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Library Black History Month Programs Bring History to Life

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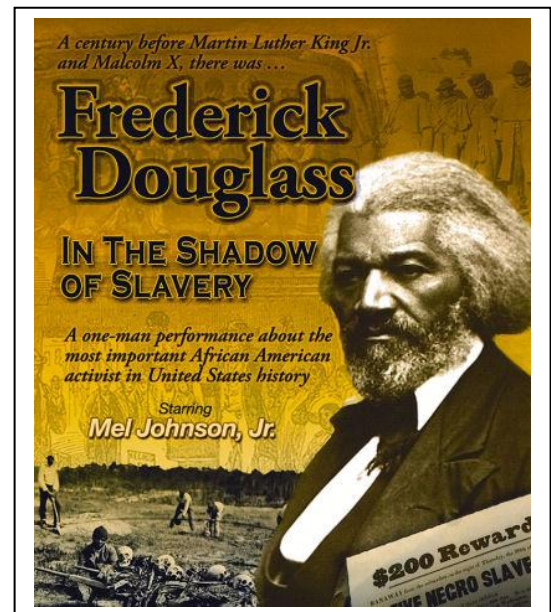
Celebrate Black History Month at your Library

From great books by African-American authors to DVDs and videos that bring history to life, your Rock Island Public Library has all the materials you need to bring home the lessons of Black History Month. For ideas on what to read with your children, pick up free booklists in our Children's Department. Or for adult titles, check the book displays on the first floor of our Main Library. Families can also learn more with a number of free public events, including a special visiting artist performance.

Audiences of all ages can learn more about the great civil rights leader, activist, speaker, author, journalist, publisher and social reformer Frederick Douglass, by seeing special excerpts from the one-man play, "In the Shadow of Slavery."

**Tuesday, February 5,
7 p.m., Rock Island Main Library
401 19th Street**

Presented at the library as part of the 2007-08 Quad City Arts Visiting Artists Series, the event features writer/director Tom Dugan and actor Mel Johnson, Jr., Johnson, a veteran actor whose credits including playing Mufasa in the Broadway version of "The Lion King", will also talk about the craft of acting. All ages are welcome; may be most suitable for 5th grades through adults. Free and open to the public.



In addition, the Rock Island Library Children's Room will offer a number of special programs for children during Black History Month. The free programs include:

Harriet Tubman & the Underground Railroad, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 4. Movie, discussion and craft. Ages 6 and up. Main Library.

Discovering Poetry by African-American Authors, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., Feb. 11. Ages 7 through 12. Main Library.

Storytime on the Civil Rights Movement, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., Feb. 25. Ages 7 to 12. Main Library.

All are free and open to the public. No registration is required. Check them out!