Black History Month at Montgomery County Public Libraries

Montgomery County Public Libraries will celebrate Black History Month with special programs. The free events, suitable for all ages, will take place at the following branches:

February 1 to February 17 (during library open hours)

I Have a Dream

A celebration of individuals' dreams. Fill out a card with a dream or vision and post on the library. Kensington Park, 4201 Knowles Avenue

February 3 at 11 a.m. **Black History for Kids** A short movie about significant people and events in black history followed with a discussion. <u>Olney, 3500 Olney-Laytonsville Road</u>

February 7 at 7 p.m.

Come Meet Harriet Tubman

Janice Curtis Green will play Harriet Tubman and reenact Tubman's story introducing the child and the woman who became the hero of the Underground Railroad. Davis, 6400 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda

February 21 at 6 p.m.

Thurgood Marshall: A Trail-Blazing Civil Rights Victory in Montgomery County

Civil rights icon Thurgood Marshall delivered an early blow to school segregation right here in Montgomery County---Gaining equal pay for the County's African American teachers in 1937. This illustrated talk details this remarkable local story and its national significance. Olney, 3500 Olney-Laytonsville Road

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February 24 at 2 p.m.

Black History Month Family Movie Afternoon - Akeelah and the Bee

The inspirational story of Akeelah Anderson, who is an eleven-year old girl with a gift for words and her participation in a national spelling competition.

Marilyn J. Praisner, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville

February 24 at 2 p.m.

Black History Month Family Movie - Remember the Titans

How these two coaches overcome their differences and turn a group of hostile young men into champions plays out in a remarkable and winning story. A film based on real-life events at T. C. Williams High School in Alexandria, VA. After the film learn more about Black History using the virtual reality Google Expedition Kits. <u>Chevy Chase, 8005 Connecticut Avenue</u>

February 24 at 3 p.m.

MCPL Expeditions – An Adventure Awaits You: Selma to Montgomery

Using the Google Expedition Kit, take a virtual trip from Selma to Montgomery to locations and memorials that bear witness to the civil rights struggle. Virtual reality viewers provide opportunities to explore new locations and learn about some of the men and women involved with the campaign and to provide an understanding of why the March was so important. Following the expedition, there will be a showing of the film, Selma. <u>Maggie Nightingale, 19633 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville</u>

February 26 at 5 p.m.

Black History Month Film Screening – Hidden Figures

Hidden Figures tells the story of Katherine G. Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, three brilliant African-American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit. Silver Spring, 900 Wayne Avenue

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