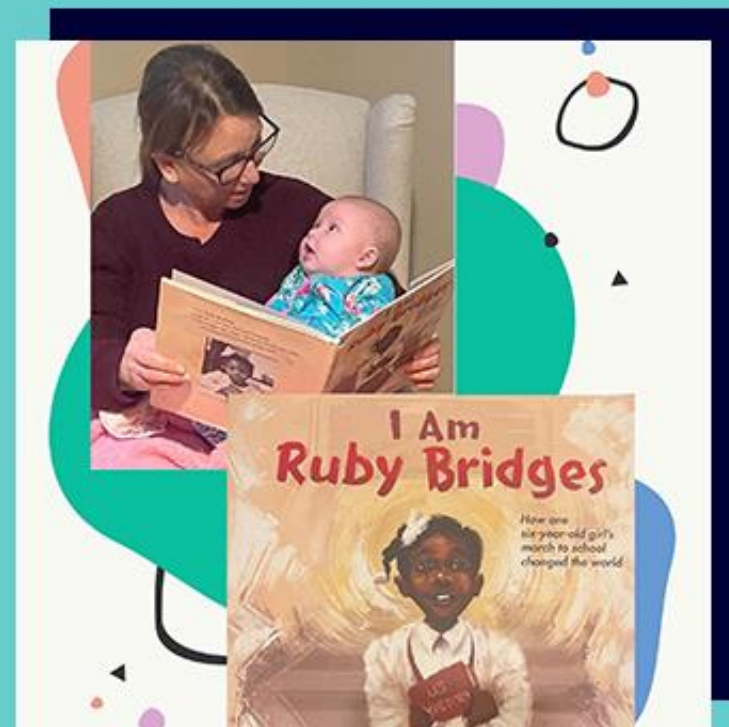


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# Celebrate Black History Month

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*In honor of Black History Month, the Equity Task Force collaborated with Talent & Human Resources and Communications to host a **Black History Month Staff Engagement Campaign**. All staff members were encouraged to immerse themselves in **Celebrating Black Culture, Black History and Black Wellness** and to share photos of their adventures for our Social Media Campaign. Participants earned 150 Vitality Points.*

*On Monday, February 27 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., the Equity Task Force also hosted the **Divine 9 Lunch & Learn**. Our panelists included Crystal Sewell, Wendye Mingo, Erika Brice, Adena Hill and Dexter Mason. Attendees were able to enjoy lunch from a Black-owned business, courtesy of Kresge.*

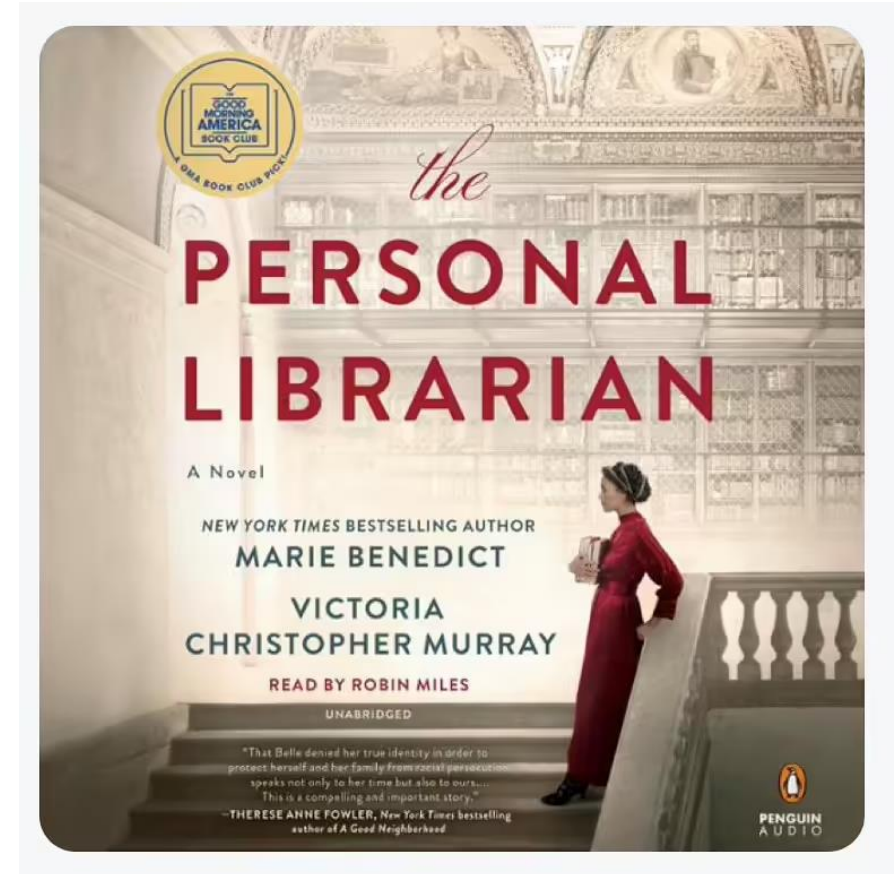
A horizontal banner with a black background. The text "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" is centered in a bold, sans-serif font. "BLACK" is in orange, "HISTORY" is in green, and "MONTH" is in red. The banner is framed by a colorful geometric pattern of triangles and diamonds in orange, green, and red along the top and bottom edges.

