

February

1. **Groundhog's Day Off** by Robb Pearlman

What happens when a groundhog decides to skip work for the day?

2. **The Story of Snow** by Mark Cassino

Discover the magic of snowflakes and how each one is completely different!

3. **I Love You to the Moon and Back** by Amelia Hepworth

A heartwarming story about love that's bigger than the sky!

4. **Happy Valentine's Day, Mouse!** by Laura Numeroff

Join Mouse as he shares sweet surprises with all his friends.

5. **I Love You, Stinky Face** by Lisa McCourt

A silly and sweet story about a love that never changes, no matter what.

6. **Animals in Winter** by Henrietta Bancroft

See how clever animals survive snow, cold, and icy adventures!

7. **The Love Letter** by Anika Aldamuy Denise,

A mysterious letter sends one girl on a fun and surprising journey.

8. **Love Is** by Diane Adams

Discover all the ways love shows up in the world, big and small.

9. **Bear in Love** by Daniel Pinkwater

Follow Bear as he learns what it feels like to fall in love for the first time.

10. **Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch**

A lonely man's life changes in the sweetest way when he discovers that someone secretly loves him.

11. **Here Comes Valentine Cat** by Deborah Underwood

Cat learns that Valentine's Day is about sharing kindness, not just candy!

12. **The Day It Rained Hearts** by Felicia Bond

Hearts fall from the sky, and one girl shares them to make everyone smile.

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Story Center Schedule

February 5-8:

Celebrating Christian Robinson

- STORY- Milo Imagines The World
- STORY- Another
- CRAFT- Christian Robinson Sunflower Art

February 12-15:

Celebrating Laura Obuobi

- STORY- What Love Looks Like
- STORY- Love Grows Everywhere
- CRAFT- Glenyse Thompson Valentines

February 19-22:

Celebrating Vanessa Bradley-Newton

- STORY- Grandma's Purse
- STORY- Nesting Dolls
- CRAFT- John-Michael Basquait Crowns

February 26-28:

Celebraing Jacqueline Woodson

- STORY- The Day You Begin
- STORY- The Year We Learned To Fly
- CRAFT- Alma Thomas Paintings

February Story Center Hours

Thursday: 10-4

Friday: 10-4

Saturday: 10-4

Sunday: 10-4

Join us

**for Story Time at 11:00
and Craft Time at 11:30**

Thursday- Sunday



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Black History Month Reading

1. Big---By Vashti Harrison

A young girl learns that her voice, ideas, and feelings matter, even when others try to make her feel small.

2. How Do You Spell Unfair---By Carole Boston Weatherford

A powerful poem that helps kids understand unfair rules and the courage it takes to stand up for justice.

3. An American Story---By Kwame Alexander

A moving story about a Black child navigating America while learning about identity, history, and belonging.

4. Holding Her Own: The Exceptional Life of Jackie Ormes---By Traci N. Todd.

The true story of Jackie Ormes, a groundbreaking Black cartoonist who used her art to challenge racism and sexism.

5. The Last Stand---by Antwan Eady

A child and grandparent protect their neighborhood tree, showing how standing up together can make a difference.

6. Life Doesn't Frighten Me---By Maya Angelou

A bold poem that celebrates courage and confidence in the face of fear.

7. Hey Black Child---Useni Eugene Perkins

An encouraging poem that reminds Black children of their strength, potential, and greatness.

8. Magnolia Flower--- By Zora Neale Hurston

A lyrical folktale about a brave girl who uses her courage and cleverness to overcome challenges.

9. Mary Can!--- By Mary J Blige

An uplifting story that encourages children to believe in themselves and follow their dreams.

10. What Is Hip-Hop?--- By Nelson George

An introduction to hip-hop culture that explains how music, art, and dance became powerful forms of expression.

11. All Because You Matter--- By Tami Charles.

A loving reminder that every child is valuable, worthy, and deeply important just as they are.

12. Miss Tizzy by Libba Moore Gray

A story about kindness and community

13. Saturday--- Oge Mora

A warm story about a mother and child finding joy together, even when their plans don't go as expected.

14. Milo Imagines the World by Matt de la Peña

A boy named Milo uses his imagination on a subway ride and learns that people are more than what we first assume.



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Black History Month Facts

Black History Month is celebrated every February in the United States. It began in 1926 as "Negro History Week," a name that reflected the language commonly used at the time. The term is now outdated, but the week laid the foundation for the month-long celebration we recognize today.

- Black inventors have created many things we still use every day, including traffic lights and other tools that make life safer and easier.
- Black History Month helps us learn important stories that were often left out of history books.
- Kwanzaa is a cultural celebration created by Dr. Maulana Karenga and is celebrated by some families in December.
- The Harlem Renaissance was a time when Black artists, writers, and musicians shared their creativity and shaped American culture.
- Jazz music began with Black musicians in the United States and continues to influence music around the world.
- HBCUs, or Historically Black Colleges and Universities, were created to give Black students access to higher education.
- Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19, honors the day enslaved people in the U.S. finally learned they were free.

A Few Important People in Black History:

- Claudette Colvin helped spark the Civil Rights Movement when she refused to give up her seat on a bus.
- Martin Luther King Jr. led the fight for equal rights through peaceful protests and powerful speeches.
- Harriet Tubman helped enslaved people escape to freedom by guiding them along the Underground Railroad.
- Mae Jemison made history as the first Black woman to travel into space.
- Ruby Bridges was just six years old when she bravely helped integrate a school.
- Jackie Robinson changed baseball forever by breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball.
- Thurgood Marshall became the first Black justice on the United States Supreme Court.
- Shirley Chisholm made history as the first Black woman elected to Congress.
- George Washington Carver was a scientist who found many new uses for plants and helped farmers.
- Mae Jemison was the first Black woman to travel into space.
- Barack Obama was the first Black President of the United States.