JOHNSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

49 East Monroe Street, Franklin, IN 46131

Contact: Monica Harvey, Community Relations Specialist (317) 738-2957 or mharvey@jcplin.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Jan. 13, 2017

Celebrate Black History Month

Learn About Fascinating People and Traditions

Franklin, Ind. – February is Black History Month and we've planned several programs to help you learn about this important month.

Feb. 1: <u>Book and Movie Discussion: "Malcolm X"</u> at the Clark Pleasant Branch Celebrate Black History Month by reading "The Autobiography of Malcolm X" and watching the movie adaptation starring Denzel Washington. We'll discuss the book and then watch the movie.

Celebrate Black History Month

Feb. 2 at the White River Branch

Feb. 6 at the Trafalgar Branch

America wouldn't be what she is without the contributions of African-American artists, scientists, inventors and writers. Join us for books, crafts and games celebrating the people who've made America great!

Feb. 8: <u>Kappas, Alphas, Sigmas and More, The National Pan-Hellenic Council in Indiana</u> at the White River Branch

Join members from the National Pan-Hellenic Council at IUPUI to learn about how these historically African-American and Multicultural Fraternities and Sororities have supported students in Indiana both academically and socially. Registration recommended but not required.

Feb. 15: "Black Lives Matter:" The Local Impact of a National Phenomenon at the Franklin Branch

Explore recent thinking on social justice movements and activism then discuss the impact on the community of Franklin. This program is presented by Terri L. Roberts-Leonard, M.Ed., M.A. Office of Diversity of Inclusion, Franklin College.

Feb. 17: Celebrate Black History Month at the Franklin Branch

Uncover the history of African-Americans in sports, with a focus on Kadir Nelson's book "We Are the Ship."

Feb. 20: <u>Underground Railroad and Civil War Traveling Trunk</u> at the White River Branch

On loan from Lyles Station, this display (which contains shackles, cotton, Underground Railroad quilt blocks, Union and Confederate coins, slave reward posters and more) gives students a unique glimpse into Black History. The book "Trapped Between the Lash and the Gun" will also be discussed.

Feb. 20: <u>Celebrating Black History</u> at the Trafalgar Branch February is Black History Month, which provides a fantastic opportunity to explore so many fascinating people and traditions. Join us for an evening of eye opening education and great conversation.

###