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Shamar Bibbins developed a recommended reading, podcast and watch list for Black History Month. [Click here to view.](#)



Jill Johnson is reading "The Personal Librarian."



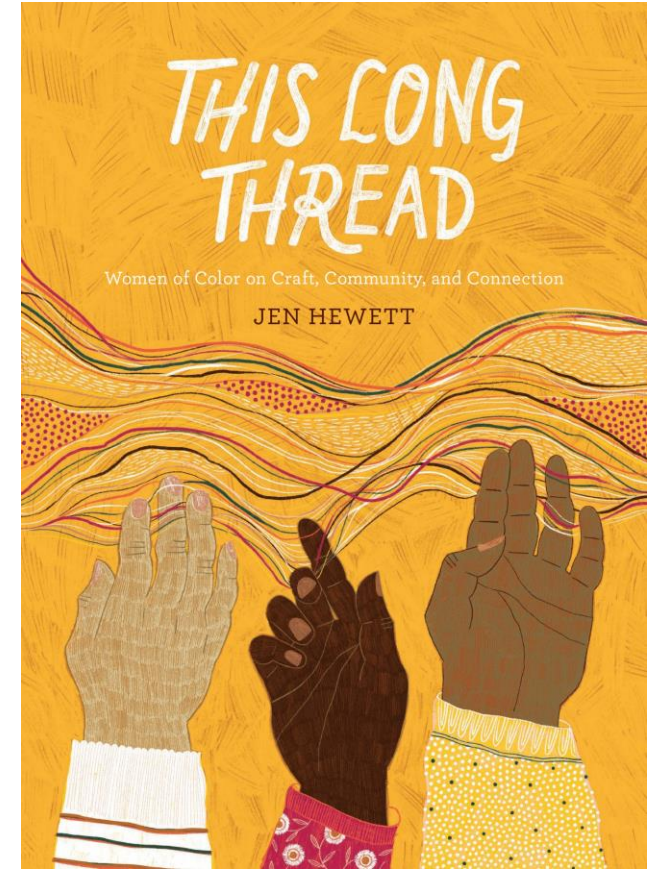




*Kaniqua Welch is walking daily and listening to “GirlTrek’s Black History Bootcamp” podcast. This 21-day walking meditation series celebrates Black stories and the lessons of our ancestors. She also shared a few of her favorite books from Black women authors.*







*Kresge's Arts & Culture Program curated a reading list that highlights the importance of human connections, rest and healing to drive change in communities.*







This week **Abbott Elementary**, ABC's Emmy and Golden Globe-winning series, will highlight the work of our Arts & Culture grantee partner **Mural Arts Philadelphia** in a new episode entitled "Mural Arts" -- airing Wednesday, March 1 at 9/8c on ABC. Join a **special LIVE screening** of the episode. [Registration is required and can be found here.](#)



BLACK HISTORY MONTH FIRESIDE CHAT:  
**Black Resistance, Energy, and  
Climate Justice**



