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## **GWINNETT CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Events Throughout the County Pay Homage to African American History

Duluth, Georgia- Several Gwinnett County organizations have created programming in observance of February as Black History Month. Please see below for event details.

### **February 1-29, 2012: "Black Women in American History and Culture" exhibit**

*Location:* Gwinnett Justice and Administration building (75 Langley Drive Lawrenceville, GA 30046).

*Description:* The exhibit is comprised of news articles, magazine clippings and other documentation relating to local Black women's contributions to American history. Free.

*Time:* 8AM-9PM

*Contact:* [www.unitedebonysociety.org](http://www.unitedebonysociety.org) or 770-822-4046

### **Every Saturday in February:**

*Location:* Various locations and dates listed below

*Description:* Each Saturday during the month of February members from two organizations, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, as well as some of the youth they mentor, will be reading books at various branches to honor the many contributions and achievements of African Americans, past and present, while promoting literacy in our community. All ages welcome.

*Contact:* [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org) or 770-978-5154

### **Saturday, February 4, 2012: Black History Month Reading Relay**

1:00PM-2:00PM at Suwanee Branch of Gwinnett County Public Library (361 Main Street, Suwanee, GA 30024).

1:00PM-2:00PM at Duluth Branch of Gwinnett County Public Library (3480 Duluth Park Lane, Duluth, GA 30096)

1:00PM-2:00PM at Peachtree Corners Branch of Gwinnett County Public Library (5570 Spalding Drive Norcross, GA 30092)

### **Saturday, February 11, 2012: Black History Month Reading Relay**

1:00PM-2:00PM at Mountain Park Branch of Gwinnett County Public Library (1210 Pounds Road SW Lilburn, GA 30047).

1:00PM-2:00PM at Norcross Branch of Gwinnett County Public Library (6025 Buford Highway Norcross, GA 30071).

1:00PM-2:00PM at Snellville Branch of Gwinnett County Public Library (2740 Lenora Church Road Snellville, GA 30078-3226).

### **Saturday, February 18, 2012: Black History Month Reading Relay**

1:00PM-2:00PM at Centerville Branch of Gwinnett County Public Library (3025 Bethany Church Road Snellville, GA 30039)

1:00PM-2:00PM at Grayson Branch of Gwinnett County Public Library (700 Grayson Parkway Grayson, GA 30017)

1:00PM-2:00PM at Lawrenceville Branch of Gwinnett County Public Library (1001 Lawrenceville Highway Lawrenceville, GA 30046)

**Saturday, February 25, 2012:** Black History Month Reading Relay

1:00PM-2:00PM at Buford Branch of Gwinnett County Public Library (2100 Buford Hwy Buford, GA 30518)

1:00PM-2:00PM at Hamilton Mill Branch of Gwinnett County Public Library (3690 Braselton Highway Dacula, GA 30019)

1:00PM-2:00PM at Lilburn Branch of Gwinnett County Public Library (788 Hillcrest Road NW Lilburn, GA 30047)

**Saturday, February 18, 2012:** "From John Henry to Rosa Parks: African American Influence on Transportation History"

*Location:* Southeastern Railway Museum (Duluth)

*Description:* Walk through time with your interactive timeline and learn about some of the African-Americans who changed transportation history while doing crafts and activities and speaking with interpreters. \$6 for Children, \$9 for Adults and \$7 for Seniors includes all activities and admission to the museum. Train rides are \$3 extra.

*Time:* 10AM-5PM

*Contact:* [www.southeasternrailwaymuseum.org](http://www.southeasternrailwaymuseum.org) or 770-476-2013

**Monday, February 20, 2012:** Akbar Imhotep Storytelling

*Location:* Centerville Branch of Gwinnett County Public Library (3025 Bethany Church Road Snellville, GA 30039)

*Description:* Join storyteller Akbar Imhotep as he weaves fables and songs in celebration of Black History Month. Drums and puppets give life to African folktales! All ages welcome.

*Time:* 3PM

*Contact:* [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org) or 770-978-5154

**Saturday, February 25, 2012:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MLK Jr. Unity Breakfast

*Location:* Shorty Howell Park (2750 Pleasant Hill Road Duluth, GA 30096)

*Description:* The Breakfast will serve as an opportunity to celebrate the legacy of service of Dr. King and create an imperative to live out his legacy throughout our homes and our communities. This year's program during Black History Month will acknowledge and recognize individuals, groups and corporations within the Gwinnett community promoting diversity through leadership, innovation, and community volunteerism.

*Time:* 9AM-11AM

*Contact:* [mlkbreakfastinfo@rhokappalambda.org](mailto:mlkbreakfastinfo@rhokappalambda.org)

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012:** Holla At Ya Ancestors ©Genealogy Workshop

*Location:* Hilton Atlanta Northeast (5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Norcross, GA 30071)

*Description:* Gwinnett Convention and Visitors Bureau and Johnette Brooks of Holla At Ya Ancestors™ present, "How to Honor your African American Ancestors by Tracing, Documenting, Publishing & Donating Your Family History". Brooks will discuss tips and techniques for conducting African American genealogical research. Learn to navigate

the United States Census, slaveholder records, family histories and other resources to piece together your family history. Reservations required. Free. Lunch will be served.

*Time:*

10:30AM-1PM

*Contact:*

770-814-6056 or [lmurphy@gcvb.org](mailto:lmurphy@gcvb.org)