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Celebrate Black History Month at the Library

Join Us for Programs and Activities in February

FRANKLIN, Ind. – Celebrate Black History Month at Johnson County Public Library. Discover diverse authors and stories through book discussion. Explore our libraries with an author scavenger hunt. Experience African-American History in Indiana through storytelling.

Feb. 3 at 1:30 p.m. - **Voices from the Past Storyteller Series: African-American History in Indiana**, Johnson County Museum of History 135 N. Main Street Franklin 46131
In celebration of Black History month, Ophelia Wellington, Founder and Executive Director of Freetown Village, will present a living history of African-American lives in Indiana.

Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. - **Monday Night Book Group**, White River Branch
Talk about books in a fun and relaxed setting. Come once, a few times a year, or every month! Books will be on hold for attendees at the reference desk the month before the discussion. This month we'll be discussing "The Hate You Give" by Angie Thomas.

Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. - **Novels and Nosh**, Trafalgar Branch
We'll be discussing "Kindred" by Octavia Butler. While celebrating her 26th birthday, Dana is thrown back to the Antebellum South to save the son of a plantation owner. Each time she's summoned back, it becomes harder for her to get back to her present life.

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Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. - **Red and Black: The Untold Story**, Franklin Branch

Carretha Hale and the Indiana African-American Genealogy Society will present true-life family history about their enslavement with the Creek Native Americans. Because of her findings, Hale was inspired to write a book on her family discoveries in 2015 titled *From Slavery to Statehood: A Family History in the Creek Nation*. The group will also answer genealogy questions at the end.

Feb. 28 at 1:30 p.m. - **Afternoon Book Discussion**, White River

If you love talking with others about a book you've read, you'll want to attend these events. Copies of the titles will be available to check out the month before each meeting. This month we'll be discussing "The Same Kind of Different as Me" by Ron Hall.

In addition to these programs, each branch has a Black History Month scavenger hunt so children can find pictures of authors and match that author to his/her book cover to earn a prize.

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