

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Black Table Talk

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center
275 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN
12:30 pm • Free

This event will feature an interactive panel comprised of IU students, faculty, staff, and alumni who will engage with the audience on student activism, specifically at IU, and how students can mobilize to create change on campus.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Black Joy: An Unconference Event Pt. 2

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center
275 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN
10:30 am • Free

Panel discussion between three artists who use black history and culture as inspiration for their art form and their community building efforts. The goal of this panel is to create a conversation about how art can be used in the political realm and the tools needed for artists to navigate those spaces. Covering topics such as the power of storytelling and its connections to Black Joy.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

State of the City

Buskirk Chumley Theater
114 E Kirkwood Ave, Bloomington, IN
7:00 pm • Free

Mayor John Hamilton will host his fifth annual public State of the City address in the historic Buskirk-Chumley Theater.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Kappa Zeta Chapter Annual Bowling For Babies

Classic Lanes
1421 N. Willis Dr.
Bloomington, IN
2:00 pm • \$60 registration

Join the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta for their annual fundraiser for the March of Dimes.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Elizabeth, A Free Woman of Color

Monroe County History Center
202 E 6th Street Bloomington IN
6:30 pm • Free

Monroe County History Center will host a private screening of a modern day film to promote the contributions of African-Americans in the arts. Reception and Q&A session to follow the performance.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

My Vote, My Power: Onward!

Second Baptist Church
321 N. Rogers St Bloomington, IN
1:00 pm • Free

Second Baptists Church will center its activities on talks and mini-workshops that will stimulate the interest for all citizens to realize the importance of the vote!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Black Knowledge Bowl

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center
275 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN
7:00 pm • Free

A student-run event in which teams compete by answering questions related to all things Black culture. This year's event will include questions formulated by Black faculty and staff members on topics ranging from Black literature and cinema to Black IU legends and historical events.

***SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

Black History Month Gala

Woolery Mill
2250 W. Sunstone Dr., Bloomington, IN
6:00 p.m. Reception and Silent Auction
7:00 p.m. Gala • \$60 in advance

Join us for an evening of fine dining, great music, and dancing, as we recognize the 2020 Living Legend Recipients, and the Commission on the Status of Black Males' Outstanding Black Leaders of Tomorrow recipients. Reception and Silent Auction will begin at 6:00 p.m., program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$60 each ~ Available January 30th at the Buskirk-Chumley Box Office, BCTboxoffice.org, or by phone at 812-323-3020.



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ALL EVENTS are open to the public. **City sponsored events are indicated with***

***THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**
City of Bloomington Black History Month Kick-off

Showers City Hall Council Chambers
401 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN
Reception: 6:00 pm • Free
Program: 7:00 pm • Free

The City of Bloomington commemorates National Black History Month with a tribute and celebration to empowerment. “Black and Blooming” acknowledges and honors up-and-coming Black leaders, visionaries, and change makers who are blazing trails and leaving their mark on our city, state, and country. Whether Bloomington natives or transplants by way of educational journeys and careers, these people have strived to “bloom where [they] are planted,” and positively influence the community. This community celebration will feature keynote speaker Dr. Gerald Onuoha II.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 31
The Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center Presents: Black the Runway Art Exhibit and Fashion Show

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center
Bridgwaters Lounge & Grand Hall
275 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN
5:30 pm • Free

The NMBCC Black History Month Kick-off will celebrate Black creativity through fashion and art. Guests can enjoy an art exhibit and reception beginning at 5:30pm featuring the work of a local Black artist and MFA student, Larissa Danielle, followed by the “Black the Runway” Fashion Show at 7pm. Models will wear pieces that honor Blackness in multiple ways including pop culture, the Motherland, performing arts, plus-size clothing, children and adult pieces, and Black church attire. Come dressed in your best threads as we “Black the Runway”!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Celebrate Black Authors with Stories for Children

Monroe County Public Library
303 E. Kirkwood Ave. Bloomington, IN
3:00 pm • Free

Join in this celebration of black authors and illustrators through stories and art in children’s books. Librarians will read aloud from picture books featuring children of color, recommend novels for older children, and create self-portraits for display in the children area. A partnership between Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center Library and the Library.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kappa Tau Omega Chapter - Constance Holland Memorial Scholarship

Kappa Tau Omega
www.akaktomega.org • Free

Kappa Tau Omega is now accepting applications for the Constance Holland Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must identify as Black, African American, African descent and female. For access to the scholarship and more information, please send an inquiry to ktomegascholarship@gmail.com.



***TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**
State of the Black Community

City Hall Council Chambers
401 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN
Reception: 5:30 pm • Free
Program: 6:30 pm • Free

This event will feature a coalition of organizations discussing black-owned businesses, black male health, and mental health as they relate the black community. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
The Struggle for School Desegregation: A Civil Rights Documentary

Monroe County Public Library
303 E. Kirkwood Ave. Bloomington, IN
6:30 pm • Free

Join the Indiana Coalition for Public Education-Monroe County for a screening of episode 2 “Fighting Back” of the epochal Civil Rights documentary “Eyes on the Prize.” Prior to the film, historian Elizabeth Mitchell will discuss the history of segregated schools in Monroe County.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
Black Faculty and Staff Appreciation

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center
275 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm • Free

Bi-monthly meeting for the IU BFSC. The Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center hosts its annual appreciation brunch for IU faculty, staff, and their families.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
Words Matter: Black History Month Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon

Monroe County Public Library
303 E. Kirkwood Ave. Bloomington, IN
11:00 am - 3:00 pm • Free

As one of the most visited websites in the world, Wikipedia depends on its users to contribute content. This drop-in event, facilitated by archivists and librarians, aims to improve Wikipedia articles related to black history. Celebrate Black History Month by contributing your knowledge on local and national black historical figures! No previous editing experience is required. Participants can use a Library computer or bring their own laptop. A partnership between Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center, the IUB Libraries Diversity Committee, and the Library.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Bloomington Alumnae Chapter Annual Pancake Breakfast

O’Charley’s
360 N. Jacobs Dr., Bloomington, IN
7:30 am -10:00 am • \$13 per person in advance or at the door

The ladies of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Bloomington Alumnae Chapter welcomes the community in joining us for our 11th annual pancake breakfast. Come enjoy great food, laughter, music and door prizes from community partners as we raise monies to fund our scholarship and public service initiatives.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
African Music and Dance Showcase

Monroe County Public Library
303 E. Kirkwood Ave. Bloomington, IN

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm • Free
Experience performances in languages from West Africa (Akan, Bamanankan, and Yoruba), East Africa (Kiswahili and Kinyarwanda), and South Africa (IsiZulu)! Participate in activities in the atrium following the performances. A partnership between IU School of Global and International Studies: African Studies Program and the Library.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11
Environmental Social Justice Speaker Series Featuring Dr. Valerie Grim

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center
275 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN
6:00 pm • Free

Dr. Grim’s talk will focus on Black agriculture/Black farmers and implications for how we navigate environmental social justice efforts today in particular contexts, especially in our own local communities.

***WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12**
Essay Contest Reception

Fairview Elementary School
500 W. 7th St., Bloomington, IN
6:00 pm • Free

Parents, teachers, siblings, friends, and community members are invited to Fairview elementary as the winners of the 2020 black history month essay contest are honored. Awards will be presented in the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Join the community in supporting these budding scholars. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, contact mosss@bloomington.in.gov.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12
“I am my Ancestors’; Wildest Dreams” - Open Mic Night

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center
275 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm • Free

The Kelley School of Business Office of Diversity Initiatives and the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center is excited to host an Open Mic Night, featuring students who are visual and performing artists. Artwork will be on display, and students will share their artistic gifts of singing, playing instruments, and performing spoken word.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13
The Movie “Harriet”

Ivy Tech Community College-Shreve Hall
200 Daniels Way, Bloomington, IN
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm • Free

For Black History Month, Ivy Tech Community College will be showing Harriet. Free refreshments provided.



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15
Black Joy: An Unconference Event Pt. 1

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center
275 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN
10:30 am • Free

This event will include open dialogue between artists on joy, being and mortality, a plenary conversation from our keynote speaker, creative performance space, and a workshop to provide attendees with practical tools for cultivating gratitude and joyfulness in everyday life which, if implemented, can support profound contributions to overall life satisfaction.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15
Black History Month at Banneker

Banneker Community Center
930 W. 7th St. Bloomington, IN
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm • Free

Open mic night showcase for local black and brown artists!

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15
Griot Drum Ensemble

Monroe County Public Library
303 E. Kirkwood Ave. Bloomington, IN
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Free

In this blend of African Diaspora music and storytelling, authentic African instruments are used while showcasing call and response, different ethnic musical styles and their origins, and classic African folktales. Become an active participant!



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Red Carpet Event

AMC 12 Theater
2929 W. 3rd St. Bloomington IN
6:00 pm • Free

The Bloomington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host a private screening of a modern day film to promote the contributions of African-Americans in the arts.