

Black History Month Resources 2026

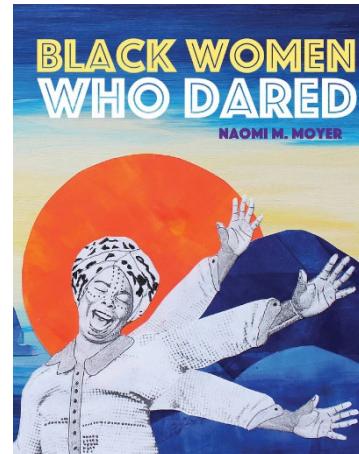


Following Black Excellence Day on January 15, February is Black History Month. This is a time to honour the contributions, voices, and lived experiences of Black communities locally in Victoria, across Canada, and around the world. Recognizing Black History and Black excellence is not just an item to be checked off a to-do list. We encourage educators to weave the following resources into your daily instructional practice and curriculum delivery.

This list of resources is by no means exhaustive and will continue to be a working document to be built up collectively. As a district, we encourage you to research and discover new resources and share them as a learning community. Please reach out to Nik Chiu (nchiu@sd61.bc.ca) if you find a helpful resource that is worth sharing out. Feedback on these resources and stories and celebrations of how these resources are used are also welcome!

Please note: some resources might include outdated language. Please update the vocabulary and spelling as required – bearing in mind the age of your learners and the understanding that language and learning is always evolving.

Thank you to the Vancouver School Board for sharing with us their resource list as a way for us to build a beginning foundation. Moving forward as a district of schools, we look forward to curating a collection of our own.

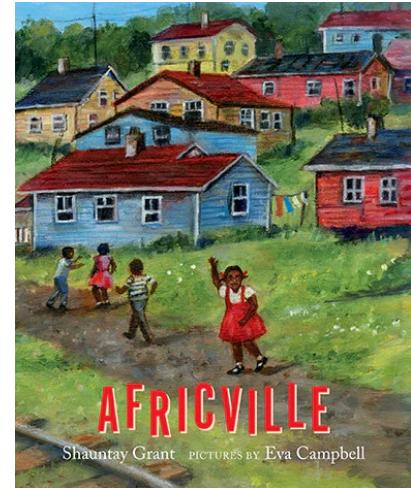


Print Resources

- Black Women Who Dared by Naomi M. Moyer (Middle/Secondary)
A collection of stories about ten inspirational Black women from both Canadian and American histories. A celebration of their contributions, leadership, and trailblazing.
- Victoria World Heritage – A Black History of Victoria
Chronicles the history of Black settlers in Victoria in the 1800's. Read about past prominent members of the Black community of Victoria and their stories, hardships, and contributions.

- Writing Canada's Wrongs: Africville, An African Nova Scotian Community is Demolished and Fights Back by Gloria Ann Wesley (Middle/Secondary)

A small Black community in Nova Scotia in the 1800s called Africville faces discrimination and threat of demolition by the City of Halifax.



- Africville by Shauntay Grand (Elementary/Middle/Secondary)
A picture book about a young girl who visits the site of Africville in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is then transported back to the lived experiences of this historical community.

- Celebrating Black Canadians

An article written by teacher Nikitha Fester for the BCTF Teacher Magazine. The article includes a list of resources as well as visual arts lesson plans for teachers related to Black artists.

- Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged by Jody Nyasha Warner (Elementary/Middle)

In 1946, Viola Desmond was asked to give up her seat on the main floor of a movie theatre and move to the balcony. Knowing she was being moved because of the colour of her skin, Viola did not budge. Desmond was an inspiration and a symbol of strength and courage for the Black community in Nova Scotia and Canada during a time of racial segregation.

- The ABCs of Black History by Rio Cortez (Elementary)

Letter by letter, rhyme by rhyme, this book celebrates the milestones and triumphs as well as honouring the hardships and hopes of Black history within North America.

- Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legends and Legacies by Mireille Harper (Middle)

This book introduces readers to important and leading Black men and women in history. The book provides timelines and other visual elements.

- Young, Gifted, and Black by Jamia Wilson (Elementary/Middle/Secondary)

A collection of 52 changemakers, leaders, and groundbreakers of colour from the past and of the present. No matter what your talent, passions, skills may be, there was or is someone out there who looks just like you!

- Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Real-Life Tales of Black Girl Magic edited by Lilly Workneh (Elementary/Middle/Secondary)

A celebration of stories, contributions, and lived experiences of remarkable Black women around the world from the past and present.

- [Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed](#) (Elementary/Middle)

A heartwarming picture book about hope and dreaming big! Mae Jemison worked for NASA and was the first Black American woman to travel in space.

Digital Resources

- [Africa-n-Brief](#) (Middle/Secondary)

Dr. Austin Uzama is a professor at UBC and this resource profiles the rich diversity of culture and people within the African continent. This resource is a compilation of personal experiences, academic discussions, and stories shared by others.

- [BC Black History Awareness Society](#) (Elementary/Middle/Secondary)

A great 'portal' to access educational resources, stories, and information about prominent pioneers from the past and present, timelines, definitions and much more.

- [Black Excellence Day Official Website](#)

- [CBC Kids – Black History Month: Exploring the past and future of February's annual celebration](#) (Elementary/Middle)

A video outlining the history of Black History Month in Canada.

- [CBC Kids – Rap Song on Black History](#) (Elementary)

- [CBC Kids – How did Black History Month come to be?](#) (Elementary)

An elementary-friendly article with additional links to more resources.

- [CBC Kids – Articles on Black History](#) (Elementary)

- [Canadian Museum for Human Rights – Kayak: Black History in Canada](#) (Elementary/Middle)

Lots of great lessons around Black history in Canada – chronicling different figures and events.

- [Turtle Island: A Picture of Afro-Indigenous History](#) (Middle/Secondary)

A Social Studies/Language Arts lesson suitable for Grades 5 to 8 from Canada's History Website

- [Beyond UBC: To understand BC's Black history, connect past and present in Canada](#)

- ["African Rifles" \(Secondary\)](#)

A short documentary from local filmmaker Mia Golden. This film recounts the experiences and history of the black militia, Victoria Rifle Corps, formed in Victoria in the 1800's. (Password to access: ARMG24)

- [Black Past Website: Victoria Pioneer Rifle Corp.](#)

