



The North Carolina

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Snapshot: 2021 Black History Month

2021 Black History Month Read-In

Our 2021 Black History Month Read-In will highlight African American children's book authors in North Carolina. This will be a virtual program series produced in collaboration with the State Capitol of North Carolina, State Library of North Carolina, Liberation Station and Richard B. Harrison Community Library. The virtual program series will consist of interviews conducted by students from Top Teens of America (Wendell Chapter) where they will interview five African American children's book authors based in North Carolina. Reading selections from each author will also be filmed and the video series will be released weekly throughout the month of February on the AAHC's YouTube page.

2021 Black History Month Communications

Throughout Black History Month, the Commission's communications and social media will serve as platforms to continuously promote North Carolina African American arts, history, and culture for all people. There will be three primary focuses:

- Sharing features related to the national Black History Month theme, Health and Healing
- Elevating the work of North Carolina heritage institutions, particularly those in the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
- Highlighting the Commission's virtual Black History Month Read-In

2021 North Carolina Black History Month Playlist

Our 2021 Black History Month playlist will highlight African American musicians of all genres from North Carolina and will be shared across our networks through our listserv and website. Featured artists on the playlist include John Coltrane, Roberta Flack, 9th Wonder, Rhiannon Giddens, Shirley Caesar, Thelonious Monk, Rapsody, Maceo Parker and many more.