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**Celebrating Black History Month @ Your Library**

*February programming includes history, movies and dance*

February is Black History Month. Celebrate at the Cumberland County Public Library by learning about local history, attending a forum on black history before America, listening to stories, watching a movie, enjoying dance and more. The full list of events follows.

**Black History in Fayetteville**

Monday, February 1

7 p.m.

Bordeaux Branch

Fred Whitted, author of the books *Fayetteville: Profiled in Black* and *Fayetteville: Profiled in Black - Volume Two*, discusses the important components of this city's history. Take a look at Fayetteville's key communities and discover little-known black history facts, including looking at people who have made a difference in the state, national and international arenas. Adults and teens are welcome. [Registration](#) is recommended. Mr. Whitted's books can be purchased at [www.blackheritagereview.com](http://www.blackheritagereview.com); books can be signed at the program's conclusion.

**Celebrate Black History**

Thursday, February 4

10 a.m.

Headquarters Library

Celebrate Black History Month with stories, music and a puppet skit. 2-5 years.

**Fayetteville's African-American Heroes**

Thursday, February 4                      6:30 p.m.              Headquarters Library (teens and adults)  
Thursday, February 18                      9 & 10:30 a.m. Headquarters Library (Grades 3-5)  
Dr. Kelli C. Walsh, Assistant Professor at Fayetteville State University, and Charles Anderson, Adjunct Professor at Methodist University, present a look at the lives of six African-American men of distinction: Isaac Hammond, Omar Ibn Said, Lewis Leary, Hiram Revels, Charles Chesnutt and Dr. Ezekiel Ezra Smith.

### **Lost Kingdoms of Africa**

Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25    6:30 p.m.              East Regional Branch  
Watch the four-part documentary series *The Lost Kingdoms of Africa* and learn the fascinating histories of Nubia, Ethiopia, Great Zimbabwe and Benin before European colonization. Each week's program focuses on one kingdom. Bring your own snacks and drinks with a lid. Celebrate Black History Month!

### **Black History Before America: A Community Forum**

Monday, February 8                              6 p.m.                      Headquarters Library  
This informational forum focuses on black history before America. Learn about and discuss the ancestors of today's African-Americans - what they know and what they accomplished.

### **Home School Fun: Black History Month - Inventors**

Monday, February 15                              11 a.m.                      North Regional Branch  
In honor of Black History Month, learn about prominent African-American and black inventors and the inventions they've created that influence us today. Register by calling 822-1998 ext. 4. Grades K-12.

### **Black History Month Bingo**

Monday, February 15                              1:30 p.m.                      Headquarters Library  
Tuesday, February 23                              4:30 p.m.                      Hope Mills Branch  
Play a fun game of Bingo and learn about important African-American figures in history. Compete for prizes! Grades K-8.

### **Books to Film: *The Help***

February 22 & 23                                      6:30 p.m.                      Hope Mills Branch  
Enjoy this exciting two-night event to celebrate Black History Month! On February 22, participate in a fun and lively discussion of the New York Times best-selling novel *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Return on Tuesday, February 23 for a viewing of this Academy Award-winning movie and a slice of chocolate pie. PG-13. Snacks provided by the Friends of the Library.

### **Teen Movie - 42**

Wednesday, February 24                              3:30 p.m.                      Cliffdale Regional Branch  
Observe Black History Month with the powerful story of Jackie Robinson, the legendary baseball player who broke Major League Baseball's color barrier when he joined the roster of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Snacks are provided. PG-13. Grades 6-12.

***Selma***

Thursday, February 25 4 p.m. Cliffdale Regional Branch  
Celebrate Black History Month with a viewing of the movie *Selma*, which chronicles the battle of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his followers as they fight to win the right to vote. Witness their historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in the midst of violent opposition. Rated PG-13.

**Celebrate African-American Dance**

Saturday, February 27 11:30 a.m. Cliffdale Regional Branch  
Celebrate Black History Month with an exploration of African-American dance. The Dance Ensemble of Fayetteville State University lends their expertise in teaching the dynamic, soulful and rhythmic moves unique to black culture. In this workshop you'll learn African, afro-jazz and modern dance in the tradition of Alvin Ailey. [Registration](#) is required. 16 years to adult.

For information on these and other free programs at your library, call 483-7727 or visit [www.cumberland.lib.nc.us](http://www.cumberland.lib.nc.us)

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