

African American History Month

February 2021.

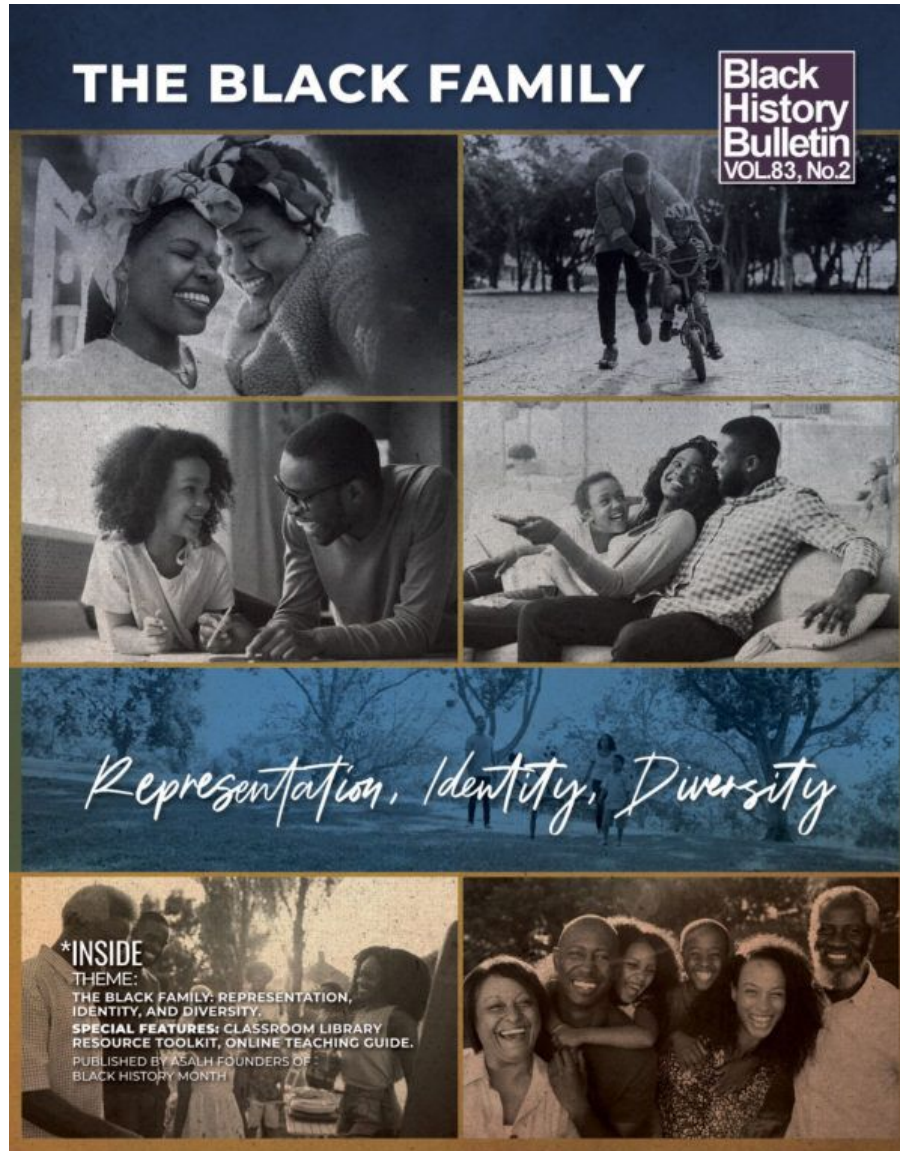


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The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) established by Carter G. Woodson the creator of African American History Month designated this year's theme **The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity**. Instead of having a particular theme for the month's newsletter, I want to highlight a variety of topics and small ways to assist teachers with this year's theme and African American History in general year round.

Black History Month Videos

[Black History Month: All About the Holidays](#)- 90 second video (K-12).

[Carter G. Woodson - Origins of Black History Month](#) (2:20)- video introduction (9-12)

Black History Month Videos about Individuals

[George Washington Carver](#) (2:02)- from Xavier Riddle and Secret Museum (K-2).

[Zora Neal Hurston](#) (2:27)- from Xavier Riddle and Secret Museum (K-2).

