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**2018 National Black History Month:
"African Americans in Times of War"**



Forsyth County Public Library



Join us this February as we celebrate the achievements of the African American community in service to the United States Armed Forces. Learn about individuals - slave and the free who fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill to soldiers of the Union and Confederate armies in the Civil War. Let us introduce you to the Buffalo Soldiers who rode with Theodore Roosevelt in the Spanish American War to Doris "Dorie" Miller who fought the Japanese during the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Fly with us and the Tuskegee airmen, the first Black pilots to serve during World War II who never lost a pilot or a plane.



Suggested Reading of African Americans in Times of War

Harlem at War: The Black Experience in WWII by Nat Brandt

Thoroughly researched study of the hostile discrimination African American servicemen experienced on the homefront during WWII.

Tuskegee Airmen: The Men who Changed a Nation by Charles E. Francis

Newer edition of the definitive and now classic study of the famous Tuskegee air fighter group.

To Serve My Country, to Serve My Race: The Story of the Only African American WACS Stationed Overseas during World War II by Brenda Moore

Insightful study of the 6888th Battalion, the only African American Women's Army Corps (WACS) stationed overseas during World War II.

Lonely Eagles and Buffalo Soldiers: African Americans in World War II by Tom McGowen

Comprehensive overview of African American military participation in World War II. For kids in upper elementary school. Includes very good photographs.

Hope's Gift by Kelly Starling-Lyons

K – Grade 3. A runaway slave during the Civil War, Hope's father returns after the Emancipation Proclamation as a member of the U.S. Colored Troops.



Rural Hall Branch Library

Tea Talk with Ms. Kelly Starling-Lyons

Tuesday, February 6th from 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us for an evening with children's book author, Ms. Kelly Starling-Lyons! Ms. Kelly Starling-Lyons will read her book, *Tea Cakes for Tosh* and discuss her experience as an author. Afterwards, tea and cookies will be served. This is a free program and is open to all ages. Please call Rural Hall Branch Library at [336-703-2970](tel:336-703-2970) to register!

Africans-American In Times of War

Saturday, February 10th at 11am.

Join Purple Heart Veterans (Alex McMillan and Herbert Allen) to discuss their experiences being African-American soldiers.

Southside Branch Library

Marshall (Free Movie)

Thursday, February 15th at 8 pm

This film is rated PG-13. Light refreshments will be provided.

Walkertown Branch Library

Storytime: Black History Month

Tuesday, February 6th at 10:30 am

Join us at Walkertown Branch Library as we explore Black History through picture books.

Program for Teens: Blackout Poetry

Wednesday, February 28th at 12:30 pm

Create your own, unique poetry starting with someone else's words! On this early-release day, join us in making your stamp on history by creating blackout poetry.



Children's Author, Kelly Starlings-Lyons

Join us for an evening with children's book author, Ms. Kelly Starling-Lyons! During the Ms. Kelly Starling-Lyons will read her book, *Tea Cakes for Tosh* and discuss her experience as an author.



Afterwards, tea and cookies will be served. At the Carver Branch

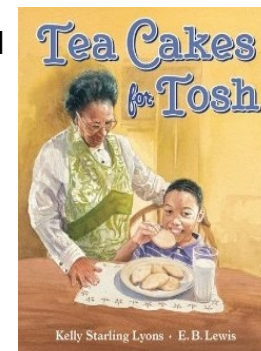
she will present her book "One Million Men and Me".

These are free programs and are open to all ages. Ms. Lyons will be at the following locations listed below:

Carver School Road Branch- Tuesday, February 6th from 4-5pm,

Rural Hall Branch-Tuesday, February 6th from 6:30-7:30pm.

Kelly Starling- Lyons is a writer and children's book author. She is also one of the founding members of the blog *The Brown Bookshelf*, which is aimed at young African-American readers and features book reviews and author and illustrator interviews.





**Speaker Spotlight Monday, February 12th at 4:30pm
Central Library Auditorium**

Patricia Alston Harris was elected July 2016 as Alternate National Executive Committeeman for American Legion, Department of North Carolina and is the Immediate Commander of the NC State Veterans Council.



Ms. Harris is the first woman veteran to serve as State Commander of The American Legion in NC, the largest wartime veteran service organization in the world. She was elected in 2013 as the 98th Department Commander of its 95th year and a dual member of the American Legion Auxiliary, which has been a major part of her upbringing.

Ms. Harris has received the “Order of The Long Leaf Pine” award in 2013 by Governor Pat McCrory and was recently appointed as Commissioner to North Carolina Military Affairs Commission by Governor Roy Cooper.

Ms. Harris is a Charter Member of the NC Women Veterans Challenge Group and an Honorary Member of Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority, Inc. Patricia Harris is a member of Apex Post 124 and resides in Raleigh, NC.



Malloy Jordan/East Winston Branch Library

Heroes stories and crafts

February 1st from 10:00 am -11:00am

Come and join our pre-school gang as we listen to stories, sing songs and do crafts about famous African American War Heroes.

Future Leaders Poetry Contest

Submissions are accepted from **February 1st -February 24th**. Teens do you want to express your creative skills in writing? If so, submit a short poem about an African American and their contributions in the time of war. Entries are to be submitted by February 24th . Please contact Gloria Cain or Diarra Legget at (336) 703-2950 for further information regarding the contest. A sample list of African American heroes will be provided for all participants. Prizes will be awarded to the best three entries.

