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# SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2, 2019  
**CHINESE NEW YEAR'S  
FESTIVAL**  
10:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.  
Boutwell Auditorium

For more info:  
205-835-1205

February 7–10, 2019  
**MARVEL LIVE**  
9:00 a.m.  
BJCC Legacy Arena

For more info:  
[www.marveluniverselive.com/](http://www.marveluniverselive.com/)

February 7–10, 2019  
**MERCEDES MARATHON**  
Race starts at 7:02 a.m.  
Railroad Park

For more info:  
[www.mercedesmarathon.com](http://www.mercedesmarathon.com)

February 16, 2019  
**THE WIZ LIVE**  
2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
BJCC Concert Hall

For more info:  
205-458-8400

February 24, 2019  
**EARTHY BIRTHY FAIR  
AND FAMILY WELLNESS  
EXPO**  
2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.  
Innovation Depot Inc.

For More info:  
[www.birthwellpartners.org/](http://www.birthwellpartners.org/)



## DYS Celebrates History in the Making! Celebrating Young People who are BRIDGING THE GAP

The City of Birmingham Mayor's Office Division of Youth Services (DYS) launches **BRIDGING THE GAP** in observance of Black History Month. As a proponent of this initiative, DYS is celebrating

### young people who are **History in the Making.**

Throughout the month of February, DYS is highlighting youth who are working hard and dedicating themselves to leaving their mark on the pages of history by doing extraordinary things in their community.



2018 History in the Making winners

Help us celebrate these young leaders who are **History in the Making.**

Because we know that history is continuously being made, we are also highlighting other history makers and outstanding young people in monthly profiles in our Spotlight on Youth, History in the Making and Programs that Work sections.

If you know of a young person, up to the age of 21 who is making history, we want to know about them.

Contact DYS at (205) 320-0879 to share their story.

## Sparkling Interest and Excitement at Oxmoor Valley Elementary School



(Source: The Birmingham Chapter of the Links, Inc.)

The Birmingham Chapter of the Links, Inc. is helping to spark an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers for some of Birmingham's youngest citizens. Links members have helped create a Robotics Team for Oxmoor Valley Elementary School. The team has been established

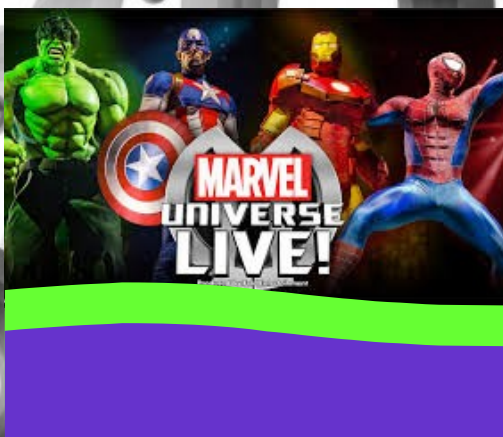
now for some three years. The professional women in the chapter understand that in today's technology-driven world, it is more important than ever to prepare students for the future. Careers, employability and earning power increase in (STEM) related areas.

Link members work with the Oxmoor Valley Robotics Team, to engage and bring STEM to life for third, fourth and fifth grade students by using Wonder Workshop. The Wonder Workshop Dot and Dash robots and software training encourage hands-on-play and learning, which makes creative problem-solving tangible for students.

## spotlight on youth

Students are taught coding skills, but also learn to maneuver their robots manually. Additionally, to integrate art and reading into their program, robotic team members design costumes and sets for robots. The team has participated in International Day of Coding, as well as Stem Day, both hosted at Oxmoor Valley.

Not only do Link members support and encourage, they also provide financing for all robotics activities at Oxmoor Valley Elementary school, as well as, Parker High School. We know with the Links continued help and support these young people can reach their goals and prepare themselves for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Careers.



### Marvel Universe: LIVE!

February 7th– 10th  
BJCC Legacy Arena  
7:00 p.m.

Star-Lord, Gamora, Rocket, alongside Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, and Black Panther help fight the scheming, menacing and loathsome villains Loki, Yondu and the Green Goblin. Witness cutting-edge special effects, aerial maneuvers, pyrotechnics and motorcycle stunts.

For more info:  
[CLICK HERE](#)



### Big Machines Day

February 16th  
McWane Science Center  
9:00 a.m.

