

## 2011 African American History Month Events

In recognition of the numerous contributions made by African Americans in the United States our Nation celebrates National African American History Month throughout the month of February. Listed below are special events to celebrate this year's observance. Most events are free, however, for specific information on costs and event times, you should check the website or call the organization directly.

**Black History Month Storytime**, every Tuesday, beginning February 1, 2011, 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 555 12th St NW, Washington, DC. In celebration of Black History Month, children's story times and other events will be held weekly. For more information and featured authors and events, call 202-347-0176.

**"America I Am: The African American Imprint" Exhibit**, Feb. 2 - May 1, 2011, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. daily, National Geographic Museum, 17th and M Streets NW, Washington, DC. A touring exhibition celebrating African American contributions to the United States. Exhibits include photographs, documents, multimedia, and more. For more information and ticket prices, visit [National Geographic](#).

**Lecture and Book Discussion "Black Seminoles: The Gullah That Got Away,"** February 3, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Anacostia Community Museum, Program Room, 1901 Fort Place, SE, Washington, DC. Join Alcione Amos, editor of *The Black Seminoles: History of a Freedom Speaking People*, as she shares the story of a people who throughout the flight from slavery managed to keep their language and traditions. For information, call 202-633-4844.

**Family Day: African Pioneers in Aviation**, February 5, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m., Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly, Virginia. Meet some of the original Tuskegee Airmen, African American World War II pilots who fought discrimination both at home and abroad. Parking fee of \$15 applies to each vehicle. For information call 703-572-4118.

**Black History Month 2011 Family Day Celebration**, February 5, 2011, 11:30 a.m.– 5 p.m., American History Museum, 1400 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Join in the celebration with music, interactive theatrical presentations of student sit-ins by the Washington Performing Arts Society, performances, the debut of an American Girl self-guided Civil War family tour ("Addy's World") arts, crafts, exhibits, and other activities. For more information call 202-357-2700.

**Black History Month Celebration**, February 16, 2011, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2902 16th St. S., Arlington, VA - Join in on the celebration of African American contributions and watch a short film about Freedman's Village and a discussion on Arlington Black Heritage Museum and Black owned businesses. Call 703-228-0955 for more information.

**Annual Black History Invitational Swim Meet**, February 18 - 20, 2011, Takoma Aquatic Center, 300 Van Buren, St., NW, Washington, DC. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the United Black Fund, Inc. (UBF) are hosting their 25th annual swim meet in honor of Black History Month. For times and additional information, call (202) 673-7647 or email [dpr@dc.gov](mailto:dpr@dc.gov).

**Black History Month Cruise** on the Spirit of Washington, February 19, 2011, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Try an educational and entertaining lunch cruise showcasing the variety of music which has paved the way for modern musicians from Jazz, R&B, to Pop. Enjoy live entertainment in tribute to notable African-American artists such as Duke Ellington, Marvin Gaye, Michael Jackson, Miles Davis and Diana Ross. The cruise boards at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$40.90 per person. For more information visit [Spirit of Washington](#).

**The Return of Blak Muzik: What We've Been Missing Concert**, February 19, 2011, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Town Hall Education Arts Recreation Campus (THE ARC), 1901 Mississippi Avenue, SE, Washington, DC. Performances by acclaimed local artists including Ms. Colie Williams, J. Pierre, Brothas Keepa, and Brian Lenair. Tickets required (\$25- \$30), for information visit <http://www.thearc.org/events/return-blak-musik-what-weve-been-missing-0>

**Discussion on Black Troops in the American Civil War**, February 22, 2011, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, VA. Join a discussion about African-American troops who served in the Civil War; interactive demonstrations. For questions, call 703-689-2700.

**NASA HQ 2011 National African American History Month Observance Program**, February 24, 2011, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Wilbur J. Cohen Auditorium, 330 Independence Avenue, SW, C Street Entrance, Washington, DC. The program will include keynote speaker J.D. Reeves, National President, Blacks in Government (BIG), Kevin McIlvaine, Award Winning Actor Film and Stage, and the Largo High School Choir.

**National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Speaker Series**, February 24, 2011, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., NTSB Board Room, 490 L'Enfant Plaza East, SW, Washington, DC. The NTSB Special Emphasis Committee is co-sponsoring Speaker Series that will highlight some of the most distinguished individuals from the fields of transportation safety, leadership and innovation. In honor of Black History Month, Administrator Charlie Bolden will be the keynote speaker for the first lecture of this new series.

**85th Annual Black History Month Luncheon**, February 26, 2011, 12:30 p.m., Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC. Join in the Association for the Study of African American Life and History's (ASALH) 85th annual luncheon in honor of Black History Month. The featured speaker is Lerone Bennett, Jr., noted scholar, author, historian and Executive Editor Emeritus of Ebony Magazine. WUSA

Channel 9 News Anchor Andrea Roane will emcee the event. For more information, contact the ASALH office at 202-865-0053

**Lecture and Discussion on Considering the Afro-Latin@ Experience**, February 26, 2011, 2:00 p.m. – 3 p.m., American History Museum, Carmichael Auditorium, 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Join a discussion with Editors Miriam Jiménez Román and Juan Flores, contributing author María Rosario Jackson, and D.C.-based activist Roland Roebuck of the newly released Afro-Latin@ Reader and the history and experiences of Black Latinos in the United States. [American History Afro-Latin@Experience](#)

For a complete listing of events sponsored by the Smithsonian in celebration of Black History Month, visit [Smithsonian Black History Month Events](#).

**19th Annual Feel the Heritage Festival**, February 26, 2011, 12 – 5 p.m., Charles Drew Community Center, 3500 S. 24th St., Arlington, VA. Join in celebrating the rich culture and history of African Americans at this year's festival featuring arts and craft vendors, educational programming, and more. For more information, call 703-228-5725.