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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH RESOURCES FOR USE WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN IN THE GUARINI LIBRARY

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### YOUNGER READERS

#### Poetry

Brooks, Gwendolyn	Bronzeville Boys and Girls	juv. 811.B873b
Bryan, Ashley	All night, all day: A Child's first book of African-American Spirituals	juv.782.25.A416
Clifton, Lucille	Everett Anderson's 1 2 3	juv. C639e
Clifton, Lucille	Everett Anderson's Christmas coming	juv. 811.54 .C639e
Clifton, Lucille	Everett Anderson's friend	juv. C639ea
Clifton, Lucille	Everett Anderson's year	juv. 811.54.C639ea
Clifton, Lucille	Some of the Days of Everett Anderson	juv. 811.54C639s
Doob, Leonard W.	Crocodile has me by the leg: African poems	juv. 811 D691c
Feelings, Tom	Soul looks back in wonder	juv. 811.54.S722
	Hip hop speaks to children: a celebration of poetry with a beat	juv. 811 .H6674
Hopkins, Lee Bennett.	I think I saw a snail; young poems for city seasons	juv. 811.5 .H794i
Hughes, Langston	I, Too, Am America	juv.811.52.H8931
Hughes, Langston	My People	juv.811.52.H893m
Hughes, Langston	Negro Speaks of Rivers	juv.811.52.H893n
Hughes, Langston	Sail Away	juv, 811.52.H893s
Johnson, Angela	I Dream of Trains	juv. J56i
Johnson, Dinah	Black Magic	juv. 811.54.J663b
Johnson, James Weldon	Lift Every Voice and Sing: A Celebration of the African American National Anthem	juv.782.42.J675L
Lawrence, Jacob	Harriet and the Promised Land	juv.811.L421h
	My own song: and other poems	juv. 811 .M995
Myers, Christopher	Black Cat	juv.M9962b
	Palm of My Heart:	juv. 911.54.P171
	Poetry by African American Children	
Smith, Charles Smith,Jr	28 Days: \Moments in Black history that changed the world	juv.923.6.S644t
Strickland, Dorothy and Strickland, Michael	Families: Poems Celebrating the African American Experience	juv. 811.08.F198

#### Biography and History

Adler, David A.	Martin Luther King, Jr.	juv.923.273.K53a
Adler, David A.	Picture Book of Harriet Tubman	juv. 920.7.T885a
Adler, David A	Satchel Paige: Don't Look Back	juv.927.96.P142a
Aliki	A weed is a flower	juv. 925 .C331br
Alko, Selina	Case for Loving: The fight for interracial marriage (Loving vs. the United States)	juv.306.84.a354C

Amenii, Nehprii	Memories of the Little Elephant (A lyrical imagining of the African history, the diaspora and slavery.)	juv.A5113m
Andrews, Troy	Trombone Shorty (Hailing from the Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans, Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews got his nickname by wielding a trombone twice as long as he was high. A prodigy, he was leading his own band by age six.)	juv.927.78.A571t
Armand, Glenda	Ira's Shakespeare Dream	juv.927.92.A365a
Armand, Glenda	Love Twelve Miles Long (Based on the childhood recollections of Frederick Douglass about his mother.)	juv. A7273L
Asim, Jabari	Fifty cents and a dream: Young Booker T. Washington	juv.923.773.W31575f
Asim, Jabari	Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of young John Lewis	juv.923.2.L674a
Bains, Rae	Martin Luther King	juv.923.273.K53b
Bandy, Michael S. and Stein, Eric	Granddaddy's Turn: a Journey to the ballot box	juv.B2148g
Barbour, Karen	Mr. Williams	juv. 973.04.B239m
Bass, Hester	Seeds of freedom: The peaceful integration of Huntsville, Alabama	juv.323.11.B317
Belton, Sandra.	Pictures for Miss Josie	juv. B453p
Bolden, Tonya	Rock of Ages (A poetic history of the Black Church.)	juv.811.52.B687r
Brewster, Hugh	The other Mozart: the life of the famous Chevalier de Saint- George	juv. 927.87 .S139b
Bridges, Ruby	Through my eyes	juv. 920.7.B851
Briere-Haquet, Alice	Nina: Jazz Legend and Civil Rights Activist Nina Simone	juv.927.82.S598b
Brimner, Larry Dane	We Are One: The Story of Bayard Rustin	juv.920.71.R971b
Bryan, Ashley	Ashley Bryan: Words to My Life's Song (Bryan, artist and children's author, illustrator, recounts his life using poetry, art, and memories of his ancestral island home of Antigua and his residence on the Cranberry Isles in Maine.)	juv. 818.54.B915w
Bryan, Ashley	Freedom over me: Eleven slaves, their lives and dreams brought to life by Ashley Bryan (Simple but elegant poetic description of the public and interior lives of enslaved Africans on a nineteenth century Southern plantation. Based on an 1828 estate appraisal.)	juv. 811.54.B9125f
Bryant, Jen	Splash of Red: The life and art of Horace Pippin	juv.927.59.P665b
Burleigh, Robert	Langston's Train Ride	juv.928.1.L2855b
Clark-Robinson, Monica	Let the Children March	juv.C6128L
Cline-Ransome, Lesa	Before There Was Mozart: The Story of Joseph Boulogne, Chevalier de Saint -George (Caution: Contains some historical inaccuracies about his father's lineage and identity. Hear his music on Naxos database search for Joseph Boulogne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges or at <a href="http://www.chevalierdesaintgeorge.com/music.html">http://www.chevalierdesaintgeorge.com/music.html</a> )	juv.927.87.S139c
Cline-Ransome, Lesa	Freedom's School	juv.C6413fs
Cline-Ransome, Lesa	Light in the darkness; A story of how slaves learned in secret	juv.C6413L
Clinton, Catherine	Hold the Flag High	juv.973.7.C641h
Coleman, Evelyn	White socks only	juv. C692W
Cooper, Floyd	Juneteenth for Maisie (Exquisite book combines family history and Black history.)	Juv.C7768j
Copeland, Misty and	Firebird: Ballerina Misty Copeland shows	juv.C7825f

