

The OAKDALE ORACLE

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Since 1992, our Oakdale family has been committed to achieving excellence in education, child care and development for children. We appreciate the opportunity to become partners with you in your child's educational and spiritual growth. We are especially honored to be able to offer a safe, caring environment conducive to developing spiritual and moral values. Therefore, we seek to provide stellar education combined with Biblical teachings that will positively affect your child for the rest of his/her life.



Upcoming Dates

Feb. 1	Black History Assembly
Feb. 4	Candy-Gram sales
Feb. 7	Black Panther Movie
Feb. 8	8th Grade Presentation
Feb. 11	Book Fair
Feb. 13	Book Fair
Feb. 14	Valentine Dance (Pre-k - 4th) 11:00am - 1:30pm
Feb. 15	Real Men Read & Book Fair
Feb. 18	Presidents Day (Academy and Child Care Closed)
Feb. 19-21	In School Competition
Feb. 21	PTO
Feb. 22	Black History Program/Fair
Feb. 25	Spirit Week (Entire Week)
Feb. 26	Who AM I Documentary
Feb. 27	DuSable Museum

African Attire Dates:
2/7 2/14, 2/22, 2/28



“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.”

– El Hajj Malik El Shabazz

As we embark on this Black History Month, let's be mindful are reminded of the sacrifice, injustice and hardship many African Americans endured in the past and currently face. Let us learn of, give thanks to, and celebrate those that paved the way for our freedoms. We should dedicate time with our children in learning more about our culture. See events that are taking place all over Illinois during the month of February and books to read in hopes that we may help bridge the gap between interest and knowledge.

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Events during Black History Month

[This presentation](#) will discuss how the Great Migration of African Americans from southern states to Chicago during World War I and World War II shaped the social, cultural, and political climate on Chicago's South side. The event is co-sponsored by the Black Chicago History Forum.

[The Nature of Black Wellness – The Outdoors and Black Health, Past and Present](#)

Weds., February 13, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Garfield Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave., Chicago African American naturalist Kim Ruffin presents [an interactive talk](#) about the pivotal role of nature in the lives of African-Americans past and present.

Free, [RSVP's encouraged.](#)

[Black History Month Celebration: Harold Washington – The Legacy](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph, Chicago, Room 2-2025

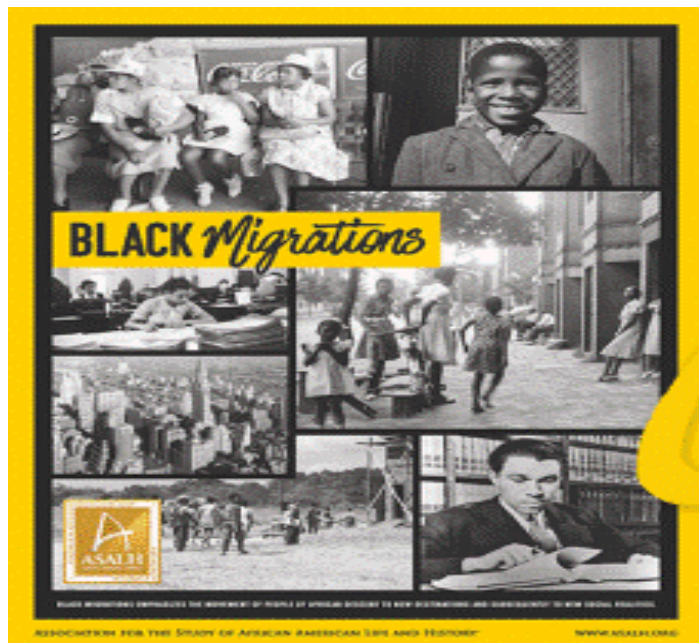
Join the Illinois Department of Human Rights in celebrating Black History Month with a presentation from Dr. Asif Wilson, Associate Dean of Instruction at Harold Washington College on [the legacy of Mayor Harold Washington](#), Chicago's first Black mayor. [RSVP](#) for this free event and find out more about "the People's Mayor" and his fight for fairness and equality. Please feel free to bring your own lunch or snack to this event.