**SHALANDA BAKER**

Director of Office of  
Economic Impact and  
Diversity and Secretarial  
Advisor on Equity



**COLETTE PICHON BATTLE, ESQ.**

Vision & Initiatives Partner  
at Taproot Earth

1:00PM ET | FEB 27, 2023 | [ENERGY.GOV/LIVE](https://www.energy.gov/live)



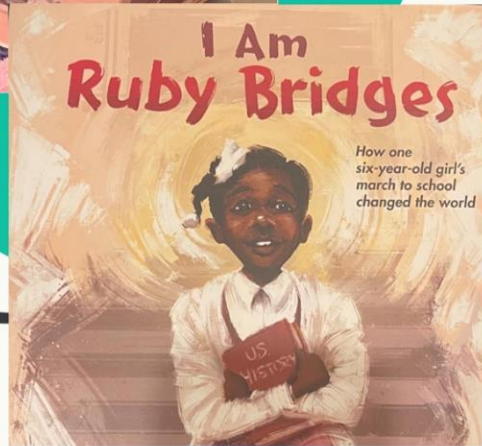
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
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*Join the DOE's Black History Month Fireside Chat  
on Feb 27th at 1:00 PM ET, featuring two of our  
Environment Program partners! [Link to Livestream.](#)*

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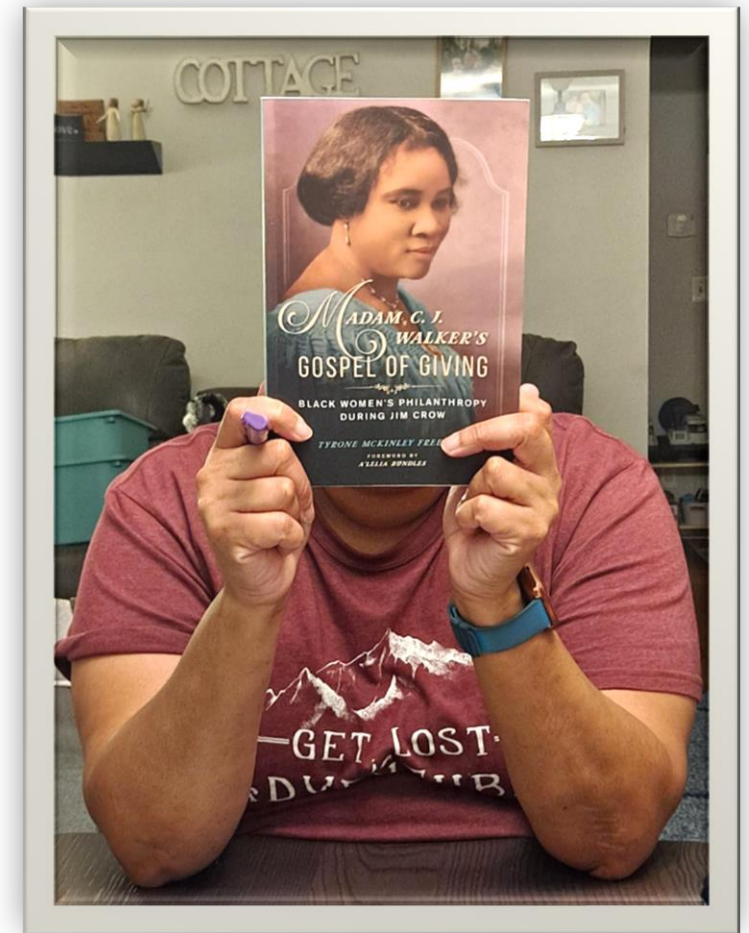




*"I Am Ruby Bridges" tells the historic story of the day in 1960 when Ruby became the first Black child to integrate the all-white William Frantz Elementary in Louisiana. Amy Robinson reads the book to her granddaughter Ava.*

