

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Yukoners are invited to participate in Black History Month activities that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present.

Watch for the following activities in Whitehorse:

- February 8 at 6:30 pm at Available Light Film Festival at Arts Centre - showing of film "Family Portrait in Black and White", followed by discussion with Director Julia Ivanova and Yukoners, Charlotte Hrenchuk, her son George Rivard, Paul Gowdie and Tina Brobby
- February 17 at noon at the Whitehorse Public Library – Free admission to three short slide presentations on the theme of Yukon Black History
- February 27 on CBC radio afternoon program "Air Play" – book discussion with Yukon panelists on two books: *Black Berry Sweet Juice* by Lawrence Hill and *Half-Blood Blues* by Esi Edugyan.
- Weekly ads during February on "Did you know?" facts about Black history in both the Whitehorse Star and Yukon News
- February 1 to 13 book display of Black authors in Mac's Bookstore window.

Take time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and learn about our shared history, and gain insight into the experiences of Black Canadians and the vital role they have played.

The "Hidden History Group" began in 2000, with a group of community members interested in uncovering Black and Asian history of the Yukon and educating Yukoners about the contributions of Black and Asian people to the Yukon's economic, cultural and community development.

Currently the Hidden History group consists of: Peggy D'Orsay of Yukon Archives, Paul Gowdie, a Black Canadian and owner of Tarius Design; Charlotte Hrenchuk of the Yukon Status of Women Council and Lillian Nakamura Maguire of the Yukon Human Rights Commission and vice-president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians.

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