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EVPL observing Black History Month with a series of programming, displays

Evansville, IN, January 30, 2023 – The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library will observe Black History Month with a series of programs, displays, and a reading challenge that highlight the rich history and contributions of Black Americans.

“Black History Month is an opportunity to explore the sacrifices, achievements, and heritage of Black Americans,” EVPL CEO-Director Scott Kinney said. “We hope our programming, displays, and activities will become opportunities to spark a discussion and learn more about the central role of Black Americans in our history.”

New this year, local students are encouraged to enter EVPL’s [Black History Month Art Contest](#) by submitting a piece of art that represents what Black History Month means to you. Participants must drop off their art with an [official registration form](#) to EVPL East by Friday, February 3, at 6:00 pm. Art will be on display during the month of February at EVPL East with a special program on Friday, February 17, for students to present their art to the community. Guests can also enjoy snacks, beverages, and music from local musician, Zion.

“I know of no better way to celebrate Black History Month than engaging our youth and the community with art and music,” EVPL East Experience Manager Linda Baker said. “We wanted to go beyond a passive experience and truly involve our community in a true celebration of Black History.”

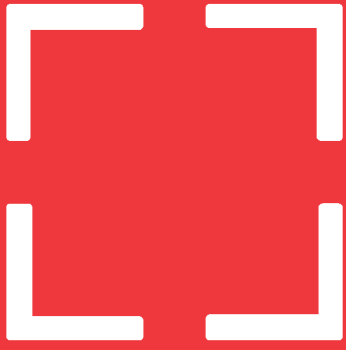
The Black History Month Reading Challenge encourages readers to read materials from prominent Black authors. When readers fulfill three of the reading challenge prompts, they will be entered for a chance to win a prize.

Details about additional programming can be found on the [library’s website](#).

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