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Black History Month

PATHFINDER TO RESOURCES AT THE ESCANABA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Black History Month

...is an annual observance, in February, of the past achievements and current status of African Americans. It coincides with the birthdays of the great black leader Frederick Douglass (February 14) and of Abraham Lincoln (February 12).

The idea for an observance honoring the accomplishments of African Americans led to the establishment of Negro History Week during the early 1970's and was established as Black History Month in 1976.

The celebration is sponsored by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH).

World Book Encyclopedia
2009 Edition, Vol. 2-B
Pg 388

Follow the Drinking Gourd

When the sun comes back,
and the first Quail calls,
Follow the drinking gourd,
For the old man is waiting
for to carry you to freedom
If you follow the drinking gourd.

Chorus:

Follow the drinking gourd,
Follow the drinking gourd,
For the old man is waiting
for to carry you to freedom
If you follow the drinking gourd.

The riverbank will make a very good road,
The dead trees show you the way.
Left foot, peg foot traveling on,
Following the drinking gourd.

The river ends between two hills,
Follow the drinking gourd,
There's another river on the other side,
Follow the drinking gourd.

When the great big river meets the little river,
Follow the drinking gourd.
For the old man is waiting
for to carry you to freedom
If you follow the drinking gourd.

Scope

This pathfinder was designed to assist all ages in finding resources on the topic **Black History**. These resources include suggested book titles, web sites, and periodicals. Resources are available through the Escanaba Public Library either on-site or accessed through the web from home and interlibrary loan from the Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation and MeL.

Search by

Blacks-history
African Americans-history
African Americans-archive
African Americans-biography
Black history
Black Americans
Cultural diversity

Travelers on the **Underground Railroad** shared the itinerary for their path to freedom -- hidden in these lyrics.

Listen to **Richie Havens** sing this...
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBOP8t2hIFQ>

Michigan Underground Railroad routes

Runaway slaves followed regular routes maintained by Abolitionists to reach free territory. Stations provided shelter along the route and were about 16 miles apart.



Key
— Underground Railroad routes
— Connecting routes
— Water routes

1. The Detroit River Route
2. The Toledo to Adrian Route
3. The Old Sault Trail
4. The Old Territorial Road Trail
5. The Old Grand River Trail
6. The Detroit to Saginaw Route
7. The Chicago to Mackinaw to Duluth Route

Sources: Mary Edmond, Blanche Coggan
The Detroit News

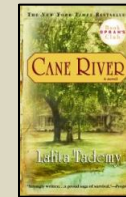
Books and videos

These resources can be found in the library



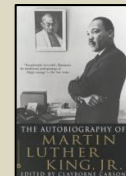
Flying for freedom: untold stories of the Tuskegee Airmen

By AMS Production Group 2007
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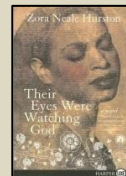
Cane river

By Lalita Tademy
Warner Books, 2001
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Autobiography of Martin Luther King, JR.

Edited by Clayborne Carson
Time Warner, 1998
B KIN



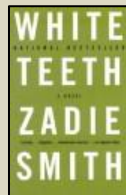
Their eyes were watching God

By Zora Neale Hurston
Quality Paperback Books, 1990
F HUR [also available in DVD]



Jackie Robinson story

By Digiview Productions 2004
796.357 R [DVD]



White teeth

By Zadie Smith
Random House 2000
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Stormy weather: the life of Lena Horne

By James Gavin
Atria Books 2009
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These examples listed in this pathfinder represent only a small portion of the many resources available through the library. Visit the **Escanaba Public Library** to find more.

Websites & Blogs

African American World (PBS site)

Guide to African American history, arts & culture, race & society, and profiles. Discover the courage and talent that shaped the African American experience.

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aaworld/>

American Legacy Magazine (online),

Magazine of African-American history and culture which includes stories of great men and women whose struggles, triumphs, and accomplishments compose our remarkable history and continue to empower us. American Legacy celebrates an exceptional group of pioneers and leaders, whose contributions have impacted not only the African-American community, but also society as a whole.

