Black History Month Events

FIRST Friday – Black History Month Kick-Off Rhythm & Poetry
**Date:** Friday, February 5, 2021  
**Time:** 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM EST  
**Location:** Phiri Art Gallery – 120 East Market Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204  
**Description:** Come celebrate Black History month by coming to experience great art or bringing it in by showcasing your talents by expressing yourself during our open mic segment.

Race, Rage and Resistance: Richard Buckelew
**Date:** Monday, February 8, 2021  
**Time:** 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM  
**Location:** Virtual Event, click [HERE](#) to register.  
**Description:** Richard A. “Rick” Buckelew is a historian of nineteenth-century America who specializes in the history of race in Arkansas and the American South, with a particular focus on the history of lynching and racial violence. He received a PhD in history from the University of Arkansas in 1999 and is an associate professor of history at Bethune-Cookman University. Race, Rage, and Resistance is a 4-part series of programs presented by CALS Encyclopedia of Arkansas in honor of Black History Month.

Black History Month Celebration
**Date:** Thursday, February 4, 2021  
**Time:** 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
**Location:** The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis  
**Admission:** $6.00  
**Description:** Meet Visiting Artist Israel Solomon and other artists as they share about how they created the Black Lives Matter mural on Indiana Avenue in downtown Indianapolis. Hear stories of the Civil Rights Movement from Storyteller Portia Jackson. Get up close and personal with inspirational women, including Ella Fitzgerald®, Laurie Hernandez, and Katherine Johnson in the Women Changing the World program inside *Barbie™You Can Be Anything™: The Experience*. Discover how to use your Words, Actions, Voice, and Education to make a change in the Making WAVES—Social Justice in Action program inside *The Power of Children: Making a Difference®*

Black History Month: Underground Railroad Walks
**Date:** Saturday, February 27, 2021  
**Time:** 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM CST  
**Location:** Sandridge Nature Center – 15891 Paxton Avenue, South Holland, IL  
**Contact:** 708-868-0606  
**Website:** [sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov)  
**Description:** Join on a self-guided journey that follows the Underground Railroad route connected to the Calumet Region during the mid-1800s.  
**All participants are required to wear masks and practice physical distancing.**
R&B Legends to Kick Off Bloomington and IU Black History Month Celebration

Date: Friday, January 29, 2021
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Zoom Video, follow the link to register: HERE
Registration: Registration to attend the event over Zoom must be made in advance.
Theme: “The Show Goes On”
Description: The kick-off event will feature a conversation between Verdine White, best known as a founding member and bassist for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame band, Earth, Wind & Fire, and his wife of 41 years, Shelly Clark, a singer, dancer, and actress, best known as a founding member of the 1970s R&B girl group Honey Cone, whose song “Want Ads” was a No. 1 Billboard Hot 100 hit single in 1971. Their conversation will be moderated by Dr. Tyron Cooper, Director of Archives of African American Music and Culture at Indiana University. The kick-off event will also feature performances by Trumusiq Group and IU Soul Revue.

The Indiana Public Library – Celebrate Black History Month (Virtual Events)

2021 Meet the Artists XXXIII Exhibits & Virtual Events
Don't miss the opportunity to view the works of prominent local African American artists during one of Indianapolis' premier cultural events, Meet the Artists XXXIII. The Meet the Artists exhibit and related virtual events are for individuals and families of all ages! See all of the Meet the Artists Virtual Events.

Rosa Parks: A Life in Activism
Thursday, February 4 at 2:00 pm Register
In honor of what would be Rosa Parks’ 108th birthday, Thursday, February 4th, join Leslie K. Etienne, Ph.D. of IUPUI as we explore the larger history of Rosa Parks and her strategic work for racial justice. This event is being held as an online meeting/webinar. You will be emailed login instructions approximately 24 hours before the event.

Under the Interstate: Highway Displacement in Indianapolis
Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 pm Register
Explore the construction of interstate highways through Indianapolis during the late 1950s to 1970s. Mr. Paul R. Mullins, Professor in the Department of Anthropology at IUPUI, will examine some of the grassroots resistance to highway displacement and the coalitions across class and color lines. This event is being held as an online meeting/webinar. You will be emailed login instructions approximately 24 hours before the event.

Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites – Black History Gallery Tour
Date: Friday, February 5, 2021
Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: 650 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Description: Go beyond the exhibit label and learn more about artifacts featured in our museum that connect to Black and Africa American History in Indiana.
Price: $8/adults, members received 25% off
Tickets: HERE
A Celebration of African American Life and History: Trailblazer Dr. Mae Jemison

**Date:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021  
**Time:** 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM EST  
**Location:** Virtual event, click [HERE](#) to register

**Description:** Encourage young people to join this conversation with the first African American woman to travel into space when she served as a mission specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour! This event launches the release of the second edition of the book, *Find Where the Wind Goes*, a children’s book about her life. With engaging humor, confidence, warmth and sense of wonder, Dr. Mae shares personal accounts of moments from her life that led from growing up on the Southside of Chicago not only to become an engineer, physician, and astronaut, but also to work in rural East Africa, choreograph dance productions, appear on Star Trek, and lead the 100 Year Starship initiative. Along the way, Dr. Mae discovered that becoming who she is intended could be as tricky as “Finding Where the Wind Goes.” This 2nd Edition of the book expands upon the variety and richness of Dr. Mae Jemison’s experiences and will inspire young adults and every reader who picks it up.