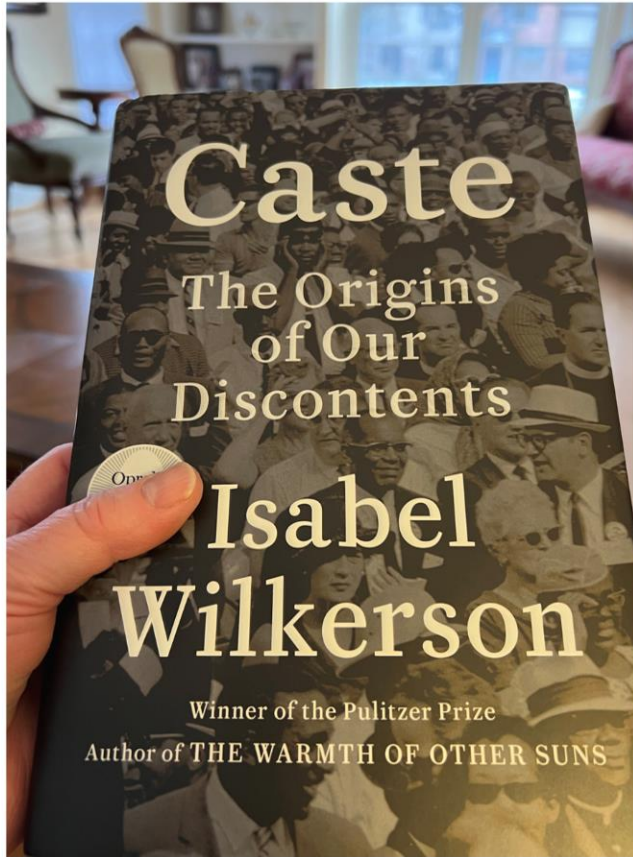
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*Joyce M. Holliman's son-in-law reads to her grandson Nico.  
Joyce is also enjoying Madame C.J. Walker's "Gospel of Giving."*