Myers, Christopher Crowe, Chris	a young girl how to dance like the Firebird Just as Good: How Larry Doby Changed America's Game (In 1948, Larry Doby Larry Doby, the first black player in the American League, won the game for the Cleveland Indians in the World Series.)	juv.C9536j
Deans, Karen	Swing sisters: The story of the International Sweethearts of Rhythm (see also Marilyn Nelson, Sweethearts of Rhythm,	juv.781.65.D284s juv. 781.65.N428s)
DePrince, Michaela And DePrince, Elaine	Ballerina Dreams : from orphan to dancer (A young orphan from Sierra Leone grows up to be a ballerina in the United States.)	juv.927.92.D424b
Dray, Philip	Yours for justice, Ida B. Wells :	juv. 923.6 .W456d
Duncan, Alice Faye	The daring life of a crusading journalist Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop: The Sanitation Strike of 1968	juv.D9112m
Edwards, Pamela Duncan	The Bus Ride That Changed History: The Story of Rosa Parks	juv.323.09.E265b
(See also <a href="http://zinnedproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/19politics-of-childrens-lit.pdf">http://zinnedproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/19politics-of-childrens-lit.pdf</a> )		
Erskine, Kathryn	Mama Africa: How Miriam Makeba spread hope with her song	juv.927.9.M235e
Evans, Shane W. Evans, Shane W.	Underground; finding the Light to Freedom We march (1963 March on Washington, -minimal text.)	juv.973.7.E92u juv.E927w
Everett, Gwen	Li'l Sis and Uncle Willie: a story based on the life And paintings of William H. Johnson	juv. 927.5.J71e
Farris, Christine King	March On!: The day My Brother Martin Changed the World	juv. 923.273.K53fa
Fradin, Dennis and Judith	The Price of Freedom: How One Town Stood up to Slavery	juv.973.7.F799p
Gayle, Sharon Shavers	Escape! (Underground Railroad)	juv.G2877e
Golenbock, Peter Golio, Gary	Hank Aaron, Brave in Every Way Bird and Diz (The friendship and collaboration between Charlie (Bird) Parker and Dizzy Gillespie.)	juv. 796.357.A113g 2001 juv.781.65.G626b
Greenfield, Eloise Greenfield, Eloise Harrison, Vashti Haskins, Jim	Africa Dream Paul Robeson Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History Delivering Justice: W.W. Law and the fight for Civil rights	juv.G813a juv.927.R653g juv.920.72.H322LL juv.923.6.L415h
Haskins, John And Benson, Kathleen Herman, Gail	John Lewis in the lead Who was Jackie Robinson? (pp.60-63 take place in Jersey City, NJ.)	juv.923.6.L674h Juv. 927'96.R662h
Homan, Lynn M. Hubbard, Crystal Igus, Toyomi Johnson, Angela	Tuskegee Airmen story Last Black King of the Kentucky Derby When I was little All Different Now: Juneteenth the first day of freedom (Simple, evocative book about the first Juneteenth. Important: Read Author's and Illustrator's notes for classroom applications for research. Also contains website urls.)	juv.H7633t juv.798.4.H875L juv.I246w juv.J662a
Johnston, Johanna	Special Bravery (stories of brave African-Americans)	juv. 920.9.J72s
Joseph, Lynn	Fly Bessie Fly	juv.926.29.C629j

