

*HOW TO FIND AND USE*

# Black History Month Resources

A Resource List for Staff & Students



This list is better used online. Most of the resources are weblinks.

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## BOOKS

A sampling of books from the WWJR Library. Please see the Librarian for more titles.

### **Timelines From Black History : Leaders, Legends, Legacies** by DK Publishing

Amazing visual timelines take readers through the people and the issues that have shaped Black history. Erased. Ignored. Hidden. Lost. Underappreciated. No longer. Delve into the unique, inspiring, and world-changing history of Black people.

### **African Beginnings** by James Haskins and Kathleen Benson

Explores the complex and fascinating history of Africa's most ancient—and advanced—civilizations.

### **Africa : A Look Back** by James Haskins and Kathleen Benson

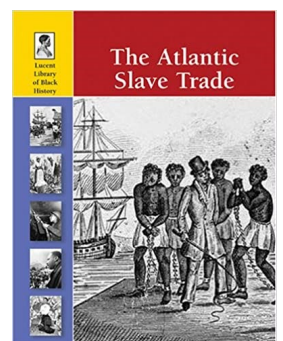
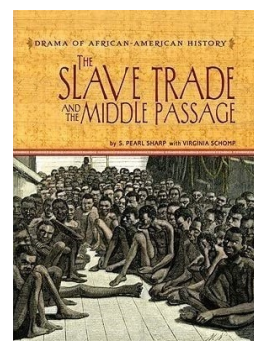
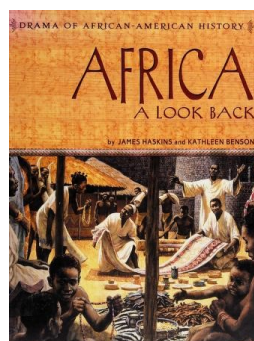
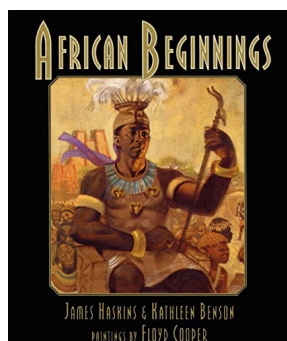
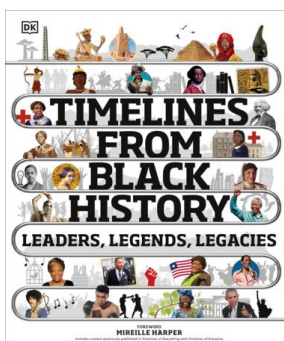
Detailing life in Africa before, and at the beginning, of the transatlantic slave trade. Focuses on the example of four different men, and their stories.

### **The Slave Trade and the Middle Passage** by S. Pearl Sharp

Follow the people who were taken from Africa as slaves, tracing their journey across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas.

### **The Atlantic Slave Trade** by Don Nardo

Covers the destruction of the rich, diverse cultures in West Africa, the active role of Africans in selling other Africans, the harrowing journey on the Middle Passage during which millions faced starvation, disease, and abuse from the ship's crew, and the slave trade's grim legacy.



## BOOKS (continued)



### **Harriet Tubman : A Journey to Freedom** by Sandra A. Agard

A biography about abolitionist Harriet Tubman--from childhood on a plantation to her work as a nurse and key role in the Underground Railroad.

### **The Last Safe House** by Barbara Greenwood

A dramatic story of the Underground Railroad as seen through the eyes of two young girls--Eliza, a runaway slave, and Johanna, whose family gives her refuge. Stories, information, and activities bring history to life in this moving portrayal of slavery and friendship, cruelty and kindness, prejudice and courage.

### **Birchtown and the Black Loyalists** by Wanda Lauren Taylor

The incredible story of the Black Loyalists of Birchtown for young readers. With educational and accessible language, readers are introduced to the journey of Black American soldiers taken from Africa as slaves, their quest for freedom, the settlement and struggle of Black Loyalists on Nova Scotian soil, and the enduring spirit of their descendants in spite of a history marked by hardship and loss.