Trivia Bowl-February 12th -16th (ongoing for a week)

How many questions can you answer correctly? Ongoing trivia bowl questions about African Americans and their participation during war-time.

African American Read-In

February 18th from 1pm -5pm

Staff of Malloy Jordan, Friends and library customers will share and read books or poems by their favorite African American Author.

Sensory Storytime

Feb 20th from 10am-11-am

Stories, songs, and coloring sheets for adults with special needs. Celebrate African-Americans during the time of war.

Re-enactment of Phoebe of Old Salem-TBA

Renee Andrews will do a re-enactment of an enslaved African American woman who lived in Old Salem at the beginning of the Civil War. Call 336-703-2950 for details.

Reynolda Manor Branch Library

Glory

February 22nd at 2pm.

Glory follows the first African American regiment in the Civil War. This film is rated R.

African Americans in Times of War –TBA

Dr. Parent, from Wake Forest University, will present a lecture on “African Americans in Times of War “ Call 336-703-2960 for details.



Lewisville Branch Library

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Trivia Contest

Contest **January 15th-31st**. Winner announced February 1st. Test your knowledge of Dr. King. Take our short quiz and correct entries will be entered into a drawing for two free movie tickets. Hint...use the library's resources to help answer the questions. Gook Luck!

L is for Liberia Storytime

Tuesday, February 6th at 10:15am

Local author, Dr. Dwedor Morias Ford, will join us for storytime! She will be reading her book, L is for Liberia, and discussing her experiences as a child in Liberia.

Recommended for children aged 3 - 5 years and their caregivers, but all ages are welcome.

Share the Love Blood Drive

Monday, February 12th from 11am - 3:30pm

Share the love by giving blood this Valentine's! What better way to express your love for your neighbors and community than by donating blood. The Lewisville Branch will be hosting the American Red Cross, who will help us do our part in sharing the love. Contact the library at [336-703-2940](tel:336-703-2940) to register.

Kindness Rocks!

Tuesday, February 13th from 3:30-5:30pm

Family program to paint up to 3 Kindness Rocks (1 to keep, 1 to give to a friend, & 1 to leave at the library). Free event. No registration required.

The Tuskegee Airmen: They Fought Two Wars documentary

Tuesday, February 27th at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

This inspiring documentary examines the 332nd Fighter Group and the 477th Bombardment Group of the U.S. Army Air Corps—the Tuskegee Airmen. These 450 black men fought the Nazis in World War II and, back in America, they fought prejudice, bigotry, and racism. Extraordinary airmen, they remain today the only fighter group never to have lost one of their bombers to enemy fire. Trained by the segregated military system, their successes led to the integration of the United States armed forces. Included in this program are interviews with some of the original airmen. Distributed by PBS Distribution. (60 minutes).



**Speaker Spotlight Monday, February 12th at 6pm
Central Library Auditorium**

Winston Salem native, **Earl Ijames**, Archivist with NC State Division of Archives and History, will present his view of the role of African Americans during the Civil War and present the film “**Colored Confederates.**”



The film “**Colored Confederates**” makes plain the roles of enslaved and free people of color who served in various capacities in the Confederacy and the Confederate Army. Using more than twenty years researching primary and genealogical sources, Ijames conveys the significance of Confederates of Color before the Emancipation Proclamation and after the creation of the United States Colored Troops. He is widely considered as this subject matter expert. The eight year project was recorded live and based on actual events that led to the first monument in American history in honor Confederates of Color.



"The Spirit of Harriet Tubman"



**Saturday, February 17, 2018
at 2pm**

The Central Library Auditorium

Diane Faison performs a one-woman play into the life of Harriet Tubman. The fifty (50) minute performance has been called "breathtaking," "riveting," and "inspiring." Ms. Faison has conducted extensive research and written a script that is designed to entertain and educate people of all ages.



Carver Branch Library

Serving Proudly-February 1st at 11am

Special guest Roberta Simms, who served in the Women's Army Corp (WAC), will share her Army experience. Sponsored by First Thursday Senior Friends.

Children's Author-February 6th from 4-5pm

Kelly Starling-Lyons will present her book *One Million Men and Me* and other titles.

To War and Back: Unbroken Bonds-February 6th at 6:30pm

Special guest will be Lisa Gladden and members of her platoon, who were deployed to Iraq.

Central Library- Teen Central

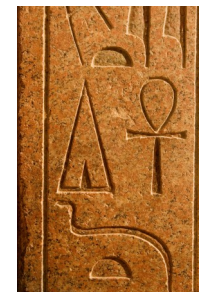
Discover African American Art

Monday, February 19th from 2-3pm

Join us in the Makerspace to learn about African-American Artists.

Try your hand at different art forms.

Registration is required. Email the Teen Librarian, Jacquelyn White - whitejp@forsyth.cc.



Clemmons Branch Library

Glory, Monday, February 19th at 2pm. Based on the true story of the all black members of the 54th Regiment of the Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. Rated R

Kernersville Branch Library

**Speed Dating with Books: Black History Month Edition
Tuesday, February 20th at 4:30pm.**

Join us for speed dating with books and find new reads at a whirlwind pace! You'll have one minute to decide if you would like to read a book based on its cover and jacket description. In celebration of Black History Month, all books will have African-American authors. Come discover a new favorite read! For ages 12 and up.