[Mae Jemison](#) (2:25)- Astronaut (3-8) .

[Matthew Henson](#) (2:49)- explorer (3-8).

[Benjamin Banneker](#)- Engineer (3-5).

[Wilma Rudolph](#)- Sprinter (3-8).

[Percy Julian](#) (6:13)- Chemist. (6-12).

[Doris Miller](#) (3:13)- Soldier (6-12).

[Ida B. Wells](#) (4:49)- Journalist and civil rights advocate (6-12).

[James Baldwin](#) (4:13) Author (9-12)

[Sissieretta Jones](#) (11:05)- Singer (9-12).

[Charlotta Spears Bass](#) (12:32)- Newspaper publisher and politician (9-12).

[Madam C.J. Walker - Successful Business Woman](#) (1:44)- Life story (6-12).

[Alexander Clark](#) - series of videos on the abolitionist (6-12).

[August Wilson](#) (13:22) - 60 minutes feature on the playwright (9-12)

[Bessie Coleman](#) (9:03)- Aviator (9-12)

K-2 Picture Books

This is a list of suggested picture books. It does not guarantee that ACPS has every book in every school library. Links take you to a review and/or description of each book.

[The Case for Loving: The Fight for Interracial Marriage](#)

[Of Thee I Sing](#)

[Under The Same Sun](#)

[Henry's Freedom Box](#)

[This Jazz Man](#)

[The Other Side](#)

[Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans](#)

[These Hands](#)

This Day in African and African American History

February 1, 1902- [Langston Hughes](#), poet and author, was born 1902-1967.

February 2, 1897- [Alfred L Cralle](#) receives patent for his invention, the ice cream scoop.

February 3, 1870- [15th Amendment](#) (Black suffrage) ratified.

February 4, 1913- civil rights activist [Rosa Parks](#) was born, 1913-2005.

February 5, 1934- baseball player Hank Aaron was born, 1934-2021.

February 6, 1820- The [Mayflower of Liberia](#) sets sail from New York with 88 men, the first organized immigration back to Africa.

February 7, 1926- The first [Black History Week was begun by Carter G. Woodson](#).

February 8, 1986- Debi Thomas (1967-) became the first African American Woman to win the US National Championship for figure skating.

February 9, 1952- [Ralph Ellison](#)'s book [Invisible Man](#), wins the National Book Award.

February 10, 1992- [Alex Haley](#) the author of Roots dies, 1921-1992.

African American Experience Infusion Monthly Digest

February 11, 1990- Nelson Mandela is [released from prison](#) in South Africa.

February 12, 1793- The [Fugitive Slave Act of 1793](#) became the first law of its kind under the constitution.

February 13, 1923- The first Black professional basketball team "[The Renaissance](#)" was organized.

February 14, 1946- Actor, [dancer, singer, choreographer](#), [Gregory Hines](#) was born, 1946-2003.

February, 15, 1968- [Henry Lewis](#) became the first African American to lead a [major symphony orchestra](#), The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

February 16, 1957- Actor, director, producer [Levar Burton](#) was born, 1957-.

February 17, 1963- Basketball great [Michael Jordan](#) was born. 1963- .

February 18, 1867 - The Agusta Institute, which will later become Morehouse College was founded.

February 18, 1931, Novelist, Chloe Anthon "Toni" Morrison was born, 1931-2019.

February 19, 1992- John Singleton becomes the first African American director to be nominated for an Academy Award for the film Boyz in the Hood.

February 20, 1895- Frederick Douglass died, 1818-1895.

February 21, 1961- [Otis Boykin](#) receives the patent for the electrical resistor

February 22, 1989- DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince win the first Grammy for [rap performance](#) for "[Parents Just Don't Understand](#)".

February 23, 1868 [W.E.B. Du Bois](#) was born 1868-1963.

February 24, 1864- [Rebecca Lee Crumpler](#) became the first African American to earn an M.D. degree.

February 25, 1948- Martin Luther King Jr. ordained a Baptist minister.

February 26, 2020- [Ramona Hood](#) becomes the first African American woman CEO of Fedex.

February 27, 1897- singer [Marian Anderson](#) was born, 1897- 1993.

February 28, 1935- [Porgy and Bess](#) opens on Broadway.

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