

February is...

## Black History Month

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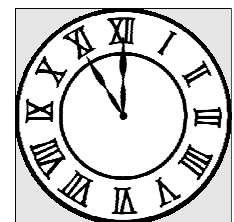
***Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memory***  
is the theme for ***Black History Month 2016***.

African American heritage sites such as Booker T. Washington's birthplace and Frederick Douglass's home are national monuments; this year's theme of hallowed grounds therefore ties in nicely with the centennial celebration of the National Park Service.

Librarian Tim Creamer developed the display highlighting sacred sites associated with African American heritage and purchased many new book titles with the generous support of the Dr. Vincent E. Miles African-American Collection.

The library staff would like to thank Don Miller, warehouse supervisor, who obtained two beautiful tables for this year's display.

Please stop by and view our tribute to the African American community.



### Library Hours

Sunday 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Monday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm  
Tuesday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm  
Wednesday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm  
Thursday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm  
Friday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday Closed

# The Future of the Library

To paraphrase Mark Twain, the reports of the death of the library (and/or the book for that matter) have been greatly exaggerated. It's true that printed material may be giving way to new digital formats and because of that, there is the temptation to question the relevance of libraries when you can "just Google it." Of course, the academic librarian's mantra continues to be that Googled information must be evaluated. But there's more going on than teaching information literacy and guiding students in their research assignments. Changes are happening in all types of libraries as librarians try to figure out how to reinvent themselves and their building spaces in the digital age.

The Pulse, a weekly radio show from WHYY in Philadelphia that explores stories at the heart of health, science, and innovation, recently broadcast an hour-long program on "The Rebirth of the Library." The program's journalists visited public libraries, university libraries, and a special library. What they found is that the trend for all these libraries is "warehousing less paper and creating spaces for people to connect and learn." At university libraries especially there is an added concern of creating and preserving digital collections. These new digital collections are important because someday historians will use social media as a primary source for research. Downsizing collections (as print moves to digital) can open up possibilities for other uses of building space. Many libraries now feature more group study rooms and conference rooms. Cafés are another popular new trend for all types of libraries, as are maker spaces for the do-it-yourselfer.

To listen to the full podcast, click here: <http://www.newsworks.org/pulse/libraryscience/>

*"To ask why we need libraries at all, when there is so much information available elsewhere, is about as sensible as asking if roadmaps are necessary now that there are so very many roads." ~ Jon Bing*

## Renew Items Online

The Library offers a "My Library" feature that makes it possible to:

- see a list of items currently checked out
- renew books/DVDs online ONE time

To set up a My Library account:

Access the Library Catalog

Go to <http://pamug.iii.com/search~S9> and select My Library and then My Account

You will need to enter the following information into the form provided.

**NAME** (last name only)

**BARCODE** (78526 + your Stevens ID number)

**PIN:** (leave this blank when creating your account)

Click on the **Submit** button

On the next form, you will need to reenter your name and barcode. **Leave the first PIN block empty and then in the next boxes enter a PIN** of your choice and Submit.

If you need assistance or forget your PIN, please come to the circulation desk for help.

## Librarian's Snack Mix

- 9 c. rich chex
- 1 c. chocolate chips
- 1/2 c. peanut butter
- 1/2 stick of butter
- 1 c. powdered sugar

Combine chocolate chips, peanut butter, and butter in a bowl. Microwave for 1 min. Stir, then microwave for 30 seconds more. Pour over cereal and toss. Place mixture in a gallon bag with powdered sugar and shake. Enjoy.

## *Black History Month Collection Highlights*

Here is a sampling of some of the titles that were added to the collection this year with the generous support of the Dr. Vincent E. Miles African American collection.

### ***Killing Trayvons: An Anthology of American Violence***

*Killing Trayvons* is a thorough study of the Trayvon Martin case. With contributions from a host of authors and various sources (such as trial testimony), the book is simultaneously an examination of race, violence, and resistance in America today.

### ***Imprisoned in a Luminous Glare***

*Imprisoned in a Luminous Glare* looks at how the evolution of photography managed to create a pictorial history of African American life.

### ***To Conserve a Legacy***

*To Conserve a Legacy* showcases American art from historically black colleges and universities.

### ***Bound to Appear: Art, Slavery, and the Site of Blackness in Multicultural America***

In the late 1900's African American artists began to have their work featured prominently in the mainstream art world; this book dedicates a chapter to each of the following artists - Renée Green, Glenn Ligon, Lorna Simpson, and Fred Wilson - who has shaped the landscape of American art in the last two decades.

### ***Ferguson is America: Roots of Rebellion***

This slim paperback describes historical insights into the roots of rebellion that followed the killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. It also talks about the aftermath of the protests and how the Movement for Black lives has changed how the world sees Black America, police, and policing.

### ***The Liberty Bell Era: The African American Story***

The Liberty Bell Era chronicles the contributions of African Americans during the years leading up to the revolution of 1776 and beyond. Many of the stories portrayed here were previously unknown to the general reader and the author's research fills in gaps during America's founding years.

### ***The Defender: How the Legendary Black Newspaper Changed America***

*The Defender* refers to the Chicago newspaper founded in 1905 by Robert S. Abbott, which chronicled America's struggle with race throughout the 20th century. Its journalists covered the Pullman strikes and the fight for civil rights and along the way, the newspaper became a political tour de force.

### ***America I am Black Facts: The Timelines of African American History, 1601-2008***

***“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library” ~ Albert Einstein***

*Coming next month*

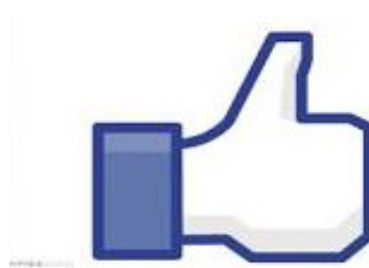
*March is Women's History Month*

*Look for our display beginning the first week of March*

*Our goal is to help you find the information you need at a time and place that's convenient for you. Our promise is to help you understand when information is needed, recognize where it is, and master methods to retrieve it.*

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## Featured Web Site -

### The Census Business Builder: Small Business Edition

<https://cbb.census.gov/sbe/>

The US Census Bureau has a new, free online tool available to entrepreneurs looking to start or expand their business. Called *The Census Business Builder: Small Business Edition*, the website uses demographic and economic data from the Census Bureau organized in such a way to help users understand the business landscape of a region.

With easy to use menus and interactive maps the Census Bureau has designed a website that is intuitive for first-time users to navigate. However, there is a wealth of information that can be mined from the data, and tutorials are available for guidance. There are 5 separate tutorials that are worth watching: overview, navigation, filter feature, profile report, and tips & tricks.



The Census Bureau Builder allows you to search a variety of industries by first selecting from a broad business area such as construction, food services, or retail, and then narrowing down to a more specific business type. Next, choose the proposed location for your business by entering a county, city/town, or zip code.

A map will appear with the total population in the lower left hand corner along with a link to "create report." Your potential customers are then broken down by demographics, socioeconomic conditions, and housing characteristics. And that's just for starters.

You can view your data (including trend charts) in a map, report, or table, all of which can be downloaded, printed, and incorporated into a business plan or research.