



COUNTY OF ONSLOW

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Onslow County Public Library celebrates Black History Month with *African American Journeys*

(Onslow County) In celebration of Black History Month, Onslow County Public Library will host a series of family programs entitled, *African American Journeys*. Children and their families are invited to their local branch library for a celebration of Black history and heritage spotlighting contributions made by African Americans that have helped shape American life and culture. Programs include "*Follow the Drinking Gourd*" at the Main Library in Jacksonville. Through story and song, this program will trace one of the routes that African Americans would have taken with Harriet Tubman to freedom. Participants will learn about the quilt stories of the Underground Railroad and design a quilt square of their own. The Swansboro branch will feature *Under the Quilt of the Night* by Deborah Hopkins. Participants will make a unity quilt that will be put on display at the library. The Richlands and Sneads Ferry branches will focus on stories and activities highlighting African American inventors and historical figures.

African American Journeys will take place at the following branch locations:

- Sneads Ferry Branch on Thursday, February 9th at 6:00 pm.
- Swansboro Branch on Thursday, February 16th at 6:00 pm.
- Jacksonville/Main Library and Richlands Branch on Thursday, February 23rd at 6:00 pm.

For more information, please contact your local branch library or visit us online, anytime at www.onslowcountync.gov/library.

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