

Diversity Events Calendar

February 2026

February is a month that highlights the many ways we communicate, connect, and support each other. From honoring cultural heritage and advancing racial equity to recognizing the importance of accessibility, health awareness, and human rights, this month invites us to deepen our understanding of the diverse experiences that shape our communities.

Throughout the month, we are encouraged to engage in thoughtful conversations, participate in community events, and explore stories that reflect the richness of diversity. By recognizing and honoring these important observances, we deepen our understanding of the identities that define the people we serve, strengthen our communities, and help shape a more just, inclusive, and hopeful future.

<i>Month-long Observances</i>	<i>Focus / Why It Matters</i>
<u>Black History Month</u>	<i>Honors the achievements, resilience, and contributions of Black Americans whose labor, leadership, and culture have shaped U.S. history. It is a time to reflect on systemic inequities, celebrate excellence, and recommit to racial justice.</i>
<u>LGBT+ History Month</u>	<i>Celebrates the history, resilience, and contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals, promotes visibility, and advances understanding, dignity, and equal rights for all.</i>
<u>American Heart Month</u>	<i>Raises awareness about heart disease—the leading cause of death in the U.S.—and highlights health disparities that disproportionately affect communities of color. It encourages prevention, education, and equitable access to healthcare.</i>
<u>Ethnic Equality Month</u>	<i>Focuses on fairness, representation, and equal opportunity for people of all ethnic backgrounds. It reinforces the importance of addressing bias, dismantling systemic barriers, and promoting inclusive practices.</i>

**Teen Dating Violence
Awareness Month**

Educates communities about healthy relationships, consent, and the warning signs of abuse among young people. Awareness supports prevention efforts and empowers teens to seek help and safety.

February Holidays and Anniversaries of Culturally Significant Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event / Observances</i>	<i>Focus / Why It Matters</i>
<i>February 1</i>	<u>National Freedom Day</u>	<i>Commemorates the signing of the resolution that led to the 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery in the United States.</i>
<i>February 1-7</i>	<u>World Interfaith Harmony Week</u>	<i>Promotes understanding, cooperation, and peace among people of different religions and beliefs.</i>
<i>February 2</i>	<u>Candlemas Day</u>	<i>Observed in Christian traditions, symbolizing light, renewal, and spiritual reflection.</i>
<i>February 4</i>	<u>World Cancer Day</u>	<i>Promotes global awareness, prevention, early detection, and equitable access to cancer care.</i>
<i>February 4</i>	<u>Rosa Parks Day</u>	<i>Commemorates Rosa Parks' role in advancing civil rights and the impact of individual courage in social change.</i>
<i>February 4</i>	<u>National Day of Sri Lanka</u>	<i>Celebrate Sri Lanka's independence and honor its history, culture, and national identity.</i>
<i>February 11</i>	<u>International Day of Women and Girls in Science</u>	<i>Encourages gender equity in STEM and recognizes the contributions of women and girls in science and innovation.</i>

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February 11	<u>Frederick Douglass Day</u>	<i>Honors the life and legacy of Frederick Douglass and his advocacy for abolition, justice, and equality.</i>
February 14	<u>Valentine's Day</u>	<i>Provides an opportunity to reflect on love, compassion, healthy relationships, and community care.</i>
February 14	<u>Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day</u>	<i>Raises awareness of the most common birth defect, which affects millions of children and adults worldwide.</i>
February 15	<u>Buddhist: Parinirvana</u>	<i>Marks the passing of the Buddha into Nirvana, emphasizing impermanence, compassion, and reflection.</i>
February 15	<u>Hindu: Maha Shivaratri</u>	<i>A sacred Hindu observance focused on devotion, reflection, and spiritual growth.</i>
February 16	<u>Presidents' Day (Washington's Birthday)</u>	<i>Honors U.S. presidents and invites reflection on leadership, democracy, and civic responsibility.</i>
February 17	<u>Lunar New Year</u>	<i>Celebrated across Asian communities as a time for renewal, family, and prosperity</i>
February 17/18	<u>Ramadan</u>	<i>Ramadan is holy month honored by Muslims worldwide which includes fasting, prayer, reflection, and charity</i>
February 20	<u>World Day of Social Justice</u>	<i>Highlights the importance of equity, human rights, and inclusive societies worldwide.</i>