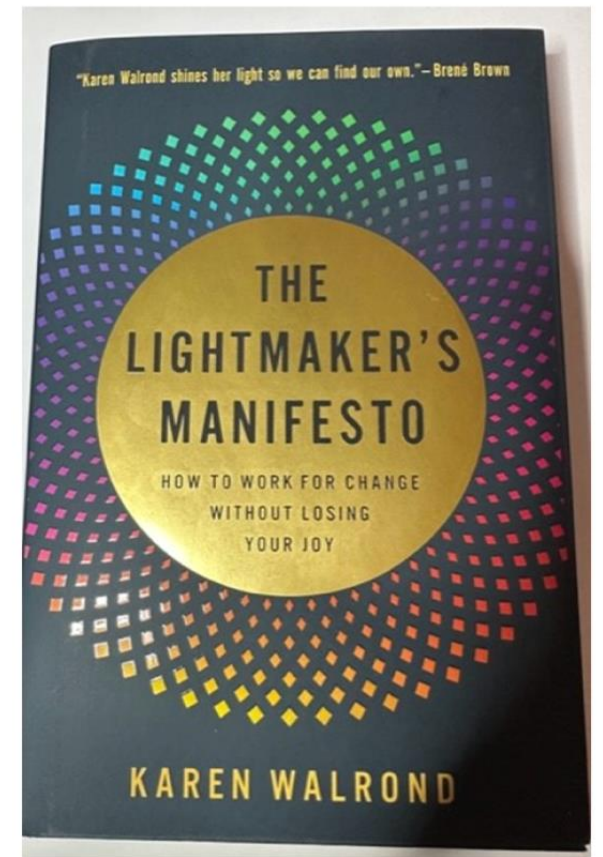




*Lois DeBacker is reading "Caste."*



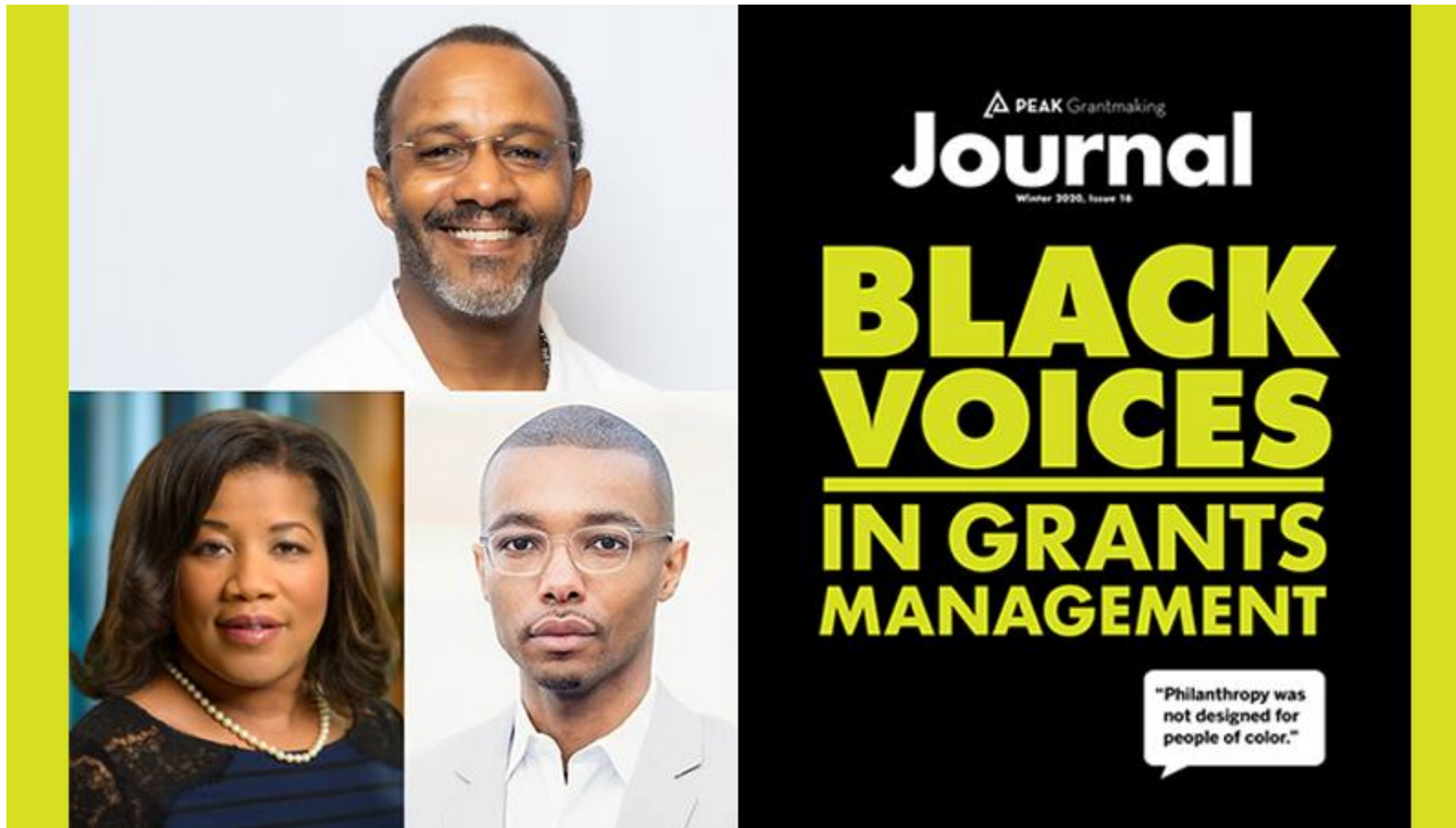
*Michelle Perron is re-reading one of her favorite books of all-time!*



*Sheryl Madden just finished "The Lightmaker's Manifesto."*







*What progress has philanthropy made on racial equity? That's a question three grants management pros, including Kresge's Genise Singleton, grappled with in a recent [PEAK Grantmaking blog](#).*





*Rebecca A. Chamberlain-Creangă reads  
“Four Poems Celebrating Women”  
with her son, William.*

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*Aria, daughter of Kaniqua Welch, shares some of her favorite books written by Black authors or featuring Black history makers. Her absolute favorite is “Saturday,” by Oge Mora.*

