



# CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

## February Is Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a time to recognize the central role African Americans have played in our country's history and a time to reflect on the continued struggle for racial justice. Join us as we honor, celebrate and remember the achievements and contributions of African Americans and how they've shaped our country.

- **Week of February 1st - Celebrating Black Businesses**

As we celebrate [Black History Month](#), we invite you to advance Black businesses, [events](#), [education](#) and culture in the city of Milwaukee. You can start by downloading the [MKE Black App](#) on either your [Apple](#) or [Android](#) device to find local Black businesses to support.

- **Week of February 8th - Celebrating Black Films**

Find a film to watch with friends and family through [Black- Lens](#), a program pillar of Milwaukee, that spotlights the incredible work of African American filmmakers. You can find a complete Black History Month program guide which features films that celebrate and honor black culture.

- **February 20th - Celebrating Black Cuisine**

When small businesses flourish, so do their communities. Join us on February 20th from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. for the Support Black Owned Food Trucks event at 2256 N. Holton St. in Milwaukee. You can also find other local black owned restaurants via the app.

- **Week of February 22nd - Celebrating Black Art & Culture**

Exploring the history, arts and culture of the Black experience is another phenomenal way to celebrate Black History month. Participate in some of the local virtual performances that taking place this month at the [Milwaukee Art Museum](#) the [Wisconsin Black Historical Society](#), the [Milwaukee Rep](#) and [America's Black Holocaust Museum](#).

- **February 24th - Unlearning Systemic Racism**

Mark your calendars and make plans to join a virtual town hall meeting hosted by the Y's African American CEOs on Wednesday, February 24th from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., to continue our discussion on the critical topic of unlearning systemic racism. All Y staff, volunteers and community members are encouraged to participate. Registration can be found [here](#).

- **February 26th - We Wear Black**

The YMCA Of Metropolitan Milwaukee invites you to join us on February 26th, for We Wear Black. We encourage you to wear black to demonstrate solidarity and bring awareness to systematic racism and oppression of black people in the United States and around the globe.