

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



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Story Center Hours

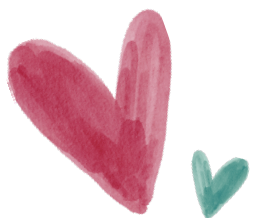
Thursday: 10-4

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.