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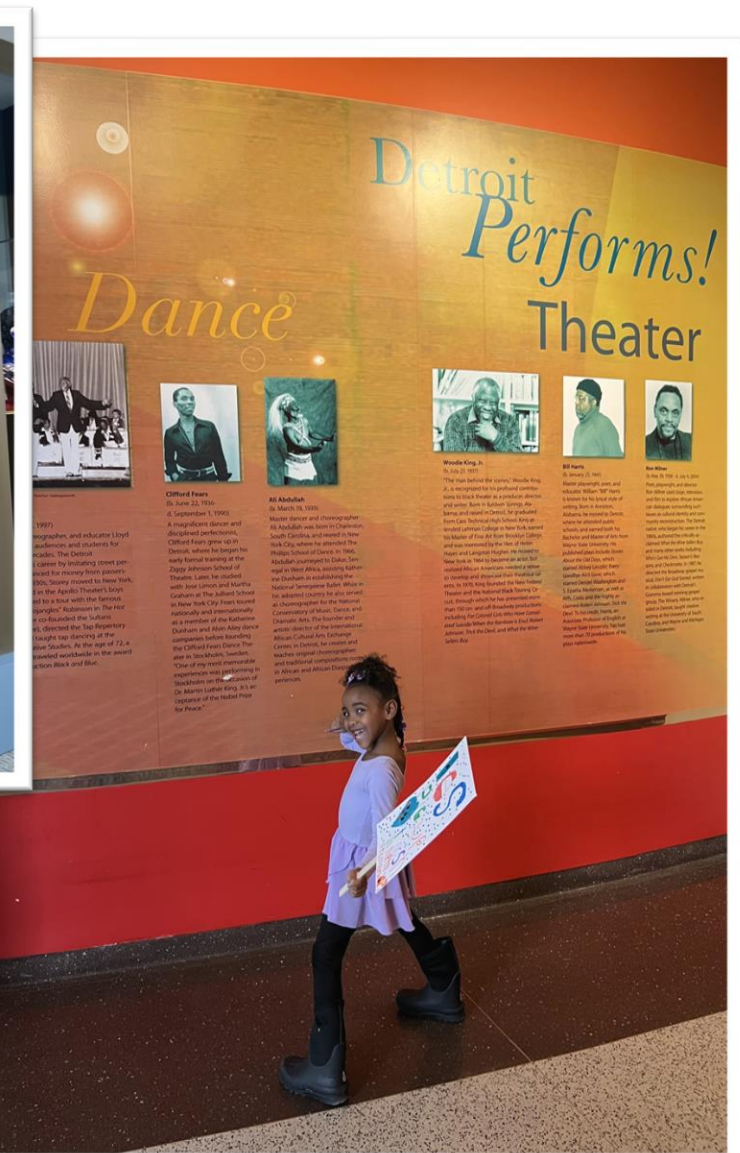
*Aria's Saturday Adventures:  
Jazz/Hip Hop class at the  
Black-owned Detroit Dance  
Center, followed by smoothies  
at the Energy Zone on  
Livernois Ave., owned by a  
local Black family.*

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Aria also visited the Charles H. Wright Museum's "Detroit Jazz" exhibit; "44: Portraits of a President"; and the "I Am A Man" MLK Memphis protest workshop.



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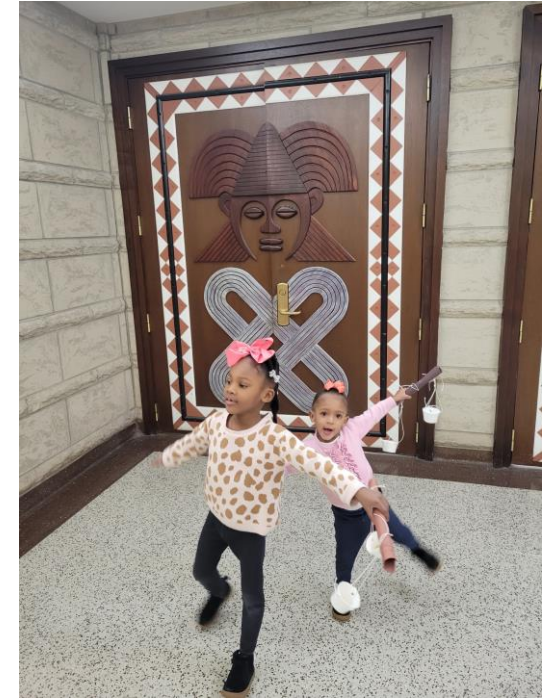