<http://www.americanlegacymag.com/home.html>

Biography.com.

This site includes links to an interactive Black History timeline, biographies, online tour of the Apollo Theatre, 101 Fast Facts and Black History videos.

<http://www.biography.com/blackhistory/index.jsp>

Library of Congress-American Memory.

The Library of Congress has created this site to share some of its' best resources on African-American history covering the history of slavery to the story of Jackie Robinson. This site includes links to the African American Odyssey-A quest for full citizenship, Frederick Douglass Papers at the Library of Congress, Jackie Robinson & Other Baseball Highlights 1860s-1960s, Born in Slavery: Slave narratives from the Federal Writers Project 1936-1938, From Slavery to Freedom: The African American Pamphlet Collection 1822-1909 and Slaves and the Courts 1740-1860.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aaohhtml/aohome.html>

Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Movement 1954-1985

This is a special presentation of The American Experience/Public TV13.

<http://www.pbs.org/wqbh/amex/eyesontheprize/>

The African-American Mosaic

This Library of Congress site is a resource guide for the study of black history and culture.

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/african/intro.html>

Powerful Days in Black and White

Browse through the work of photojournalist Charles Moore to see images of the Civil Rights Movement in stunning black and white.

<http://www.kodak.com/US/en/corp/features/moore/mooreIndex.shtml>

National Gallery of Art

The National Gallery of Art includes 150 works by African-American artists. This online tour offers commentary on a selection of twenty-two paintings, works on paper, and sculpture.

<http://www.nga.gov/collection/gallery/ggafamer/ggafamer-main1.html>

Black History Album

This photo blog chronicles the life and times of Blacks in America from slavery of the 1850s to the black power movement of the 1960's. The hand-picked images found on this site are derived from various sources, including old family albums, antique shops, second-hand stores, auctions, garage sales, vintage books and publications, as well as government archives such as the US Library of Congress and the National Archives.

<http://blackhistoryalbum.com/>

Discover Black Heritage

This site links to resources that include festivals, exhibits, readings, tours, music, restaurants and more.

<http://discoverblackheritage.com/>

Every Month is Black History Month

<http://blackhistoryeverymonth.blogspot.com/>

African-Americans.org.

This site includes links to quality resources on African American history, culture, & more.

<http://www.africanamericans.org/>

National Parks Conversation Association

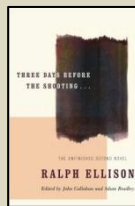
Learn about the Underground Railroad network to freedom.

http://www.npca.org/cultural_diversity/black_history/ugrr.html

Poets.org

Celebrate and explore the rich tradition of African American poetry.

<http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/370>



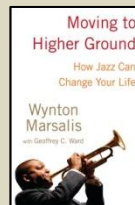
Three days before the shooting: the unfinished second novel

By Ralph Ellison
Random House 2010
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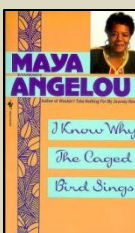
Jazz

By Walter Dean Myers
Holiday House 2006
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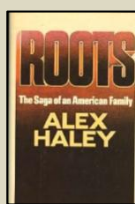
Moving to higher ground: How jazz can change your life

By Wynton Marsalis
Random House 2008
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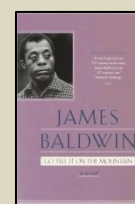
I know why the caged bird sings

By Maya Angelou
Bantam Books 1971
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Roots: the saga of an American family

By Alex Haley
Doubleday 1976
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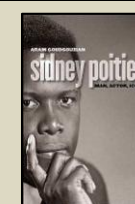
Go tell it on the mountain

By James Baldwin
Dial Press 1963
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Black heroes

By Jessie Carney Smith
Visible Ink Press 2001
920.0092 S



Sidney Poitier: man, actor, icon

By Aram Goudsouzian
University of North Carolina Press
2004
B Poitier

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