Jordan, June	Fannie Lou Hamer	juv. 324.H214j
King Farris, Christine	My Brother Martin	juv. 323.002.K521f 2003
Krull, Kathleen	Wilma Unlimited	juv.927.964.R917k
Kulling, Monica	All Aboard!: Elijah McCoy's steam engine	juv. 609.2.K96a
Lasky, Kathryn	Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker	juv.926.685.W177L
Lee, Spike and	Giant Steps to Change the World	juv.L4813g
Lee, Tonya Lewis		
Levy, Debbie	We shall overcome: The story of a song	juv.782.42.L668w
Lindbergh, Reeve	Nobody owns the sky: The story of "Brave Bessie" Coleman	juv. 926.29.C692l
Lyons, Kelly Starling	Ellen's Broom (A daughter of enslaved parents helps to plan their wedding after Emancipation.)	juv.L9913e
Lyons, Kelly starling	Going down home with Daddy	juv.L9913g
Lyons, Kelly Starling	Sing a Song: How "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Inspired Generations	juv.L9913s
Lyons, Kelly Starling	One Million Men and Me	juv.L9913o
Mahin, Michael	Muddy: The story of Blues legend Muddy Waters	juv.927.81.W331m
Malaspina, Ann	Touch the sky: Alice Coachman: Olympic high jumper	juv.927.96.C652m
Malaspina, Ann	Phillis sings out freedom: The story of George Washington and Phillis Wheatley	juv.973.4.M238p
Mangal, Melina	Vast wonder of the world: Biologist Ernst Everett Just (Developmental biologist Just discovers how eggs create life.)	Juv. 570.92.M277v
McDonough, Yona Zeldis	Sisters in Strength: American Women Who Made a Difference	juv.920.7.M135s
McGill, Alice	Molly Bannaky (story of Benjamin Banneker's grandmother)	juv. 920.7.B212m
McKissack, Pat	Goin' someplace special	juv. M1585G
McKissack, Patricia and	James Weldon Johnson, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"	juv.928.1.J66m
McKissack, Frederick		
Meadows, Michelle	Brave Ballerina: The story of Janet Collins	juv.927.92.C712m
Meyer, Susan Lynn	New shoes (Two friends rebel against segregated shoe stores in the 1950's)	juv.M6136n
Michelson, Richard	As Good As Anybody: Martin Luther King Jr. And Abraham Joshua Herschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom	juv.923.273.K53mi
Michelson, Richard	Twice as good: The Story of William Powell and Clearview, the only golf course, designed, built, and owned by an African American	juv. 927.96.P886m
Miller, William	Frederick Douglass: The Last Day of Slavery	juv. 923.673.D737m
Munoz Ryan, Pam	When Marian Sang	juv. 782.1.A548r 2002
Myers, Walter Dean	Frederick Douglass: The Lion who Wrote History	juv.923.673.D637m
Myers, Walter Dean	I've seen the Promised land: The Life of Martin Luther King	juv. 923.273.K53mw 2004
Napoli, Donna Jo	Mama Miti	juv.923.6.M111n
Nelson, Marilyn	Sweethearts of Rhythm: The Story of the greatest all-girl band in the world (See also Karen Deans, Swing sisters: The story of the International Sweethearts of Rhythm, juv.781.65.D284s )	juv.781.65.N428s
Nelson, Vaunda M.	Bad News for Outlaws: The remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal	juv.920.9.R332n
Nelson, Vaunda M.	Book Itch: freedom , truth and Harlem's	juv.N424b