Get your motors running and head over to McWane Science Center for a truckload of fun. Spend a constructive day getting up close and personal with some big machines.

For more info:  
[CLICK HERE](#)



### Annie Jr.

February 28th  
Virginia Samford Theatre

With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. Follow Annie as she goes from Orphan to finding a new family and home with billionaire Oliver Warbucks.

For more info:  
[CLICK HERE](#)





## Volunteer at Project Homeless Connect 2019

February 16th  
Boutwell Auditorium

Join DYS, One Roof, Hands On Birmingham, and many other community members in volunteering at this year's Project Homeless Connect on **February 16, 2019!** For one day, Project Homeless Connect will give people experiencing homelessness the opportunity to access an array of services (housing, medical services, identification services, veterans' services, employment services, haircuts, etc.) in a system which is often difficult to understand and navigate.

Several shifts are available, volunteers must be 18-years of age or older to participate.

For more information on Project Homeless Connect contact [info@handsonbirmingham.org](mailto:info@handsonbirmingham.org) or call 205-251-5849.

## Birmingham Public Library Celebrates Black History Month With Special Programming



The national theme for this year's Black History Month is [Black Migration](#). This refers to the trend in which many African Americans migrated from racism in southern states in search of a better life and higher paying jobs elsewhere.

The Birmingham Public Library is shining the spotlight on black migration throughout the month of February.

[Five Points West Regional Library](#) is hosting several free programs during February based on black migration. On February 2, the [Central Library](#) is hosting the [Birmingham African-American Genealogy Group \(BAAGG\)](#)'s 20th Annual Black Heritage Fair, with The Great Migration theme.

BPL's Black Migration programs are as follows:

**Central Library**  
**Birmingham African American Genealogy Group's 20th Annual Black Heritage Fair -**

**The Great Migration, Saturday, February 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Birmingham lawyer J. Mason Davis will discuss The Great Migration during this event. Featured will be Great Migration items, black genealogy displays, quilts, art, and more.

**Five Points West Regional Library**

**Great Migration Scavenger Hunt, Monday, February 4 through Friday, February 22**

Patrons are invited to complete answer sheets about The Great Migration. All entries must be turned in by February 22, 2019. Winners will be announced Saturday, February 23, at The Great Migration presentation.

**Screening of *The Great Migration* film, Wednesday, February 20, 10:30 a.m.**

Watch the film that chronicles the great migration of African Americans from the rural south to cities up north and west during and after World War II.

Presentation and lecture on Jacob Lawrence's The Great Migration Series, Saturday, February 23, 2:30 p.m. Professor and artist Steven Walker of Lawson State Community College will present a lecture on The Great Migration.

To learn more visit:

<https://bplonlinevents.blogspot.com/2019/01/black-history-programs-focus-on-black.html>



**Ramsay High School Students Art Exhibition**

**Now—February 7th**  
Vulcan Park and Museum is exhibiting art work from Ramsay High School in Birmingham. This year's exhibit corresponds with the Alabama Bicentennial's 2019 theme of "Sharing Our Stories Through the Arts" and will showcase 20 students' artwork.

To Learn More visit: <http://visitvulcan.com>

## Voluntary Pre-K Program Pre- Registration Underway



Alabama's nationally recognized First Class Pre-K programs are now accepting pre-registration applications for the 2019-2020 school year. To participate, each child must **provide a birth certificate** documenting that he/she is 4 years old (and not yet 5) on or before September 1, 2019 and must also be an Alabama resident (documented with **proof of residence** such as a current utility bill or copy of a lease or mortgage) throughout enrollment.

Applying places your child in the Alabama First Class Pre-K random selection process.

To learn more or to register:  
[www.children.Alabama.gov](http://www.children.Alabama.gov)



## DYS and BBBS Recognized at Birmingham City Council Meeting

Mentoring is a positive, supportive relationship, encouraging young people to develop to their fullest potential. Mentoring can make a profound difference in the lives of mentees by fostering professional and personal development, that in turn strengthens our communities, economy and country. National Mentoring Month is held every January to spotlight mentoring throughout the United States. The Mayor's Office Division of Youth Services (DYS) staff members serve as mentors to P.D. Jackson Olin High School students through the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) workplace mentoring program. On Tuesday, January 22, 2019, Mayor Randall L. Woodfin announced a proclamation naming January as National Mentoring Month in Birmingham and recognized DYS and their mentees during the Birmingham City Council meeting.

