtual classroom access, Cleveland Playhouse, Free. On demand, 2/15 – 2/28.

[“Rhapsody in Black,”](#) solo-theatrical performance, Cleveland Playhouse. Free. Sun, 2/28 @ 7pm.

Cleveland Public Library

[“Understanding Policing in the 21st Century”](#), lecture/discussion presented by authors Jelani Cobb and Heather McGhee; free. Sat, 2/27 @ 12pm.

[“Virtual Workshop: Policing in the 21st Century”](#), discussion/workshop hosted by civil rights attorneys Terry Gilbert and Gordon Friedman. Weds, 2/24 @ 6:30.

[“Books Like Us!”](#) weekly children’s book art session hosted by Art Therapy Studio. Every Weds @ 6pm.

Cleveland Public Theatre

[“...or Does it Explode?”](#), locally written contemporary theater production exploring “questions of what it means to be Black, male, and young in the 21st century”. Free/donation. Weekend of 2/11, 2/12, 2/13

Detroit Arts Institute

[“I Love my Blackness & Yours: Celebrating Black Photographers”](#), interactive workshop hosted by ‘Wee the People’ arts organization; free. Sat, 2/13 @ 11am.

[“Hughie Lee-Smith: A Detroit Story”](#), lecture/discussion on the life of this Cleveland/Detroit artist presented by Dr. Alona Cooper Wilson; free. Tues, 2/16 @ 6:30pm.

Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh

[“\(Re\)Making History: Memory, Mythmaking, and the Civil Rights Movement,”](#) lecture/discussion presented by Dr. Hasan Jeffries, hosted by the Heinz History Center, free. Fri, 2/21 @ 5:30pm.

[“Seizing the Moment: Teaching Race and Racism Today with Dr. Hasan Jeffries,”](#) educator workshop presented by Dr. Hasan Jeffries, hosted by the Heinz History Center, \$5. Fri, 2/12 @ 4-7pm.

[“Come Hell or High Water: The Battle for Turkey Creek,”](#) documentary film, hosted by the Heinz History Center, free. Weds, 2/17 @ 5:30-8pm.

[“Hop into History: The Mighty Josh,”](#) interactive children’s discussion on baseball legend Josh Gibson, from the Heinz History Center, free. Weds, 2/10 @ 10:30am.

Karamu House:

[“The Impact of Shuffle Along”](#) musical theater program celebrating the legacy of the original 1921 jazz musical-theater production, Karamu House. Available on demand all month long, free.

[“Inspired by Langston”](#) poetry workshop, Karamu House, free. Fri, 2/5 @ 6:30.

[“The Story of Anansi the Spider”](#), children’s theater performance, Karamu House. Free, Fri, 2/19 @ 4:30pm.

[“Family African Dance Workshop,”](#) by Djapo Cultural Arts Institute, hosted by Karamu House, free. Fri, 2/12 @ 6:30pm.

Kent State University

[“Black All Around the World: Afro-International Identity”](#), interactive discussion/panel; free. Thur, 2/11 @ 3:30pm.

[“The Black American Experience”](#), lecture/discussion from KSU professors of Pan-African Studies and Sociology. 2/18 @ 12pm.

League of Women Voters, NYC

[“Whitney Young, the Unsung Leader of Civil Rights”](#), documentary/discussion, Free. Tues, 2/16 @ 6pm.

The National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center, Ohio

[“Behind the Mask: Black Power in Comics”](#), presented by Derek Pridemore of the National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center; free. Mon, 2/15 @ 7pm.

[“Queens of the Heartland: Thirty Black Ohio Women Who Changed History”](#), virtual museum exhibit of African American women in Ohio History; free. On-demand.

The National Archives Foundation

[“South to Freedom: Runaway Slaves to Mexico and the Road to the Civil War”](#), lecture/discussion presented by Alice L. Baumgartner, free. Thur, 2/4 @ 1pm.

[“Freedom Summer: Inspiring Young Voters Today”](#), lecture/discussion hosted by the National Archives Foundation; free. Weds, 2/24 @ 5pm.

[“The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity”](#), panel discussion hosted by The National Archives Foundation; free. Thur, 2/25 @ 7-9pm.

[“Spinning the Globe: The History and Legacy of the Harlem Globetrotters”](#), lecture/discussion hosted by the National Archives Foundation; free. Fri, 2/26 @ 7pm.

The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture (NMAAHC)

[“Persona Poetry & Phyllis Wheatly”](#), free poetry workshop; free. Tues, 2/9 @ 12pm.

[“Social Smithsonian Objects & Social Justice: Race and Medicine”](#) free lecture/discussion. Thurs, 2/11 @ 5pm.

[“African Americans in STEM: Wikipedia Edit-a-thon”](#), interactive workshop, Sun, 2/21 & Sun, 2/28.

[“Historically Speaking: An Evening With Rev. Jesse Jackson In Conversation With David Masciotra”](#), discussion hosted by NMAAHC; free. Tues, 2/16 @ 7pm.

[“The Economic Impact of COVID19 on the African American Community”](#), lecture/discussion. Tues, 2/23 @ 7pm.

[“Press Play on History: African Americans and World War One \(Student Session\)”](#), student program presented by NMAAHC; free. Tues, 2/23 @ 6pm.

[“Community + Conversations with a Docent: Creative Griots”](#) interactive discussion hosted by the National Museum of African American History & Culture; free. 2/8, 2/16, 2/19

[“Community + Conversations with a Docent: Making a Way”](#) interactive discussion hosted by the National Museum of African American History & Culture; free. 2/10, 2/17.

[“NMAAHC: Joyful Fridays”](#) weekly family art/craft activity; free. Every Friday.

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

[“The Bonds of Family and Legacy,”](#) panel discussion by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, free. Thurs, 2/11 @ 6pm.

[“The Black Family and Generational Health,”](#) panel discussion on race and trauma by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, free. Sat 2/20 @ 11am.

Ohio History Center

[“Underground Railroad Immersive Experience”](#), virtual experience from the Ohio History Center, \$10. Sat, 2/13 @ 10am.

[“Snapshot: The Power of Protest”](#), interactive program from the Ohio History Center, \$10. Sat, 2/20 @ 10am.

[“Queens of Queen City: Cincinnati Stories of African American Women”](#), presented by Hadley Drodge of NAAMCC, hosted by the Harriet Beecher Stowe House; \$7. Sun, 2/21 @ 7pm.

Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum

[“Men of Change: Taking it to the Streets”](#) exhibition opening panel discussion, from the Anacostia Community Smithsonian Museum, free. Sat, 2/6 @ 1pm.