

Beyond the Stacks Junior



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Message from the Youth Librarian

Dear Reader,

It's Black History Month in the U.S. and Canada. It's during this time the achievements and contributions of African-Americans to U.S. history have been celebrated in this country since 1926. February became the month because it marks the birthdays of two men who positively influenced African Americans in the U.S.: Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Additionally, it's the Chinese New Year. This year it's the "Year of the Dog." The Chinese zodiac moves in a 12-year cycle, and those born in 1958, 1970, and 1982, 1994, 2006, and 2018 are also known as Dogs. Anyone born in an earth dog year will be communicative, serious, and responsible. Also, there are some great events coming your way. Read on to learn more!

~ Ms. Myles

Upcoming Events:

Teen Tech Week 2017	March 4 – 10, 2018
Twelfth Night Center Stage	March 7, 2018
NASA Podcast @ LBPH	April 4, 11, 18, and 25

Important Dates: February 2018

2/3	Elmo's Birthday (Sesame Street Character)
2/4	Facebook First Launched (2004) as thefacebook.com
2/5	Hank Aaron born, 1934
2/6	Babe Ruth born, 1895
2/9	Hershey's Chocolate Founded in 1894
2/11	Thomas Edison born, 1847
2/12	First Barbie Dolls for sale (1959)
2/13	Mardi Gras!
2/14	Valentine's Day George Washington Gale Ferris born, 1859 (creator of Ferris Wheel)
2/15	Susan B. Anthony born, 1820
2/16	King Tut's Burial Chamber opened in 1923 Chinese New Year- Year of the Dog
2/17	Random Acts of Kindness Day
2/19	President's Day
2/20	John Glenn Orbits Earth in 1962
2/26	Levi Strauss born, 1829

Author Birthdays

2/1	Langston Hughes born, 1902
2/7	Charles Dickens born, 1812 Laura Ingalls Wilder born, 1828
2/11	Jane Yolen born, 1939
2/12	Judy Blume born, 1938
2/15	Norman Bridwell born, 1928
2/27	John Steinbeck born, 1902

How Did February Become Black History Month?

In the early 20th century, while he earned a Masters degree from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from Harvard, both in history, Woodson witnessed how black people were underrepresented in the books and conversations that shaped the study of American history. According to the way many historians taught the nation's past, African Americans were barely part of the story—a narrative that Woodson knew was not true.

So in 1915, he and Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, or the ASALH). The organization would promote studying black history as a discipline and celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans. In 1926, Woodson and the ASALH began a “Negro History Week.” Woodson chose the second week in February, as it contained both Frederick Douglass’ birthday on February 14 and Abraham Lincoln’s birthday on February 12.

Though a newfound understanding of black culture and literature was spreading, the idea of expanding the week to a month did not come until several decades later. During the Civil Rights Movement, Freedom Schools in the South embraced the week and its curriculum message as a way to contribute to the mission. By the mid-1960s, the most popular textbook for eighth-grade U.S. history classes mentioned only two black people in the entire century of history that had happened since the Civil War—and that problem could no longer be ignored. It was in that decade that colleges and universities across the country turned the week into a Black History Month on campus.

President Gerald Ford decreed Black History Month a national observance in 1976. “In celebrating Black History Month,” Ford said in his

message, “we can seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

Time Magazine
January 29, 2016
By: Julia Zorithian

Author of the Month

Renee Watson <http://www.reneewatson.net/>

The 2018 Coretta Scott King Book Awards Author Winner is to Renée Watson, author of "Piecing Me Together," published by Bloomsbury Children's Books.

"Piecing Me Together" is an inspiring tale in which Watson pulls the reader into Jade's world by sharing Jade's love for the Spanish language and providing a different, yet necessary story of Black womanhood.

