Black History Month Programs
February 4-8
February 4
Inspirational Coasters, Smithfield Library
African American Cemetery Research, Central Library
West African Dance, Titusville Library
African American Poetry Program, North Birmingham Library
February 5
Black History Bingo, Titusville Library
February 6
African Mask Craft, Titusville Library
February 7
Demonstration of African Head Wraps, Pratt City Library
Remember the Titans Screening, Woodlawn Library
Mighty Times: The Children's March Documentary Screening, West End Library
February 8
Celebrate Our African American Heritage, Southside Library
African American Achievement in Film, Smithfield Library

Black History Programs Focus on Black Migration
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.

Five Points West Regional Branch Library is hosting several free programs during February beginning next week based on black migration. On Saturday, 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. BAAGG holds its monthly meetings at the Central Library.

Lady Sings the Blues Screening February 3, Central Library
Reviewed by David Ryan
I grew up listening to rock and the occasional folk album. Perhaps this is why I've never felt completely comfortable exploring other types of music as an adult. The fact that I never learned to play an instrument, or read music, leaves me feeling even more lost. Jazz in particular has always left me intimidated. The dizzying improvisation, the voices, chords, and notes jumping from the top of the scale to the bottom is simply too much for me to comprehend let alone discuss intelligently. So, I've always steered myself away from this quintessentially American art form. A composer friend recently told me that was nonsense. "You don't have to understand the notes to feel the music," he said.

Glass Houses by Louise Penny
Reviewed by Jenn Seiler-Patrick
Glass Houses by Louise Penny is one of the most "can't-put-it-down" mysteries that I’ve read in a long time. I knew when I started reading earlier Louise Penny works that I loved her off-kilter characters in the small town of Three Pines, Quebec.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Bards & Brews at Black Market Bar + Grill
February 1
6:30 P.M.
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Ukulele 101 with Mrs. Eve
February 2
9:30 A.M.
Avondale Library
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Career Test Prep
February 4
10:00 A.M.
Smithfield Library
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Intro to Yoga
February 4
6:30 P.M.
Central Library
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Social Workers Help Change Lives @ BPL
February 5
10:00 A.M.
First Floors Library
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Club Create
February 6
1:00 P.M.
Central Library
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Dr. Anthony P. Pattin, Pianist
February 24
3:00 P.M.
Central Library
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Downtown: Photographs from the Archives' Collection
Ongoing through April 5, 2019
Central Library
Fourth Floor Gallery
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A Portrait of Birmingham at Work
February 12–March 26, 2019
Central Library
First Floor Gallery
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Friends Bookstore
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Hours:
Monday–Saturday
10:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.
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