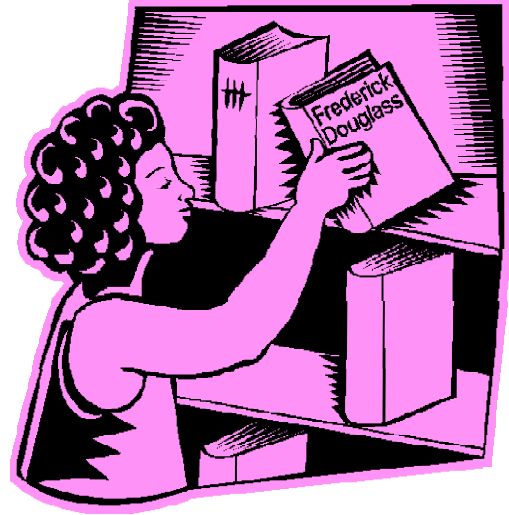


FAVORITE BOOKS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH at the Roseville Public Library

February is *Black History Month* and an ideal time to learn about and recognize the contributions and history of African Americans. The following are some great books to read for Black History Month (or any time). Some describe our different histories while others show the joys and challenges that are shared by children of all colors as they learn and grow.



Art from Her Heart: Folk Artist Clementine Hudson,
by Kathy Whitehead (J B HUNTER)

Clementine Hunter's paintings went from hanging on her clothesline to hanging in museums, yet because of the color of her skin, a friend had to sneak her in when the gallery was closed.

Bad News for Outlaws: the Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal,
by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson (J B REEVES)

This biography profiles the life of Bass Reeves, a former slave who was recruited as a deputy United States Marshal in the area that was to become Oklahoma.

Before John Was a Jazz Giant: a song of John Coltrane,
by Carole Boston Weatherford (J B COLTRANE)

This lyrical picture-book biography of John Coltrane focuses on his childhood and how he interpreted sounds before he made his music.

Child of the Civil Rights Movement, Carol Young Shelton (J 323.1196 S)

Paula Young Shelton shares her memories of the civil rights movement and her involvement in the historic march from Selma to Montgomery.

Go Long!

by Tiki Barber and Ronde Barber (J FIC BARBER)

When Coach Spangler leaves at the start of their second year of junior high school, thirteen-year-old twins Tiki and Ronde wonder if his replacement, history teacher Mr. Wheeler, can coach the Eagles to another winning football season.



Henry's Freedom Box,

by Ellen Levine (E LEVINE)

A fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia.

Joe Louis : America's Fighter,

by David A. Adler (J B LOUIS)

The life story of Joe Louis, heavyweight champion boxer, with the complete history of his career in the ring.

Keena Ford and the Second Grade Mix-Up,

by Melissa Thomson (READER 3 THOMSON)

Keena Ford chronicles her many mishaps as she begins second grade.

A Man for All Seasons : The Life of George Washington Carver,

by Stephen Krensky (J B CARVER)

Profiles the African American scientist George Washington Carver, who not only put the peanut on the map, but was also one of the first advocates of recycling.

My Name is Sangoel,

by Karen Lynn Williams (E WILLIAMS)

As a refugee from Sudan to the United States, Sangoel is frustrated that no one can pronounce his name correctly until he finds a clever way to solve the problem.

Nikki and Deja,

by Karen English (READER 3 ENGLISH)

When an arrogant new girl comes to school, third-graders and best friends Nikki and Deja decide to form a club that would exclude her but find the results not what they expected.

On the Court With - LeBron James,

by Matt Christopher (J B JAMES)

This biography of LeBron James discusses his early days playing basketball in Akron, Ohio, his standout performance with the Cleveland Cavaliers, and his reputation as a team player.

Open the Door to Liberty!: A Biography of Toussaint L'Ouverture,
by Anne Rockwell (J B L'OUVERTURE)

Describes how an African slave, Toussaint L'Ouverture, lead his fellow slaves of the island of St. Domingue (now Haiti) to revolt against the white plantation owners to gain their freedom and influence the course of world history.

Perfect Timing: How Isaac Murphy Became One of the World's Greatest Jockeys,

by Patsi Tollinger (J B MURPHY)

See how one offer to ride a horse changed Isaac Murphy's life and gave him the chance to become one of the greatest jockeys of all time.



Playing to Win: The Story of Althea Gibson,
by Karen Deans (J B GIBSON)

Growing up in Harlem, Althea Gibson was heading down the wrong path until she found her calling. She went on to become the first African American women to be ranked as the number one woman tennis player in the world.

Robert Smalls, the Boat Thief,

by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. (J B SMALLS)

Robert Smalls was a true American patriot. Despite the burdens America laid upon him, he loved our country. He believed in the "inherent justice" of American democracy and in the principles espoused in the Declaration of Independence

Ron's Big Mission,

by Rose Blue (E BLUE)

One summer day in 1959, nine-year-old Ron McNair, who dreams of becoming a pilot, walks into the Lake City, South Carolina, public library and insists on checking out some books, despite the rule that only white people can have library cards. Includes facts about McNair, who grew up to be an astronaut.

Satchel Paige : Don't Look Back,

by David A. Adler (J B PAIGE)

Satchel Paige was one of the greatest pitchers in baseball. Take a look at his life and his struggle to be accepted into the major league.

Show Way,

by Jacqueline Woodson (E WOODSON)

The making of "Show ways," or quilts which once served as secret maps for freedom-seeking slaves, is a tradition passed from mother to daughter in the author's family.



Way Up and Over Everything,
by Alice McGill (J 398.2 M)

Jane is a slave on a Georgia plantation in 1842. One evening, five newly enslaved Africans suddenly disappear from the slave quarters. Jane follows the overseer and master and finds the slaves in the field, whirling rapidly around in a circle. One by one, they step up in the air, move their arms like wings, and rise into the sky. A tale about the power of and desire for freedom, when “Africans could fly like birds—way up and over everything.”

When Louis Armstrong Taught Me Scat,
by Muriel Harris Weinstein (E WEINSTEIN)

After dancing to music on the radio before she goes to bed, a young girl learns how to sing scat when Louis Armstrong comes to her in a dream. Includes facts about Louis Armstrong and scat singing.