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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.

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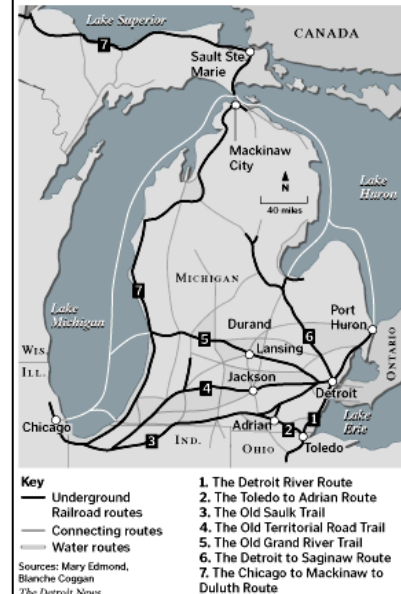
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Cultural diversity

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.



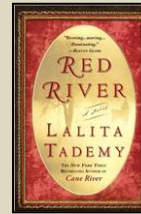
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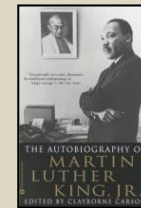
Red Tails

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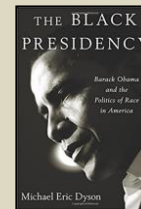
Red River

By Lalita Tademy
Grand Central Pub., 2008
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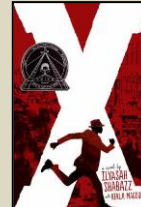
Autobiography of Martin Luther King, JR.

Edited by Clayborne Carson
Time Warner, 1998
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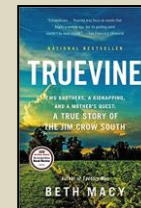
The Black Presidency

By Michael Eric Dyson
Houghton Mifflin, 2016
305.8099 D



X: A Novel

By Ilyasah Shabazz
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Truevine

By Beth Macy
Back Bay Books, 2017
920 M



Stormy weather: the life of Lena Horne

By James Gavin
Atria Books, 2009
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Websites & Blogs

Africans in America (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/wqbh/aia/home.html>

Biography.com

This site includes biographies of prominent African Americans in history.

<https://www.biography.com/search?query=african%20americans>

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..

<https://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListSome.php?category=African%20American%20History>

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.info/US/en/corp/features/moore/aboutCharlesMoore.shtml>

Smithsonian National Museum of African Art

<https://africa.si.edu/>

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.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/blackheritage/>

National Park Service

African American heritage

<https://www.nps.gov/aahistory/>

Every Month is Black History Month

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

African American Inventors

Famous black inventors

<http://african-americaninventors.org/>

<http://mentalfloss.com/article/86923/11-african-american-inventors-who-changed-world>

National Parks Service-Network to Freedom

Learn about the Underground Railroad network to freedom.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/ugrr/index.htm>

Great Poems for Black History Month

The Huffington Post's "Books" page is celebrating Black History Month

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/travis-nichols/great-poems-for-black-his_b_448244.html

Black Culture Connection

Resource and guide to films, stories and voices across public television centered on Black history & culture.

<http://www.pbs.org/black-culture/home/>



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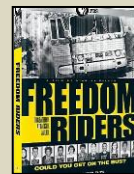


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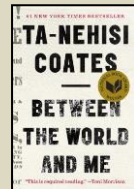
Three days before the shooting: the unfinished second novel

By Ralph Ellison
Random House, 2010
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Freedom Riders

American Experience, PBS, 2011
DVD 323.1196 F



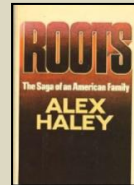
Between the World and Me

By Ta-Nehisi Coates
Random House Audio, 2015
305.8009 C



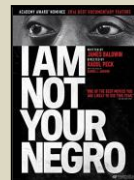
Memphis

Memphis: The Original Broadway Production, 2012
792.6 M DVD



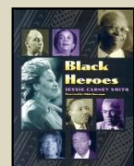
Roots: the saga of an American family

By Alex Haley
Doubleday 1976
920 H



I Am Not Your Negro

By James Baldwin
Magnolia Home Entertainment, 2017
DVD I AM



Black heroes

By Jessie Carney Smith
Visible Ink Press 2001
920.0092 S



Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution

2016
DVD 322.42 B

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