From the Continent to the Americas: Foodways, Culture and Traditions in the African American Family

**Date:** Saturday, February 6, 2021  
**Time:** 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST  
**Location:** Virtual Event click [HERE](#) to register

**Description:** This event will feature a panel of authors, chefs and historians who will share their work and discuss the important role that food has played in Black family life throughout the diaspora. Panelists include - Gina Paige, CEO and Founder of African Ancestry; Carla Hall, author, and celebrity chef; Stephanie Evans, scholar and author, Georgia State University; and Daphne Maxwell Reid, actor (Fresh Prince of Bel Air) and author of “Grace, Soul and Mother Wit” who will join us for this exciting event!

Manhattan Branch, Panel Discussion “How African American Families Have Been Portrayed in the Media”

**Date:** Sunday, February 7, 2021  
**Time:** 4:00 PM- 6:00 PM  
**Location:** Virtual Event, click [HERE](#) to register

**Description:** There will be a presentation and panel discussion on “How African American Families Have Been Portrayed in the Media.”

Dr. Charlene Dukes on the Black Family and Education

**Date:** Sunday, February 28, 2021  
**Time:** 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST  
**Location:** Virtual Event, click [HERE](#) to register.
Description: Prince George’s County Truth Branch and Maple Springs Baptist Church Cultural Education Experience Ministry (CEEM) host a joint ASALH Branch program on the Black Family.

Music at Butler Presents: Black History Month Concert
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021
Time: 8:30 PM
Location: Virtual Event, click HERE to register
Description: Join the Butler University School of Music for a concert showcasing our student ensembles!
Due to the international pandemic, we have decided to pre-record and livestream a weekly potpourri of our music ensembles; each performance will then be available to view through the Butler Arts and Events Center website.

Art & Soul 2021
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 – Friday, February 26, 2021
Time: Monday – Friday: 9 AM – 5 PM
Location: 924 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Cost: FREE
Description: Join us in February as we kick off Black History Month in Indianapolis and mark 25 years of celebrating African-American art and music in Indiana. Art & Soul, traditionally hosted at the Indianapolis Artsgarden, will move online due to ongoing COVID-19 health and safety concerns. The Arts Council is partnering with WISH-TV to present a special, virtual, month-long 25th-anniversary edition of the community program. Highlights will include shows by the four Featured Artists, performances by 12 musical acts, and special programming. We'll announce more details, including a schedule of events, later this month! Please follow @indyarts council and #ArtSoulIndy on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for the latest information. We also invite you to share your memories of Art & Soul with us at indyarts@indyarts.org for a special "flashback" feature we are creating.

Tea Convos with Tamika & Joi
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021
Time: 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Location: Virtual Event, click HERE for more information
Description: Grab your Tea’s Me Cafe tea, your fave mug (or glass) and join us via IG live every 1st Tuesday of the month from 6pm-6:30pm for a tea conversation with our Owner & General Manager, Tamika Catchings @catchin24 and Joi DeFrantz.

Tea Time: Book Club: A Promised Land by Barack Obama
Date: Saturday, February 20, 2021
Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location: Virtual Event, click HERE to register for the event.
**Description:** We are celebrating Black History month by reading A Promised Land by Barack Obama, the United States first African American former president. Grab your tea and join us for the discussion. Register and attend for a chance to win Tea’s Me Cafe Indy tea and other prizes.  
www.ChooseJoyNowNetwork.com  

**Book Summary From the author:**  
In the stirring, highly anticipated first volume of his presidential memoirs, Barack Obama tells the story of his improbable odyssey from a young man searching for his identity to the leader of the free world, describing in strikingly personal detail both his political education and the landmark moments of the first term of his historic presidency—a time of dramatic transformation and turmoil.  
A Promised Land is extraordinarily intimate and introspective—the story of one man’s bet with history, the faith of a community organizer tested on the world stage. Obama is candid about the balancing act of running for office as a Black American, bearing the expectations of a generation buoyed by messages of “hope and change,” and meeting the moral challenges of high-stakes decision-making. He is frank about the forces that opposed him at home and abroad, open about how living in the White House affected his wife and daughters, and unafraid to reveal self-doubt and disappointment. Yet he never wavers from his belief that inside the great, ongoing American experiment, progress is always possible.  
The book is available in hardcover, paperback, eBook or audiobook.