	greatest bookstore (See also No crystal stair : a documentary novel of the life and work of Lewis Michaux, Harlem bookseller, Juv. .N424n)	
Nelson, Vaunda M.	Don't Call Me Grandma	juv.N424d
Parks, Rosa	I Am Rosa Parks	juv.923.673.P252i
	(See also <a href="http://zinnedproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/19politics-of-childrens-lit.pdf">http://zinnedproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/19politics-of-childrens-lit.pdf</a> )	
Patrick, Denise Lewis	A Lesson for Martin Luther King Jr.	juv.323.092.K521p
Pingry, Patricia	Story of Coretta Scott King	juv.923.6.S425p
Pingry, Patricia	Story of Rosa Parks	juv.923.673.P252p
Pinkney, Andrea D.	Alvin Ailey	juv.927.91.a293P
Pinkney, Andrea D.	Duke Ellington	juv.927.8.E46p
Pinkney, Andrea D. & Pinkney, Brian	Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks inspired a nation	juv.923.6.P255b
	(See also <a href="http://zinnedproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/19politics-of-childrens-lit.pdf">http://zinnedproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/19politics-of-childrens-lit.pdf</a> )	
Pinkney, Andrea Davis	Martin and Mahalia: His words, Her song	Juv. 323.09.P655m
Pinkney, Andrea D. & Pinkney, Brian	Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomping Stride	juv.923.6.T874p
Pinkney, Brian	Hush, Little Baby	juv.782.42.P654h
Polacco, Patricia	John Philip Duck	Juv.P762j
Rappaport, Doreen	Freedom River	juv. 973.7115.P238r 2000
Raven, Margot Theis	Night Boat to Freedom (Based on WPA Slave Narratives)	juv.R252n
Ringgold, Faith	Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the sky (Cassie is helped by the spirit of Harriet Tubman, and retraces the journey her ancestors took on the Underground Railroad.)	juv.R581a
Ringgold, Faith	Cassie's Word Quilt (The family, home and community of a little girl growing up in 1930's Harlem, NY.)	juv.R581c
Ringgold, Faith	Dinner at Aunt Connie's House (The portraits of famous African Americans tell their stories.)	juv. R581D
Ringgold, Faith	Harlem Renaissance Party	juv.R581h
Ringgold, Faith	If A Bus Could Talk (Good readaloud, Historically accurate See <a href="http://zinnedproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/19politics-of-childrens-lit.pdf">http://zinnedproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/19politics-of-childrens-lit.pdf</a> )	juv.921.P235r 2003
Ringgold, Faith	My Dream of Martin Luther King	Juv. 923.273 .K53R
Ringgold, Faith	Tar Beach	Juv. R581t
Robeson, Susan	Grandpa stops a war (A Paul Robeson story about the Spanish Civil War.)	Juv.923.6.R653r
Russell-Brown, Kathryn	Little Melba and her big trombone	Juv.927.88.M773r
Sanders, Nancy I	D is for Drinking Gourd: An African American Alphabet	Juv. 973.04.S215d
Schmidt, Gary D	Martin de Porres: the Rose in the Desert	juv.922.22.M379s
Shelton, Paula Young & Colon, Raul	Child of the Civil Rights Movement	juv.323.11.S545c
Shabazz, Ilyasah	Malcolm Little: The boy who grew up to be Malcolm X	juv.923.6.X1s
Shetterley, Margot Lee And Conkling, Winnifred	Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race	juv. 510.92.S554h
Smith, Charles Smith, Jr	28 Days: \Moments in Black history that changed the world	juv.923.6.S644t
Stephoe, Javaka	Radiant child: The story of young artist Jean -Michel Basquiat	juv.927.6.B316
Tate, Don	Remarkable story of George Moses Horton	juv.928.1.H823t
Tougas, Shelley	Little Rock Girl: 1957	juv.379.26 T722L
Tutu, Desmond	Desmond and the very mean word	juv.T9667d