*Jennifer Jaramillo took in the exhibits at The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit and then indulged at Good Cakes and Bakes, the Black-owned gourmet baked goods and dessert shop on Livernois Ave., Detroit's Avenue of Fashion.*







*Ashley Johnson took her girls, Ella and Olivia, to The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit where they learned about the scales of justice and the I am a Man Memphis protest. They made scales of justice and protest signs.*







*Tosha Tabron visits Detroit Sip, a Black-owned coffee shop. The community gathering spot, owned by Jevona Watson, is located in northwest Detroit on McNichols Road between University of Detroit-Mercy and the School at Marygrove campus.*

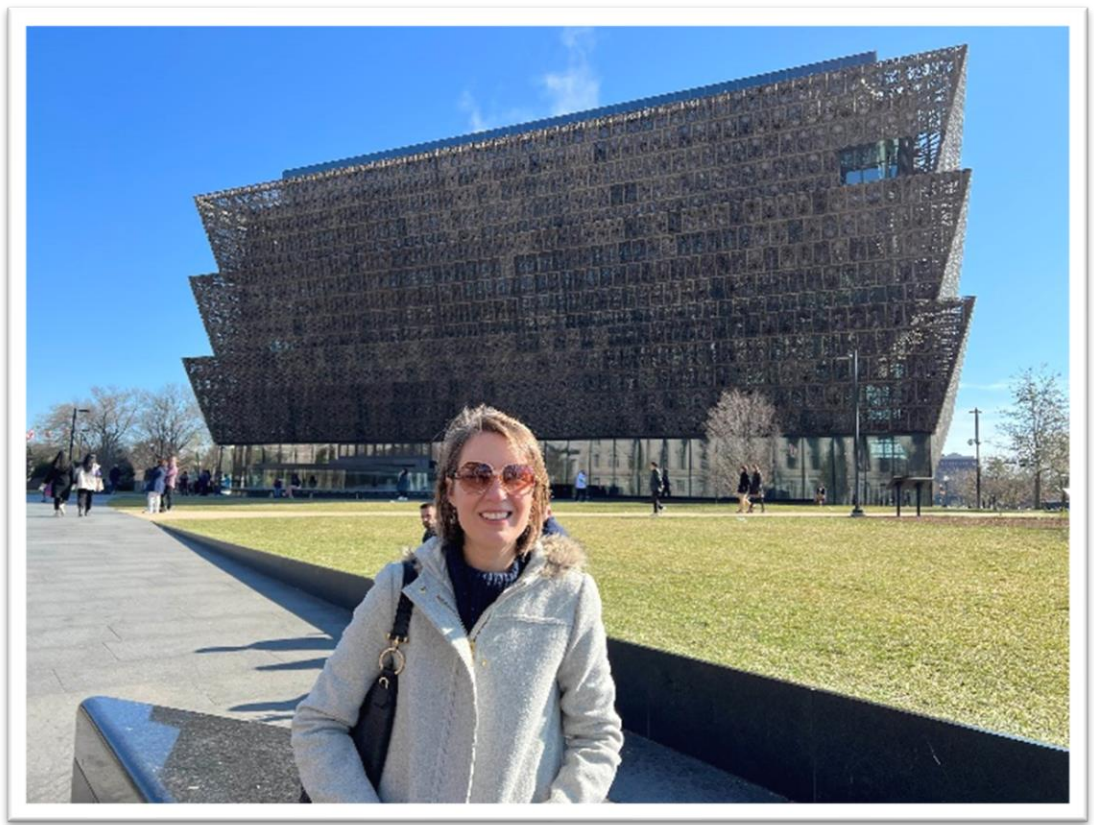
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*Wendy Lewis Jackson attended the University of Michigan's Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs 'Conversation with Nikki Giovanni.' Wendy's daughter, Maia, was one of the students involved in organizing the event with Giovanni, a Grammy-nominated and award-winning poet, filmmaker and professor.*





*Caroline Altman Smith took her son Julian to the 2019 Krsege Artist Fellow Rashaun Rucker (@ruckerarts) exhibit "Relief From the Heat" at the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit. She also visited the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture (@nmaahc) in Washington D.C.*