[Second City's Black History Month Show](#)

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from Feb. 5-27, UP Comedy Club, 230 W. North Ave., Chicago. \$20-\$30.

[The Second City celebrates Black History Month](#)

by bringing you the most iconic sketches created by our African American alumni along with classic archive scenes with a new comedic spin. This high-energy retrospective features material created by Steve Carell, Keegan-Michael Key, Tim Meadows, Stephen Colbert, Amber Ruffin, Sam Richardson and many more.



[The Great Migration and the Building of Black Chicago](#)

Saturday, Feb. 9, 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm at the DuSable Museum of African American History, 740 E. 56th Place, Chicago, Illinois.

Movies in Theaters

Academy Award®-nominated "Black Panther" returns to the big screen to celebrate Black History Month for a [one-week engagement, February 1-7, at 250 participating AMC Theatres locations.](#)

Documentaries

[Black Panther Party Ten Point Program Film Series at the Arts Bank by Rebuild Foundation](#)

[Sunday, Feb. 3, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm](#)

* 2:00PM Black Panthers (1968 27m)

* 2:30PM Bastards of the Party (2005 1h 35m)

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[Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)

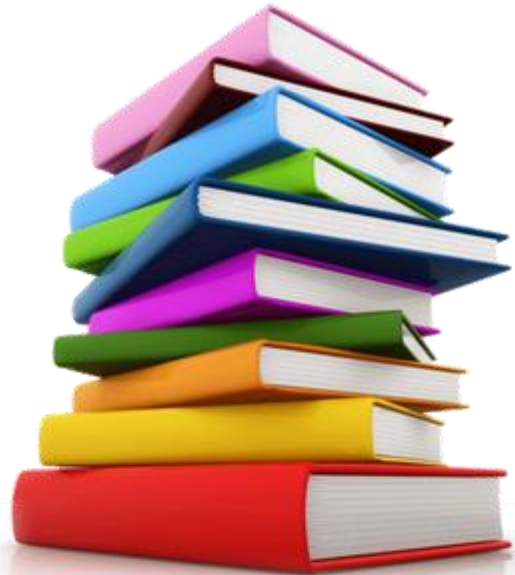
Saturday, Feb. 7, 9 am – 9 pm [Walk-in testing all day](#) to commemorate National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. At 1 p.m., a speaker from Gilead will discuss HIV/AIDS and how it affects members of the Black community.

[Black History Concert](#)

Sat., Feb. 23, 3 p.m., 7000 S. Jeffrey Blvd., Chicago. The Englewood Neighborhood Choir performs a [concert honoring Black history](#) at Bryn Mawr Community Church.

[Free tickets are available at the information table](#) an hour before the concert on a first come, first served basis.

“We may encounter many defeats
but we must not be defeated.” – **Maya Angelou**



Books for Adults

The Great Migration: An American Story
by Jacob Lawrence

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic
Story of America's Great Migration by
Isabel Wilkerson

Rest in Power: The Enduring Life of
Trayvon Martin by Sybrina Fulton and
Tracy Martin

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora
Neale Hurston

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by
Maya Angelou

Changed the World by Charles R. Smith
Jr.

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Black Books Matter: Children's Books
Celebrating Black Boys

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by [Derrick Barnes](#) Ages 3–10.

Malcolm X: The Boy Who Grew Up to Become Malcolm X by [Ilyasah Shabazz](#) Ages 6–10.

Trombone Shorty by [Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews](#) Ages 4–8.

Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat by [Javaka Steptoe](#) Ages 6–12.

Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream For Me by [Daniel Beaty](#) Ages 4–7.

The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth & Harlem's Greatest Bookstore by [Vaunda Micheaux Nelson](#) Ages 7–10.

Before John Was a Jazz Giant: A Song of John Coltrane by [Carole Boston Weatherford](#) Ages 4–8.

Welcome, Precious by [Nikki Grimes](#) Ages 0–3.

Lullaby (For a Black Mother) by [Langston Hughes](#) Ages 0–4.

Baby Blessings: A Prayer For the Day You Are Born by [Deloris Jordan](#) Ages 0–4.

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands by [Kadir Nelson](#) Ages 4–8.

