

Black History Month Recommendations

All items are available at Austin Public Library

For Black History Month at St. James' the congregation will be focusing on Black Women Mystics such as Fannie Lou Hamer, Sojourner Truth, and Thea Bowman. These suggestions focus on Black women to help families have larger conversations about Black women's voices and roles in Black history. Enjoy!

Pre-Readers

- *Dream Big, Little One* by Vashti Harrison
- *My First Rosa Parks* by Lisbeth Kaiser
- *My First Harriet Tubman* by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara
- *My First Maya Angelou* by Lisbeth Kaiser
- *I Look Up to Michelle Obama* by Anna Membrino
- *The Girls in the Circle* by Nikki Giovanni
- *Freedom Soup* by Tami Charles
- *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* by Kadir Nelson
- *Black is a Rainbow Color* by Angela Joy
- *I Love My Hair* by Natasha Tarpley
- *Mae Among the Stars* by Roda Ahmed
- *Let the Children March* by Monica Clark-Robinson
- *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold

Lower Elementary

(these are also great books for a family read-aloud with children of all ages!)

- *Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride* by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- *Lift as You Climb: the Story of Ella Baker* by Patricia Hruby Powell
- *Ona Judge Outwits the Washingtons* by Gwendolyn Hooks
- *Coretta Scott King: I Kept on Marching* by Kathleen Krull
- *Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks* by Suzanne Slade
- *Shirley Chisholm is a Verb!* by Veronica Chambers
- *Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History* by Vashti Harrison
- *Hidden Figures (picture book)* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- *Rosa* by Nikki Giovanni
- *Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth* by Anne F. Rockwell
- *When Harriet Met Sojourner* by Catherine Clinton
- *Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement* by Carole Boston Weatherford
- *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom* by Carole Boston Weatherford

Upper Elementary

- *Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent* by Thomas B. Allen
- *Mighty Justice: The Untold Story of Civil Rights Trailblazer Dovey Johnson Roundtree* by Jabari Asim
- *The Truths We Hold* by Kamala Harris
- *Yours for Justice, Ida B. Wells* by Philip Dray
- *Black Women Who Dared* by Naomi M. Moyer
- *Hidden Figures: Youth Readers Edition* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- *What Do You Do With a Voice Like That: The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan* by Chris Barton
- *Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters* by Barack Obama

- *Brave, Black, First: 50+ African-American Women Who Changed the World* by Cheryl Willis Hudson
- *Fannie Lou Hamer* by Duchess Harris
- *Before She Was Harriet: The Story of Harriet Tubman* by Lesa Cline-Ransome
- *The People Could Fly* by Virginia Hamilton

Other Media

- *A Ballerina's Tale* (DVD)
- *Hidden Figures* (DVD)
- *The Legend: The Bessie Coleman Story* (Streaming and DVD)
- *This Little Light of Mine: the Legacy of Fannie Lou Hamer* (DVD)
- *The Reason I Like Chocolate* (LP)
- *History Kids Series* (Streaming)
- *The Black American Experience Series* (Streaming)