Celebrate civil rights via the Library’s Black History Month events

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CINCINNATI — In celebration of Black History Month, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County has a variety of special events for all age groups at the Downtown Main Library.

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2–3 p.m. in the Genealogy & Local History Programming Space, third floor
African Americans in 19th Century Cincinnati — Steve Kemme, author and retired Cincinnati Enquirer reporter, describes the African American community and culture in 19th-century Cincinnati. No registration required.

Saturday, Feb. 15, noon to 4 p.m. in the Reading Garden Lounge, first floor
African American Read-In — A celebration of African American literature with public readings, performances and hands-on activities. Featured guests include author Sharon Draper and illustrator R. Gregory Christie. All ages welcome. No registration required.

Monday, Feb. 17, 2–3 p.m. in the Children's Learning Center
The Children’s Theatre Presents: Coretta Scott King — Born in Alabama, Coretta Scott King overcame childhood adversity in the segregated south and attended Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. She would go on to play an integral role as the First Lady of the American Civil Rights movement, not only as the wife of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but also as an independent woman. No registration required.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2–3 p.m. in the Genealogy & Local History Programming Space
African American Society Columns in Cincinnati’s Newspapers in the 1800s — Reference Librarian Stephen Headley talks about the valuable information contained in newspaper columns about African Americans in Cincinnati’s daily newspapers in the late 1800s.

Saturday, Feb. 29, 2–3 p.m. in the Genealogy & Local History Programming Space
Under One Roof: The African American Experience in Music Hall — Thea Tjepkema, preservationist and a speaker from the Friends of Music Hall, explores the history of African Americans whose determination and artistry helped forge the ethos of our city and laid the foundation of American music.

For a listing of Black History month events taking place at branch locations, go to Cinlib.org/BlackHistory or call 513-369-6900.

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