	(Translation of Russian folktale by Alexander Pushkin)	
Lyons, Kelly Starling	Hope's Gift (A little enslaved girl whose father has run away, waits for news of the Emancipation Proclamation.)	juv.L9913h
Littlesugar, Amy	Freedom School, Yes	juv. L781f
Littlesugar, Amy	Tree of Hope (Father of a little girl in Depression-era Harlem becomes an actor with the Lafayette Theater.)	juv. L781t
McDermott, Gerald	Anansi the Spider: a tale from the Ashanti	juv.398.2.M134a
Michelson, Richard	Busing Brewster (Historical fiction about busing and school integration Caution: contains mild derogatory language.)	juv.M623b
Michelson, Richard	Happy Feet	juv.M623h
Mitchell, Margaree King	Granddaddy's Gift (A young African-American girl's grandfather tries to register to vote in the mid-century South)	Juv.M682g
Mitchell, Margaree King	Uncle Jed's Barbershop	juiv.M682u
Mitchell, Margaree King	When Grandmama sings	juv.M682w
Monjo, F.N.	Drinking Gourd	juv. M744d
	Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales	juv.398.2.n432 2007
Polacco, Patricia	Pink and Say (Civil War story)	juv.P762p
Pinkney, Gloria	Back Home (autobiographical story of a girl's visit to relatives in North Carolina.)	juv. P654b
Ramsey, Calvin A	Ruth and the Green Book (In the early 1950's. when Ruth and her parents take a motor trip from Chicago to Alabama to visit her grandma, they rely on a pamphlet called "The Negro Motorist Green Book" to find places that will serve them. Includes facts about "The Green Book." See also <a href="http://publicdomain.nypl.org/greenbook-map/">http://publicdomain.nypl.org/greenbook-map/</a> and <a href="http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/the-green-book#/?tab=about">http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/the-green-book#/?tab=about</a> for information and to map a trip.)	juv. R1837r
Ringgold, Faith	Bonjour, Lonnie	juv.R581b
San Souci, Robert D.	Cendrillon: a Caribbean Cinderella	juv. 398.2 .S229c
San Souci, Robert D.	Sukey and the Mermaid	juv. 398.21.S194s
San Souci, Robert D.	Secret of the Stones (An Arkansas folktale with ties to a tale told by the Luba and Lulua people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.)	juv.398.21.S229ss
San Souci, Robert D.	Talking eggs: a folktale from the American South	juv. 398.2 .S229t
Siegelson, Kim L	In the time of the drums (Gullah folktale)	juv. S571I
Stauffacher, Sue	Bessie Smith and the Night Riders	juv.S798b
Stevens, Janet	Tops & Bottoms (Afro-American folktale)	juv.398.2.S844t
Watson, Renee	A Place Where Hurricanes Happen (Hurricane Katrina)	juv.W3416p
Weatherford, Carole B.	Champions on the Bench: The Cannon Street YMCA All-Stars (A champion little league team from South Carolina is not allowed to play during the 1950's.)	juv.W3265c
Woodson, Jacqueline	Coming On Home Soon	juv.W898c

Woodson, Jacqueline      Other Side      juv. W898o  
 (Story of two girls, neighbors, one black, one white in the time of segregation)

**Africa and African-American Heritage**

Aardema, Verna	This for That: A Tonga Tale (Zambia)	juv.398.21A113th
Aardema, Verna	Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's ears	juv.398.2.A113w
Belton, Sandra	All the Pretty Little Horses: A Traditional Lullaby	juv. 784.4.A416
Bynum, Eboni and Jackson, Roland	Beauty, Her Basket	juv.B453b
Collier, Bryan	Jamari's Drum	Juv.B994j
Daly, Niki	Uptown	juv.974.714.C699u
Diakité, Baba Wagué	Pretty Salma: A Little Red Riding Hood Story from Africa ( Ghana)	juv.398.21.D1535p
Ellis, Veronica Freeman	Hatseller and the monkeys : A West African folktale	juv. 398.209 .D536
Feelings, Muriel L.	Afro-Bets first book about Africa	juv.960.E47a
Haley, Gail E.	Jambo means hello; Swahili alphabet book	juv. 496.3 .F295j
Halfmann, Janet	A story, a story: an African tale	juv. H168s
Knight, Margy Burns and Mark Melnicove	Seven Miles to Freedom: the Robert Smalls Story	juv.923.2.S635h
Kurtz, Jane	Africa is Not a Country	juv.960.K692a 2000
McGill, Alice	Faraway Home (Ethiopian father tells his children about his childhood)	juv.K965f
McKissack, Patricia	In the Hollow of Your Hand: Slave Lullabies	juv.811.08.I35
Mollet, Tololwa M.	Let's Clap, Jump, Sing & Shout, Dance, Spin & Turn It Out!: Games, Songs & Stories from an African American childhood	
Musgrove, Margaret	My rows and piles of coins	juv.M726m
Onyewfulu, Ifeoma Robinson, Adjai	Ashanti to Zulu : African traditions	juv. 960 .M987a 1980
West, Alexandra	Welcome Dede!; An African Naming Ceremony	juv. 392.1.O598w
Wisniewski, David	Femi and old grandaddie	juv.R6576f
Yarbrough, Camille	Shake It to the One That You Love the Best: juv.782.42.S296	
	Play Songs and Lullabies from Black Musical Traditions	
	This is Black Panther	juv.W5162t
	Sundiata	juv.397.21.W815s
	Cornrows	juv.Y263c