DYS and the mentees were greeted and presented to the council by Mayor Woodfin. Each student also had a chance to introduce themselves and share with the council and attendees of the meeting, their names, grades, and career aspirations.

To learn more about how you can get involved through the BBBS Organization, visit:  
<http://www.bbbsbhm.org/become-a-big/>



DYS Staff along with "Littles," city council visit, January 22, 2019

## NPHC Scholarship Applications Available Now

Deadline: May 1, 2019

The National Pan-Hellenic Council is the governing body of the nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities. These organizations are committed to scholarship, community service

and cultural enrichment. NPHC affiliates and their respective members have pledged to devote their resources to service in their communities as well as a lifetime commitment to the goals and ideals of each organization. In said commitment to scholarship, community service and cultural enrichment, the National Pan-Hellenic Council awards scholarships to graduating seniors that exemplify high academic achievement, leadership, and involvement within the community.

Students can now apply for the scholarship.

For more information contact:  
[NPHCBirmingham@gmail.com](mailto:NPHCBirmingham@gmail.com)

## Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Essay Contest

Deadline: February 28, 2019

Who Inspires You?  
Write about an African-American who has inspired and motivated you for the opportunity to earn a \$5,000



or \$3,500 scholarship in celebration of Black History Month and those who have inspired the next generation to make history.

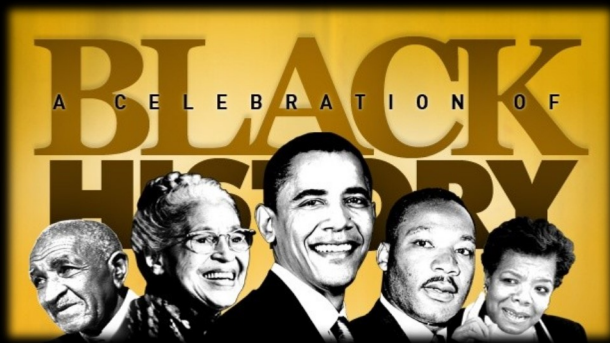
Regions will award \$5,000 scholarships to 15 high school seniors who live in states with Regions branches and will attend an accredited college in the U.S. during the 2019-2020 academic school year.

Regions will award \$3,500 scholarships to 15 freshmen, sophomores or juniors who permanently reside in, or currently attend an accredited college in, states with Regions branches and will attend an accredited college in the U.S.

To learn more visit:  
<https://www.regions.com/promo/black-history-scholarship>



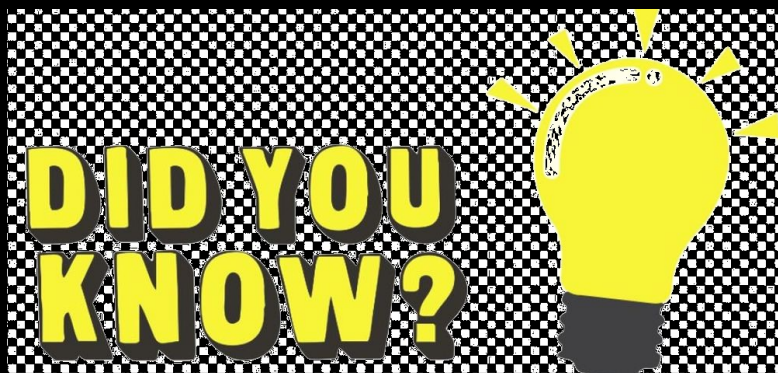
## Black History Month 2019



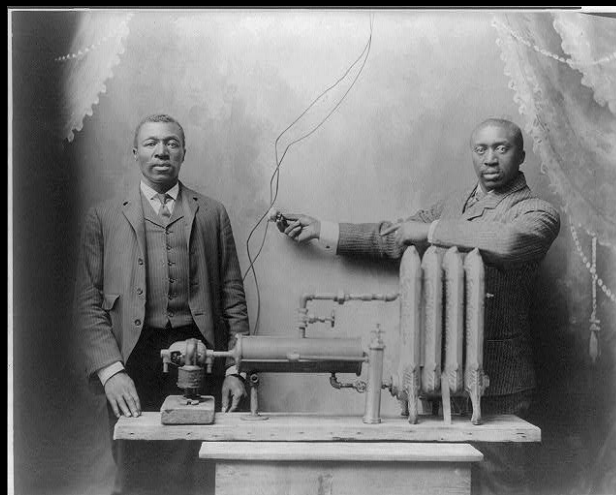
The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

