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The Hermitage Launches Black History Month Programming in February

Presidential home brings programs to community with focus on science, genealogy and archaeology

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Jan. 30, 2019) – Throughout February, Andrew Jackson's Hermitage will offer special programming in Nashville to commemorate and celebrate Black History Month. In conjunction with the Nashville Public Library, The Andrew Jackson Foundation's Education team will also host seven events at various library branches.

The Hermitage's programs will present Black History Month events feature topics on family genealogy research, music, poetry and storytelling, as well as a panel discussion on archaeological research of enslaved communities. The annual commemoration service of those enslaved at The Hermitage will take place Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Hermitage Church and will include performances by the Andrew Jackson Elementary Eagle Honor Choir and a procession to the slavery memorial located behind the church.

In addition, the Black History Month library programs will focus on telling the stories of African Americans in science, and The Hermitage will share stories of the home's former enslaved women who mastered the art of folk medicine, cared for the sick, and assisted women through childbirth and delivery.

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, visit thehermitage.com/events.

Library Programs

- Feb. 4—Bordeaux Branch, NPL—4 p.m.
- Feb. 9—Old Hickory Branch, NPL—2 p.m.
- Feb. 11—Madison Branch, NPL—5 p.m.
- Feb. 16—Richland Park Branch, NPL—10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 16—East Nashville Branch, NPL—2:30 p.m.
- Feb. 26—Edmondson Pike Branch, NPL—6 p.m.
- March 2—Inglewood Branch, NPL—10:30 a.m.

Featured Programs

- Feb. 2—Main Library, NPL—10 a.m. to 4 p.m., African-American Family History and Genealogy
- Feb. 9—First Lutheran Church—4 to 5 p.m., Echoes of My Sister's Voices
- Feb. 16—John Seigenthaler Center, Vanderbilt University—3 to 4 p.m. with reception to follow, Uncovering the Ancestors: Archaeology and Enslaved Communities in the Southeast
- Feb. 23—Andrew Jackson's Hermitage—11 a.m. to noon, Memorial Service

About Andrew Jackson's Hermitage

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage: Home of the People's President is one of the largest and most visited presidential homes in the United States. Opened as a museum in 1889, it is one of the nation's oldest presidential sites, drawing more than 228,000 visitors each year. Located 12 miles northeast of downtown Nashville, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with 27 restored sites and structures, 12 dating to Jackson's ownership, including his 1836 mansion and tomb, slave cabins, garden, and the church he had constructed for his beloved wife, Rachel. In the Andrew Jackson Center, guests can experience Andrew Jackson: Born for a Storm, an interactive exhibit about the life and profound impact of our seventh president on the history of the United States. Admission is free for active duty military and half-price for veterans. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.

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