Renée Watson is an author, educator, and activist from Portland, Oregon, who now lives in New York City. Watson has taught creative writing and theater in public schools and community centers throughout the U.S. for over twenty years. She often focuses on the lived experiences of Black girls and women. **DB088750**

<http://www.ala.org/rt/emiert/cskbookawards>

GOT BARD? (Braille and Audio Recorded Book Download)

Newly Added to BARD

Big Cat, Little Cat DBCo8767

Cooper, Elisha. Reading time: 3 minutes.

Read by Wendy Devilbiss. A production of Kansas State Library, Kansas Talking Books Regional Library.

A moving tale about friendship, new beginnings, and cats. For grades K-3.

[Download Big Cat, Little Cat](#)

Bob, Not Bob! DBCo8766

Scanlon, Liz Garton; Vernick, Audrey. Reading time: 8 minutes.

Read by Wendy Devilbiss. A production of Kansas State Library, Kansas Talking Books Regional Library.

When a young boy gets a cold, he just wants his mommy. But his stuffy nose makes it difficult for him to call out to his mom not Bob, who happens to be the family dog. For grades K-3.

[Download Bob, Not Bob!](#)

The Antlered Ship DBCo8765

Slater, Dashka. Reading time: 9 minutes.

Read by Wendy Devilbiss. A production of Kansas State Library, Kansas Talking Books Regional Library.

An inquisitive fox named Marco and a bored flock of pigeons join the crew of deer Captain Sylvia, setting sail in her antlered ship in search of a wonderful island and finding friendship on the way. For grades K-3.

[Download The Antlered Ship](#)

And the Robot Went... DBCo8764

Robinson, Michelle. Reading time: 5 minutes.

Read by Wendy Devilbiss. A production of Kansas State Library, Kansas Talking Books Regional Library.

In this cumulative tale, a group of animals assembles a robot. For grades K-3.

[Download And the Robot Went...](#)

Did You Know?

The ancient Olympic Games were primarily a part of a religious festival to honor Zeus, the father of the Greek gods and goddesses. The festival and games were held in Olympia. Olympia was one of the oldest religious centers in the ancient Greek World. The athletes were all male citizens of the city-states of the Greek world.

The Book Corner:

Bronzeville Boys and Girls

Kids can learn the importance of community by reading Gwendolyn Brooks' poems about Chicago's Bronzeville section. (By Gwendolyn Brooks, illustrated by Faith Ringgold) **DB063916**

Last Stop on Market Street

Last Stop on Market Street highlights the relationship between a child and his grandmother, who shows him what he's overlooking in their day-to-day life. (By Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson) **BR021056**
DBC06858 * Download Only

Rosa

With this book, kids can learn about Rosa Parks' bravery and resilience as she refused to give up her bus seat in Alabama, playing an important role in the civil rights movement. (By Nikki Giovanni, illustrated by Bryan Collier) **BR016045**

The Story of Ruby Bridges

This book tells the story of Ruby Bridges, who became the first African-American child to integrate a white southern elementary school. (By Robert Coles, illustrated by George Ford) **DB041709**

Mare's War Braille

Teens Octavia and Tali reluctantly take a cross-country road trip with their eighty-year-old grandmother. But Mare's stories about growing up black in 1940s Alabama and running away from home to join the army during World War II make the journey worthwhile. For grades 6-9. Coretta Scott King Honor Book. (By Tanita S Davis) **BR018763 / DB070850**

Double Victory: How African American Women Broke Race and Gender Barriers to Help Win World War II

An account of the lesser-known contributions of African American women during World War II reveals how they helped lay the foundations for the Civil Rights Movement by challenging racial and gender barriers at home and abroad. For grades 6-9 and older readers. (By Cheryl Mullenbach) **DB079302**

Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker

A portrait of the passionate performer and civil rights advocate Josephine Baker (1906-1975). The African-American dancer worked her way from the slums of St. Louis to become a sensation on the grandest of stages in France. For grades 5-8. 2014 (By Patricia Hruby Powell) **DB079158**

Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles, America's First Black Paratroopers

Explores the history of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, America's first black paratroopers. Recounts the racism the "Triple Nickles" faced and their success in defying old stereotypes and becoming a highly skilled combat company during World War II. For grades 4-7 and older readers. (By Tanya Lee Stone) **BR019865**

Brown Girl Dreaming

Autobiography told through vivid poems. Jacqueline Woodson explores her childhood as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s and her growing awareness of the civil rights movement. Reflects on the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite her difficulties with reading as a child. For grades 4-7. 2014 (By Jacqueline Woodson) **BR020541**

Ninth Ward

New Orleans, Ninth Ward; August 2005. Twelve-year-old orphan Lanesha, who sees spirits, prepares for hurricane Katrina with her eighty-two-year-old adoptive grandmother, Mama Ya-Ya. Unable to evacuate, they gather supplies and two refugees--neighbor TaShon and his dog Spot. For grades 4-7. Coretta Scott King Honor. (By Nona Pipes) **DB072604 / BR019190**

King of the Mound: My Summer with Satchel Paige

Twelve-year-old Nick loves baseball and pitching. After spending a year in the hospital with a brace on his leg, fighting polio, Nick works for the Bismarck Churchills--where his dad is the catcher--and gets to see the great Satchel Paige pitch the 1935 season. For grades 4-7 and older readers. (By Wes Tooke) **BR019580**

Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond

Violet, a biracial girl, finally gets the chance to meet the African American side of her family. Eager to meet them, Violet begins to fret when she realizes her grandmother never made the effort to meet her. For grades 4-7. (By Brenda Woods) **DB083032**

Important Announcements!

Baltimore Center Stage's Mobile Theater Unit returns to LBPH

The Play: Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare (audio description is available)

When: Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Time: Touch Tour at 12:30 PM; Performance at 1:00 PM

Location: Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 415 Park Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21201

RSVP to help us make sure we have enough transmitters for audio description

Contact:

Email reference.desk@maryland.gov or

Call 410-230-2424 **option 5**

About the Show:

Twelfth Night

By William Shakespeare

Shipwrecked and separated in a strange new land, identical twins Viola and Sebastian quickly find themselves entwined in a madcap world of disguises and mistaken identities, love triangles and all-night parties, secrets and lies and yellow stockings. In Mobile Twelfth Night, only five actors bring to life Shakespeare's topsy-turviest romp—where the smallest choice has unexpected consequences, from heartbreaking to hilarious. (But don't worry: what happens in Illyria, stays in Illyria!)

It's Coming....



(Picture of NASA astronaut from the Discovery Space Shuttle with the planet Earth in background)

NASA Goddard Podcast Series for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Join us on Wednesdays in April at 10 am EST for a special podcast series featuring NASA scientists and engineers sharing the incredible work being done in Earth and Space Science. Find more information about the topic for each date below. Podcast registration is capped at the first 100 registrants for each podcast, but they will be streamed live for additional audiences at: [NASA LiveStream Link](#)

4/4/18: Our Solar System

4/11/18: Air and Water

4/18/18: Satellite and Astronaut Communications

4/25/18: NASA's internship program and career opportunities for blind and visually impaired individuals.

You can register with the following link: [NASA Podcast Link](#)



Reading Super Bowl Results!

It's Official:

The **2018 LBPH Super Bowl Champions**
Are... **The Braille Wales**

Reading 21,107 minutes in Week #3

Total Minutes Read: 48,223

2018 LBPH Super Bowl MVP

L. Toulson

Total Minutes Read: 12,187

Not to be outdone, congratulate the **Reading Raiders** who gave it their very best until the end.

Reading Raiders

Reading 13,944 minutes for Week #3

Total minutes Read: 42,163

Websites/ Social Media to Check Out

[LBPH Twitter](#)

[LBPH Facebook](#)

[LBPH Website](#)

[OPAC \(Online Public Access Catalog\)](#)

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