

October - Black History Month

October marks Black History Month, which originated in the United States, where it is also known as African-American History Month. It is the annual commemoration of the history, achievements and contributions of black people in the UK and across the world.

It is an opportunity for everyone to learn about the history and the Black community while also making strides to eradicate the inequality that still exists in society today.

US President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to

“seize the opportunity to honour the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavour throughout our history.”

The LRC want to encourage everyone to learn more about this important topic so have scoured our resources and the internet to get you started. Passing through the LRC? Check out our current display board...



Learn More

There are some fantastic websites and resources that explore BHM in more detail, covering where it all began, key events in history and bringing to light the stories of some not so well-known pioneers.

[What is Black History Month? | Blueprint for all](#)

[Black History Milestones: Timeline - HISTORY](#)

[Black History Month 2022 - Time for Change: Action Not Words](#)

[The black British history you may not know about - BBC News](#)

[Black History Month: Nine black British icons you should know about | ITV News](#)

[Black History Month | The Royal Mint](#)

[World through a lens | The National Archives](#)

[Black History Month Historical Figures](#)

[diversity-built-britain---black-british-history](#)

Further Reading

The LRC have been adding to the fiction and reading for pleasure collections to celebrate BHM and there are some amazing books for you to explore. You can find our suggestions here on the [reading list](#) or come and browse the shelves for yourselves. See a book you're interested in? You can reserve your copy using the [Heritage](#) catalogue.