



NYC Lifestyle

Black History Month



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Since 1976, February has been designated Black History Month – a time to celebrate the accomplishments of Black Americans. For this issue of NYC Lifestyle, we've gathered this list of ways to celebrate the historic month.

Listen to Black Gotham Experience

The Black Gotham Experience is a multimedia storytelling project that celebrates the African Diaspora in New York City. Start off with [a free audio walking tour](#) of Lower Manhattan narrated by founder Kamau Ware then check out the organization's full catalog of material [here](#).

Cook and Connect with Chef Brian Jupiter

Mariano's, one of Chicago's most popular grocery stores, invites you to attend weekly cooking classes led by renowned chef [Brian Jupiter](#) as he celebrates Black History Month with delicious recipes. Sign up for the free online classes [here](#) and be sure to check out even more cooking events from Mariano's [here](#).

Black History in NYC Parks

There's history all around us! All month long, the New York City Parks Department will host a variety of [free events](#) both online and socially distanced at certain locations where you can learn about the many parks and monuments that honor the legacy of Black history makers.

HerStory: A Celebration of Black Female Artists

[Register for HerStory, a free online event](#) on February 11 that will celebrate Black women and women-identifying artists, creators and writers. Presented in partnership by artist Jahné Brown and the Leadership and Arts Coalition, the event will include music, spoken words, poetry, multimedia and much more.



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New York Public Library Events

To help patrons of all ages celebrate Black History Month, the New York Public Library is offering a mix of online classes, book clubs, historian-led discussions and more. On Tuesday February 9, the library will host a discussion on *The Water Dancers* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. [Registration is free for all to join.](#) For more a full list of events, [click here.](#)

Microsoft Community Presents Virtual Museum Tours

Designed for young students to celebrate outside the classroom, Microsoft Community has partnered with museums around the world to present a series of immersive virtual exhibits. The month-long program includes 13 of the world's top Black history museums and a collection of interactive workshops. Interested parents and students can enroll in the program [here.](#)

Black History Month Virtual Festival

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History invites you to join their first-ever virtual Black History Month festival. The online celebration will include conversations with authors and community leaders, cultural presentations, traditional recipes and more. [Click here to see a full schedule of events.](#)

Habitat for Humanity NYC Instagram Live Series

Habitat Young Professionals NYC is celebrating Black History Month with a four-part Instagram live series. The interview series is hosted by Jocelynn Ricard, Habitat NYC's Community and Faith Manager. [Click here to register for the free event.](#)