To learn more about Black History Month, visit: <http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>



Charles S.L. Baker, (on the left) Invented the Radiator. Radiators are one of the oldest and most effective ways of heating a home. They're still *used* in buildings all over the world *today* and there are only a few options more effective being relied on.



## Creative Valentines Day Ideas

Celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14th with Activity Village's selection of Valentine crafts, coloring, puzzles, jokes, cards, jigsaws and printable activities for kids!

You'll find the colors red and pink and hearts galore, and all sorts of Valentine's Day activities to keep your kids busy - enough for a week of Valentine's Days!

Check out these sweet ideas:

<http://www.womansday.com/home/crafts-projects/g2138/valentines-day-crafts-for-kids/>



Gladys Mae West (née Brown) (born 1930<sup>[1]</sup> or 1931) is an American mathematician known for her contributions to the mathematics underpinning the Global Positioning System or as most people know it GPS. West was inducted into the United States Air Force Hall of Fame in 2018.

# Latest news and Events

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## World of Wheels

February 8th - 10th  
@ BJCC

The World of Wheels features a wide variety of custom cars, custom trucks and custom motorcycles as well as restored and antique vehicles. Our exhibitors, our vendors and tens of thousands of spectators make these annual shows informative, exciting, and fun!

For More Info:

<http://worldofwheels.net/>

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## The Wiz Live

February 16th @ BJCC  
Concert Hall

Go see Dorothy, The Tin Man, The Lion and The Scarecrow as they "Ease on Down the Road" to visit The Wiz who lives in Oz.

For More Info:

[www.bjcc.org/](http://www.bjcc.org/)

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## AHSAA Basketball State Championship

February 25th—February  
28th @ BJCC at Legacy  
Arena

The AHSAA Basketball state finals, formerly known as the final 48, is one of the top high school basketball championship events in the country. Join all the action at the BJCC Legacy Arena.

For More Info:

<https://statefinals.com/>

## Mercedes Marathon

February 8-10, 2019

Race kicks-off at 7:00 a.m.

February 11th

Railroad Park

Mercedes Marathon Weekend is one of the premiere racing weekends in the Southeast. It includes five races, leading up to the Mercedes Marathon.

Due to the I 59/20 interstate bridge construction in 2019, the race will no longer be in Linn Park. This year, race weekend will have a fresh new face as the start and finish lines for all races will be at Railroad Park.

### FEBRUARY 8TH & 9TH

Friday—12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday—8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

[UAB Callahan Eye Hospital & Clinics](#) Health & Fitness Expo and Packet Pickup - Boutwell Auditorium Entrance into the Expo is free to the public. Everyone is welcome!

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.: Regions Superhero 5K - Railroad Park

10:00 a.m.: The Bell Center EIP Children's Run - Railroad Park.

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama Kids Mercedes Marathon - Railroad Park.

5th graders will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by each descending grade in 10 minute increments.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

7:02 am: Mercedes Marathon, Half Marathon and Marathon Relay **begin on 14th St., S. near Good People Brewery and Regions Field.** The Half Marathon has a four hour time limit. The Marathon has a six hour time limit. All Sunday events benefit the children at The Bell Center For Early Intervention Programs.

For more information visit:

<https://www.mercedesmarathon.com>



## Red Mountain Theatre Company Presents Memphis The Musical

February 1 - 17, 2019

RMTC Cabaret Theatre

Thurs—Sat, 7:30 p.m.

Sat.—Sun., 2:00 p.m.

From the underground clubs of 1950's Memphis, Tennessee, comes

the story of a white radio DJ wanting to change the world and a black club singer looking for her big break.

Inspired by actual events and winner of the 2010 Tony Award for Best Musical, *Memphis* will have you bursting with laughter and brought to tears in this roof-raising, rock 'n' roll journey.

