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1st Week of February | 2025

School-Based

Books to read!



This Week in the DMV



- 02/03-DIY Heart Banner- MLK Library- **6:30-7:30pm**
- 02/05-National Chocolate Month 2025-Benning Library- **ALL DAY**
- 02/06-Commemoration of the Slaves who Built the US Capitol- Lamond-Riggs Library- **1-3pm**
- 02/06-Slime Time!!!- Rosedale Library- **5-7pm**
- 02/07-Walking in the Steps of the Bookman-1318 Vermont Ave NW- **1-2pm**
- 02/07-Lunar New Year Celebration- National Harbor- **5-7pm**
- 02/08-Book & Bake Sale-3401 Nebraska Ave NW- **8am-8pm**
- 02/08-Black History Month Live with the Culture Queen-Anacostia Community Museum- **12-2pm**
- 02/08-MidnightRose: A Reading Series of Poetry and Prose-Tenley-Friendship Library- **11am-1pm**
- 02/10-Job SEEKERS-Southwest Library- **1-2pm**
- 02/10-Art Lab: Painting With Snow-Anacostia Library- **4-5pm**



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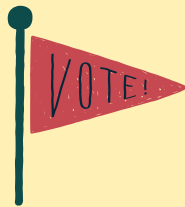
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Celebrating Black Leaders

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Annie Lee Cooper was a part of the first Freedom Day, urging Black residents to travel together to Selma, Alabama, & try to register to vote.



Barack Obama was elected as the first African American president in 2008 & was the 4th president to win a Nobel Peace Prize.

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C

Coke La Rock—Though he often improvised lyrics & did not record his material, he is credited with being hip-hop's first MC ever.



Dapper Dan is a fashion designer from Harlem, New York, who pioneered "logomania," a style incorporating popular brand symbols.

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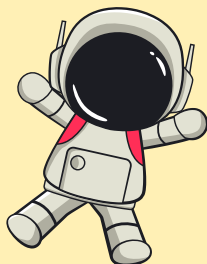
Elaine Brown is an activist & her efforts extend to prison reform & providing educational resources for African American children in poverty.

Frederick Douglass' famous "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" speech offered provoking and powerful testaments to the reality of slavery.

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Guion Bluford became the 1st African American in space after the STS-8 mission launched its crew in 1983. He spent over 28 days in space across 4 missions.



Harriet Tubman, who was born to slavery, used skills she learned about secret African American communication networks to aid escapes through the Underground Railroad.

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I

Ida B. Wells-Barnett was a prominent journalist, activist & researcher in the late 19th century. She battled sexism, racism & violence in her writing.

Jerry Lawson helped develop the 1st home video game console, paving the way for more elaborate consoles like Nintendo, Xbox and PlayStation.

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Kamala Harris became the 1st woman, Black American & South Asian American to be elected vice president.



Louis Armstrong dropped out of school to begin working, eventually saving enough to buy his first cornet and setting his sights on becoming a professional musician.

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Muhammad Ali went professional in boxing after his win in the Rome 1960 Olympic Games, traveling the world as philanthropist & activist promoting peace.





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Oscar Micheaux is known as the country's 1st major Black filmmaker. He directed and produced 44 films throughout his career, usually depicting contemporary Black life.



Nelson Mandela's famous "Speech from the Dock" stated he was ready to die for a democratic & free society. He became South Africa's 1st democratically elected president in 1994.

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Q

In 1989, Queen Latifah released one of the 1st feminist hip-hop albums at that time.

Paul Robeson was one of the 1st Black men to hold serious theater roles. His Othello was the longest-running Shakespeare play in Broadway history.

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S

Shaquille O'Neal- During his 19-year basketball career, he played for the Orlando Magic, Los Angeles Lakers, Miami Heat, Phoenix Suns, Cleveland Cavaliers and Boston Celtics.



Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler was the 1st Black woman to earn a medical degree in the U.S., battling the prejudice against women and African Americans in medicine.

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Usain Bolt is known as the "fastest man in the world," he secured & broke world records in the men's 100-meter and 200-meter sprints in the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

In 1985, Tina Turner's signature song "What's Love Got to Do with It" won Grammy awards for Record of the Year and Best Female Vocal Artist.

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W

Willie O'Ree was the 1st Black player in the National Hockey League, debuting with the Boston Bruins against the Montreal Canadiens in 1958.



Venus Williams is a professional tennis player, who has won 7 Grand Slam singles titles. 5 at the Wimbledon Championships and 2 at the U.S. Open Tennis Championships.

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Y

Yasmin Finney is widely known for her role in "Heartstopper," she often speaks about her identity as a Black, British transgender woman in the acting industry.



Malcolm X was a minister, civil rights activist & prominent Black leader who served as a spokesman for the Nation of Islam during the 1950s and 1960s.

X



Zora Neale Hurston was a world-renowned writer & anthropologist. Her novels, short stories and plays often depicted African American life in the South.

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