I, Too, Am America by [Langston Hughes](#) Ages 4–8.

12 Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali by [Charles R. Smith](#) Ages 10 and up.

Dear Martin by [Nic Stone](#) Ages 14–18.

X, A Novel by [Ilyasah Shabazz](#) and [Kekla Magoon](#) Ages 14–18.

Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court by [Kareem Abdul-Jabbar](#) Ages 8–12.

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by [Rita Williams-Garcia](#) Ages 8–12.

The Crossover by [Kwame Alexander](#) Ages 10–12.

The Stars Beneath Our Feet by [David Barclay Moore](#) Ages 10–14.

March (Trilogy) by [John Lewis](#), Andrew Aydin and Nate Ages 11–15.

Ghost by [Jason Reynolds](#) Ages 10–14.

The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind (Young Readers Edition) by [William Kamkwamba](#) and Bryan Mealer Ages 11–16.

The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life by [Kwame Alexander](#) Ages 10–12.

The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream by [Sampson Davis](#), [George Jenkins](#), [Ramek Hunt](#), and [Lisa Frazier Page](#)

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Black Books Matter: Children's Books Celebrating Black Girls

My First Maya Angelou (Little People, Big Dreams) by: [Lisbeth Kaiser](#) Age: 1 - 3

I Look Up To... Michelle Obama by: [Anna Membrino](#) Age: 2 - 4

Dream Big, Little One by: [Vashti Harrison](#) Age: 2 - 5

Mae Among The Stars by: [Roda Ahmed](#) Age: 4 - 8

I Am Rosa Parks by: [Brad Meltzer](#) Age: 4 - 8

Mahalia Jackson: Walking With Kings and Queens by: [Nina Nolan](#) Age: 4 - 8

Queen of the Track: Alice Coachman, High Jump Champion by [Heather Lang](#) Age: 4 - 8

Bring Me Some Apples and I'll Make You A Pie: A Story About Edna Lewis by: [Robbin Gourley](#) Age: 4 - 8

Harlem's Little Blackbird by: [Renée Watson](#) Age: 4 - 8

The Story of Ruby Bridges by: [Robert Coles](#) Age: 4 - 8

Oprah: The Little Speaker by: [Carole Boston Weatherford](#) Age: 4 - 8

Mister and Lady Day: Billie Holiday and the Dog Who Loved Her by: [Amy Novesky](#) Age: 4 - 9

Coretta Scott by: [Ntozake Shange](#) by: [Kadir Nelson](#) Age: 4 - 9

Fancy Party Gowns: The Story of Fashion Designer Ann Cole Lowe by: [Deborah Blumenthal](#) Age: 5 - 8

Nothing But Trouble: The Story of Althea Gibson by: [Sue Stauffacher](#) Age: 5 - 8

Sewing Stories: Harriet Powers' Journey from Slave to Artist by: [Barbara Herkert](#) Age: 5 - 8

Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People To Freedom by: [Carole Boston Weatherford](#) Age: 5 - 8

Art From Her Heart: Folk Artist Clementine Hunter by: [Kathy Whitehead](#) Age: 5 - 8

Trailblazer; The Story of Ballerina Raven Wilkinson by: [Leda Schubert](#) Age: 5 - 9

In Her Hands: The Story of Sculptor Augusta Savage by: [Alan Schroeder](#) Age: 7 - 11

Who Is Michelle Obama? by: [Megan Stine](#) Age: 8 - 12

Hidden Figures Young Readers Edition by: [Margot Lee Shetterly](#) Age: 8 - 13

Who Is Aretha Franklin? by: [Nico Medina](#) Age: 8 - 12

Stompin' at the Savoy: The Story of Norma Miller by: [Norma Miller & Alan Govenar](#) Age: 8 - 12

Stone Mirrors: The Sculpture and Silence of Edmonia Lewis by: [Jeannine Atkins](#) Age: 13 and up
Grace, Gold, and Glory: My Leap of Faith by: [Gabrielle Douglas & Michelle Burford](#) Age: 13 and up

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WORDS FOR THE CHILDREN TO LIVE BY TO LIVE BY

Hello Black Child by countee cullen

Hey black child
Do you know who you are
Who you really are
Do you know you can be
What you want to be
If you try to be
What you can be

Hey black child
Do you know where you are going
Where your really going
Do you know you can learn
What you want to learn
If you try to learn
What you can learn

Hey black child
Do you know you are strong
I mean really strong
Do you know you can do
What you want to do
If you try to do
What you can do

Hey Black Child
Be what you can be
Learn what you must learn
Do what you can do
And tomorrow your nation
Will be what you want it to be

Our Deepest Fear

By Marianne Williamson

Our deepest fear is not that we are
inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful
beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness
That most frightens us.