For more information visit:

<https://redmountaintheatre.org>



# Magic City Seams Jr. Bringing Fashion to Birmingham

Thursdays, 4:00PM - 7:00PM  
March 7, 2019 - April 25, 2019

Magic City Seams Jr (MCS Jr) is a program of Bib & Tucker Sew-Op; it is an expansion of Bib & Tucker's Magic City Seams, which trains adults in key aspects of soft-goods manufacturing.

MCS Jr is a free program that will introduce high school students to the fields of graphic, product, fashion and textile design. With emphasis placed on 4-year colleges, and with diminished electives in public schools, many students are not aware of potential career paths in the commercial and applied arts.

During this 8 week course, students will design an upcycled garment and learn how to use and maintain a sewing machine and serger.

Prior to each practical training session, guests working in the associated fields will give brief lectures on their craft, process and educational background.

The program is open to any high school student in the Birmingham area, currently in 9th -12th grade. Up to 10 students will be selected to participate. Sessions will begin in March and run through April. This course will familiarize students with the use of a sewing machine and the tools and techniques of the trade. The course will culminate in a final presentation of the students' work at a location to be determined.

Interested students must apply by **February 22, 2019.**

Applications can be found at  
<https://www.bibandtuckersewop.org/mcs-jr.html>

For more information,  
email [bibandtuckersewop@gmail.com](mailto:bibandtuckersewop@gmail.com)  
or call (205) 386-0575.



MAGIC  
CITY  
SEAMS  
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THURSDAYS  
4 PM- 7 PM  
MARCH 7-APRIL 25



### DESIGN YOUR FUTURE, ONE STITCH AT A TIME

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The program is free and open to any high school student in the Birmingham area, currently in 9-12 grade and we will select up to 10 participants. Sessions will begin in March and run through April. Magic City Seams Jr is led by Sonya Muhammad as head instructor. The course will culminate in a final presentation of the students' work.

MCS Jr is funded by a grant from the Alabama State Council of the Arts and aligns with ASCA's goals of excellence and professionalism, arts education, economic vitality, and economic vitality.

Interested students must complete the MCS Jr application online or must mail a paper version to Bib & Tucker Sew-Op by **February 22, 2019.** Applications can be found at <https://www.bibandtuckersewop.org/mcs-jr.html>  
For more information, email [bibandtuckersewop@gmail.com](mailto:bibandtuckersewop@gmail.com) or call (205) 386-0575.

Bib & Tucker Sew-Op  
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[bibandtuckersewop.org](http://bibandtuckersewop.org)

## National Clean Out Your Computer Day!

February 11, 2019



Observed on the second Monday in February, National Clean Out Your Computer Day is a day to take some time out of your busy schedule to do needed care on your computers.

Over time, files and programs that are unused on your computer clog the memory and cause confusion during retrieval and use of other files. They may also slow down your computer. The second Monday in February, Clean Out Your Computer Day, is the day to spend time with your computer!

### HOW TO OBSERVE

Take a look at your files and programs on your computers:

- ⇒ Organize your files and folders.
- ⇒ Delete junk files.
- ⇒ Delete duplicate files.
- ⇒ Delete old files and programs not being used.

This unofficial national holiday was originally sponsored by the Institute for Business Technology in the year 2000.

Use **#CleanOutYourComputerDay** to post on social media.



# FOR KIDS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Black History Matching

\_\_\_\_\_ ( )

- Entrepreneur
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 1<sup>st</sup> Female Self-Made Millionaire

\_\_\_\_\_ ( )

- Inventor who held more than 50 patents
- Created a communication device for trains & streetcars

Serena Williams ( )

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Only woman to win \$40+ million in prize money
- 30 Grand Slam titles

Duke Ellington ( )

- Composer, pianist & big-band leader (orchestra)
- Famous for making jazz a popular American artform

\_\_\_\_\_ ( )

- Abolitionist, humanitarian
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Fought for women's suffrage

Malcolm X ( )

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Civil Rights Activist
- Famous For: "By any means necessary"



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GRANVILLE T. WOODS



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E  
Professional tennis player

G.  
Harriet Tubman



J.

K.  
Madam C. J. Walker

M.  
Philanthropist

B.  
Led slaves to freedom in Underground Railroad



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F.

H.  
Muslim Minister

I.  
Granville Woods



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