### **Making Their Mark** by Spring Hermann

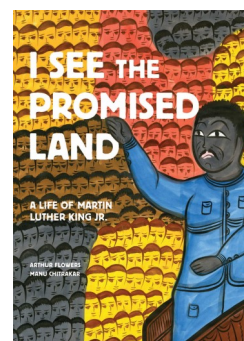
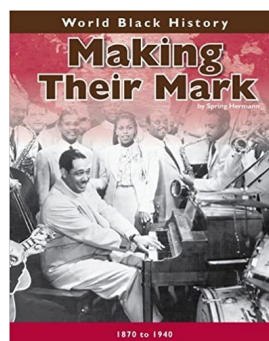
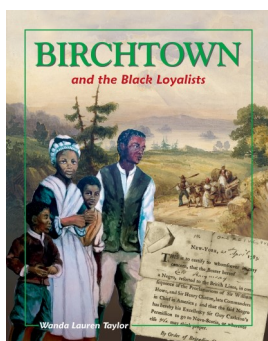
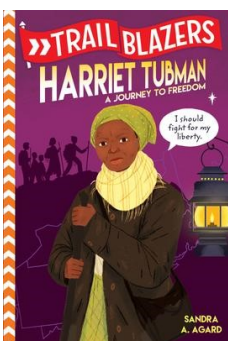
What were "Jim Crow" laws? How did the end of World War I lead to race riots in Great Britain? Which styles of music were influenced by both slavery and African culture? Black history from 1870 through 1940.

### **I see the Promised Land** by Arthur Flowers and Manu Chitrakar

A graphic narrative telling Martin Luther King's story through the major events that occurred in the apartheid South during his lifetime.

### **March** (series) by John Lewis

March is a graphic first-hand account of U.S. Senator John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.





## BOOKS (continued)



### **Independence and Equality** by Elizabeth Cregan

What African American doctor started the first blood bank? How did a woman riding at the front of a bus help start the Civil Rights Movement? When did colonies in Africa and the Caribbean gain independence? Black history from 1940 to 1968.

### **Building the Future** by Elizabeth Cregan

Who is the world's first black billionaire? What are the greatest challenges facing African's today? How has the drug war affected blacks in the United States and Great Britain? Black history from 1968 to today.

### **The Kids Book of Black Canadian History** by Rosemary Sinclair

From the first Black person who came to Canada about 400 years ago to the most recent wave of African immigrants, Black Canadians have played an important role in our country's history and have helped make our nation what it is today.

### **Black Canadians** by Joseph Mensah

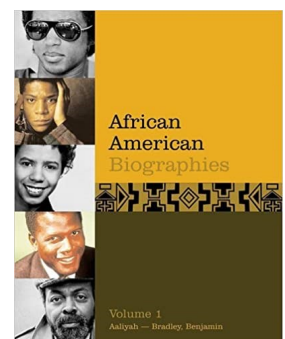
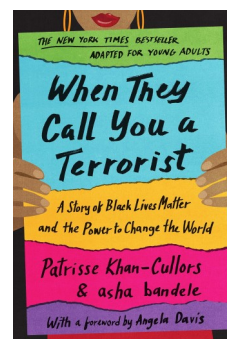
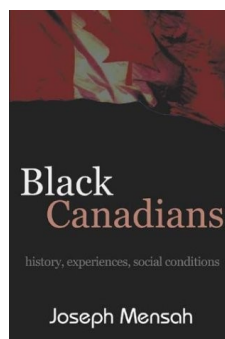
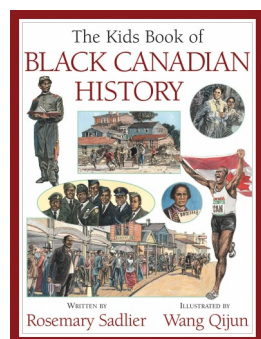
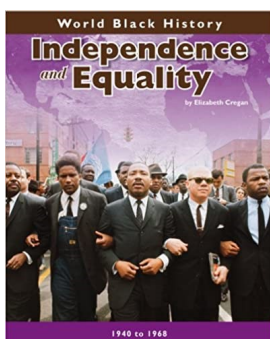
The ongoing struggle against racism and discrimination for black Canadians is explored in this authoritative reference for those seeking to learn more about the black diaspora in North America. This work examines more than 300 years of black Canadian history, from the first migration of slaves, black loyalists, and Civil War refugees to the expansive movement brought about by the establishment of the point system in 1967.