Massachusetts Celebrates Black History Month

BOSTON

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February 1, 2026 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.	<u>Jump into the Past: Teen Takeover at MAAH</u>	Museum of African American History: Boston Campus 46 Joy St Boston, MA 02114
February 2, 2026 12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.	<u>Save-the-Date / Black History Month Kick Off and Flag Raising</u>	Boston City Hall 1 City Hall Square Boston, MA 02201
February 2, 2026 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.	<u>Afro-Indigenous Food with Kayla Tabb (Class 1: Meat-based)</u>	Shaw-Roxbury Public Library 149 Dudley Street Roxbury, MA 02119
February 7, 2026 12:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.	<u>Black History Month – Pop-Up Bazaar</u>	The Dewitt Center at Madison Park Village 122 Dewitt Drive Roxbury, MA 02119
February 19, 2026 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.	<u>BCYF Black History Annual Skate Night</u>	Chez Vous Skating Rink 11 Rhoades Street Dorchester, MA 02124
February 21, 2026 6:00 P.M.	<u>Black History Month Celebration 2026</u>	Roxbury Tenants of Harvard Association, Inc. (Gymnasium) 11 New Whitney Street Roxbury, MA, 02115

February 21, 2026 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.	<u>Black Veterans Appreciation Luncheon</u>	Hibernian Hall 184 Dudley St #200 Boston, MA 02119
February 26, 2026 6:00 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.	<u>Finding Acceptance as LGBTQIA2S+ in the Black Church:</u>	Bolling Building 2300 Washington St 6th Floor Boston, MA 02119

Belmont

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February 27, 2026 7:00 P.M.	<u>Opening Doors Presents: Black History Month</u>	Belmont High School Black Box Theater 221 Concord Avenue Belmont, MA 02478

Brighton

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February 2, 2026 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	<u>Little Uprising: Among the Stars Celebrating Dr. Mae Jemison</u>	Brighton Public Library 40 Academy Hill Road Brighton, MA 02135
February 19, 2026 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.	<u>Nonfiction Night: Joy Goddess</u>	Brighton Public Library 40 Academy Hill Road Brighton, MA 02135

Cambridge

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February 6, 2026 12:00 P.M.– 7:00 P.M.	<u>Black-Owned Business Marketplace Pop-up in Harvard Square</u>	Eastern Bank 1 Brattle Square Old Eastern Bank One Brattle Square Harvard Square Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138
February 07, 2026 11:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.		

Framingham

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February 09, 2026, 3:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.	<u>Black History Month Event:</u> <u>Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller</u> <u>Clay Sculptures</u>	Framingham Library McAuliffe Branch 746 Water Street Framingham, MA 01701
February 20, 2026 3:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.	<u>Celebrating 100 Years of Black History Month</u>	Framingham Library McAuliffe Branch 746 Water Street Framingham, MA 01701

Lexington

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February 13, 2026 7:30 P.M.	<u>Opening Doors Presents: Black History Month Concert</u>	Follen Church 755 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington, MA 02420

Medford

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February 16, 2026 11:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.	<u>Save the Date: Celebrating A Century of Black History Commemorations</u>	Medford City Hall 85 George P Hassett Dr Medford, MA 02155

Newton

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February 8, 2026 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.	<u>Goerge Russel, Jr. and Friends Free Jazz Concert</u>	The Allen Center 35 Webster Street Newton, MA 02465

Peabody

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February 8, 2026 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.	<u>Music in the Atrium: Celebrating Black History Month</u>	Peabody Essex Museum 161 Essex St Salem, MA 01970

Salem

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February 2, 2026 3:30 P.M.	<u>Salem: Flag Raising Ceremony</u>	Salem City Hall 93 Washington Street Salem Ma, 01970
February 7, 2026 12:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	<u>City of Salem BHM Community Celebration</u>	Old Town Hall 32 Derby Square Salem, MA 01970
February 8, 2026 1:30 P.M.	<u>Culture, Dance, and Music Various Events</u>	

Springfield

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February 18, 2026 6:45 P.M. – 7:45 P.M.	<u>Black History Ensemble of CMSS</u>	Springfield City Library East Springfield Branch 21 Osborne Terrace Springfield, MA 01104

Somerville

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February 21, 2026 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.	<u>Art2Heart and silent walk for Black history month</u>	Somerville Community Baptist Church 31 College Avenue Somerville, MA 02144

Worcester

<i>DATE/TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
<i>February 28, 2026</i> <i>11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.</i>	<i><u>3^d Annual Black</u></i> <i><u>History Month</u></i> <i><u>Celebration -NAACP</u></i> <i><u>Black History Event</u></i>	<i>YWCA Worcester</i> <i>1 Salem Square</i> <i>Worcester, MA 01608</i>