We ask ourselves
Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous,
talented, fabulous?
Actually, who are you *not* to be?
You are a child of God.

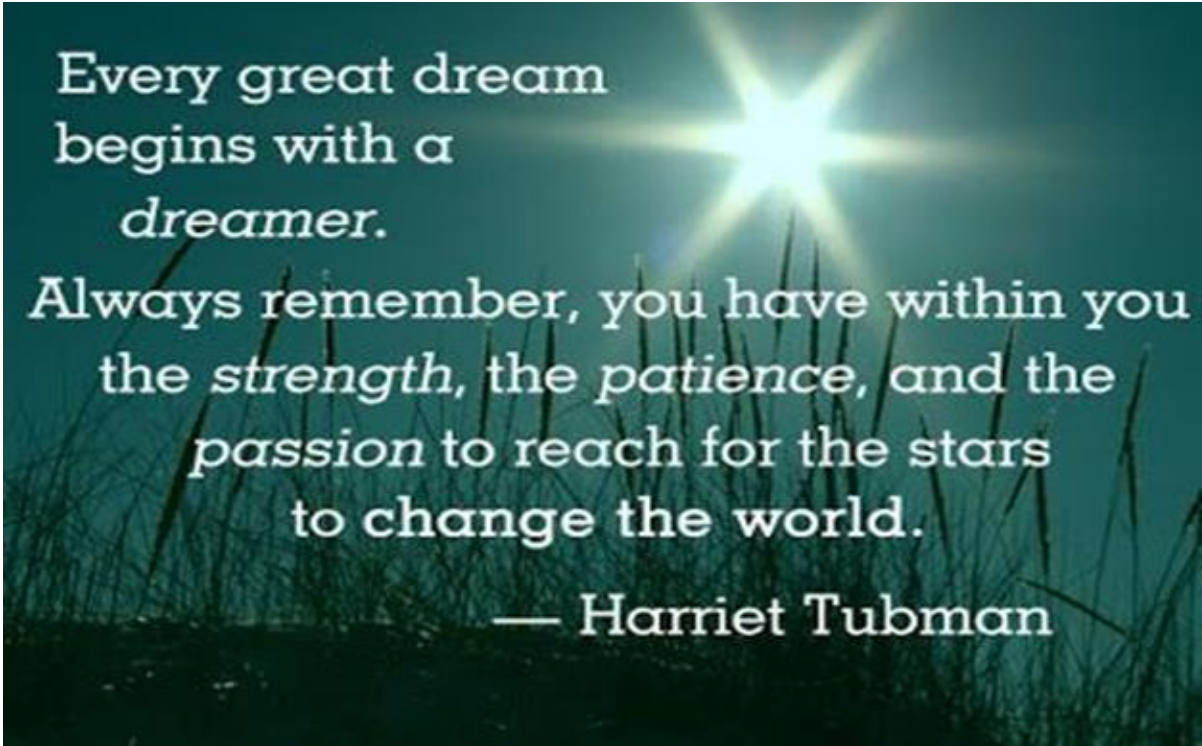
Your playing small
Does not serve the world.
There's nothing enlightened about
shrinking
So that other people won't feel insecure
around you.

We are all meant to shine,
As children do.
We were born to make manifest
The glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us;
It's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine,
We unconsciously give other people
permission to do the same.
As we're liberated from our own fear,
Our presence automatically liberates
others.

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Every great dream
begins with a
dreamer.

Always remember, you have within you
the *strength*, the *patience*, and the
passion to reach for the stars
to change the world.

— Harriet Tubman