### **When They Call You a Terrorist** by Patrisse Khan-Cullors

From one of the co-founders of the Black Lives Matter movement comes a poetic memoir and reflection on humanity. Leaders of the Black Lives Matter movement have been called terrorists, a threat to America. But in truth, they are loving women whose life experiences have led them to seek justice for those victimized by the powerful.

### **The Encyclopedia of African American Biographies** by Grolier

1000 remarkable African Americans, including politicians, athletes, entertainers, activists, educators, businesspeople, and doctors, ranging from the well-known to the less familiar.



## VIDEOS (online)



### [28 Moments of Black Canadian History](#) by Unilearn

For each day of February, there is a video of a Black Youth speaking about their experiences in Canada, their goals, aspirations, and interests. They then give a small history lesson on an important moment or figure in Black Canadian history.

**Youtube Playlist. Various lengths.**

### [Proud of our History - Black History Month](#) by Canadian Heritage

Promotes the significant contributions that Canadians of African descent have made to their communities and to Canada. Various key black Canadians and events are featured. **1 min.**

### [Teaching Black History in Canada](#) by CBC News : The National

An Ontario teachers explains why it is so important to teach Black History and Black Canadians' place in our history. **4 min.**

### [Black History](#) by Historica Canada

Historica Canada's videos commemorating and honoring various events and peoples who shaped Canadian History. **Youtube Playlist. Various lengths.**

### [Journey to Justice](#) by Roger McTair for the NFB

Documents the struggle of 6 people who refused to accept inequality. These brave pioneers helped secure justice for all Canadians. **47 min.**

### [A Canadian Slavery Story](#) by Canadiana

A story about a woman forced into slavery who may or may not have set Montréal on fire: Marie-Joseph Angélique. **Disturbing themes of abuse and torture. 11 min.**

### [Remember Africville](#) by the National Film Board of Canada

Africville, a small black settlement, lay within the city limits of Halifax, Nova Scotia. In the 1960s, the families who lived there were uprooted and their homes demolished in the name of urban renewal and integration. **1991. 35 min.**

### [Harriet Tubman](#) by Heritage Canada

After escaping slavery herself, Tubman risked her own life countless times to help others find freedom in Canada and upper New York. **4.5 min.**

# Articles (online)



[Black History Month in Canada](#) by The Canadian Encyclopedia

The history of Black History Month in Canada, with emphasis on how each Province has historically come to accept the February event.

[Noteworthy Historical Figures of Canada](#) by The Government of Canada

Read the biographies of some notable Black individuals who have helped shape Canadian heritage and identity, and who have made and continue to make enormous contributions to all sectors of society in Canada.

[Historic Black Canadian communities](#) by the Government of Canada

Documents some of the events that helped shape the contributions that Black people have made to all sectors of society well before this country was even called Canada.

[Do's and Don'ts of Teaching Black History](#) by Learning for Justice

How do you ensure students get the most out of black history and Black History Month? Here are some suggestions.

[The History Behind Black History Month](#) by Learning for Justice

Many educators silently wrestle with this question: Is Black History Month a window of opportunity or just a pigeonhole?

[Black History Month Isn't Racist, It's a Form of Reparations](#) by Jenn M. Jackson

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[23 historical black Canadians you should know](#) by CBC News

Here are 23 black Canadians who made major contributions to Canada's culture and legacy.

## Articles (continued)



[The Story of Slavery in Canadian History](#) by Matthew McRae for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights

It happened here, too. Like the United States, this land has its own history of slavery – and it is a history we should never forget.

## Websites

[Black History Month - Montreal](#)

The Round Table on Black History Month is a non-profit organization that promotes activities highlighting both the history and the contemporary situation of Black communities in Quebec.

[Anti-Slavery Movement in Canada](#)

Photos, drawings, original manuscripts, books, and maps that tell some of the stories of the approximately 30,000 Black refugees who left the United States for Canada.

[Black History Month in Canada](#) by the Canadian Encyclopedia

An annotated guide to online resources on the history of Canada's Black community.

[Black Canadians in uniform — a proud tradition](#)

Often having to overcome great challenges just to enlist in the military, the sacrifices and achievements of Black Canadians over the years have shone through.