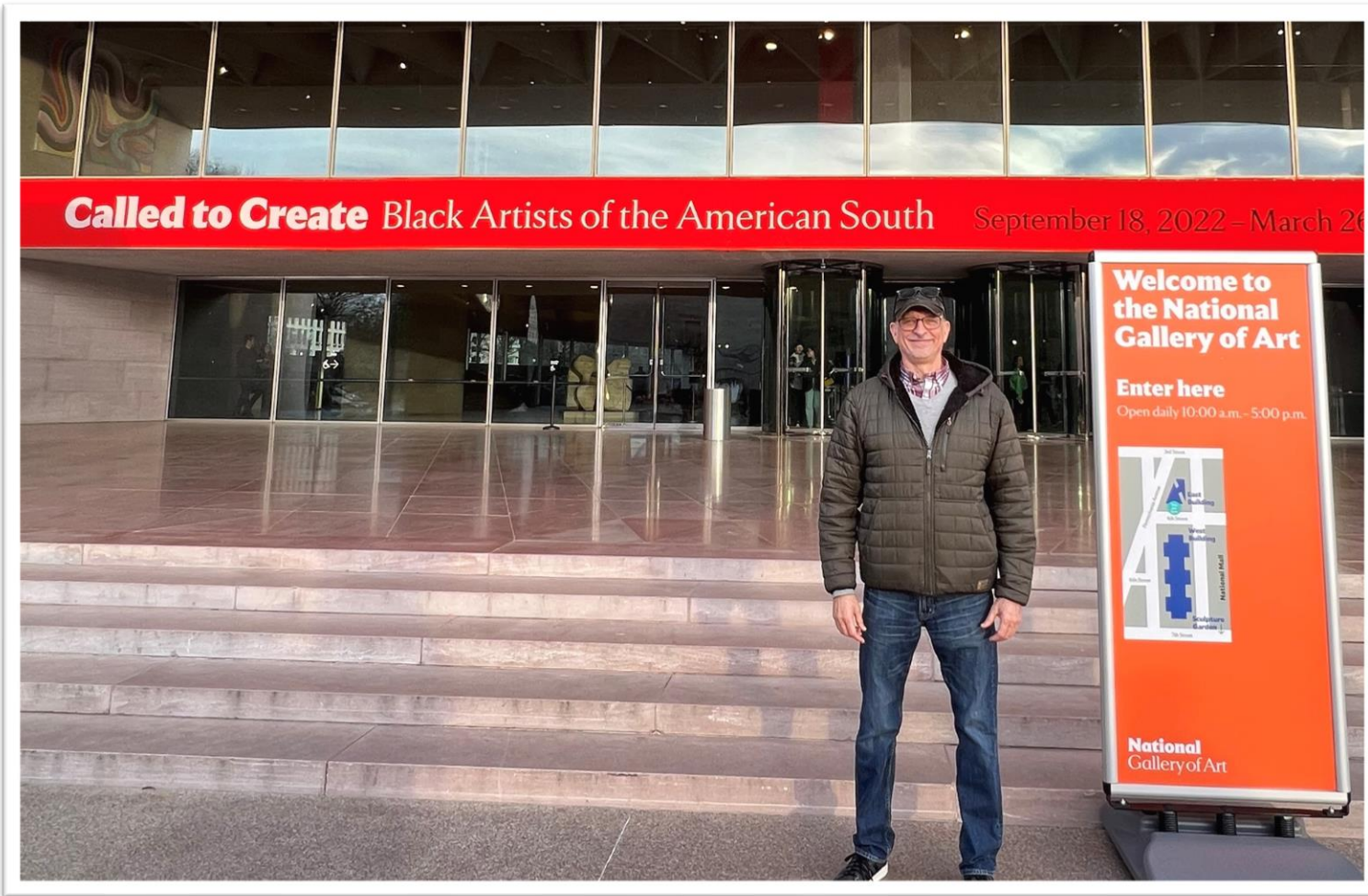






*Yeou-Rong Jih raves about the café con leche at Bankhead Coffee, her favorite coffee shop in Atlanta. The shop is owned and operated by HOT COFFEE Co. a Black and Native American woman-owned coffee retailer.*

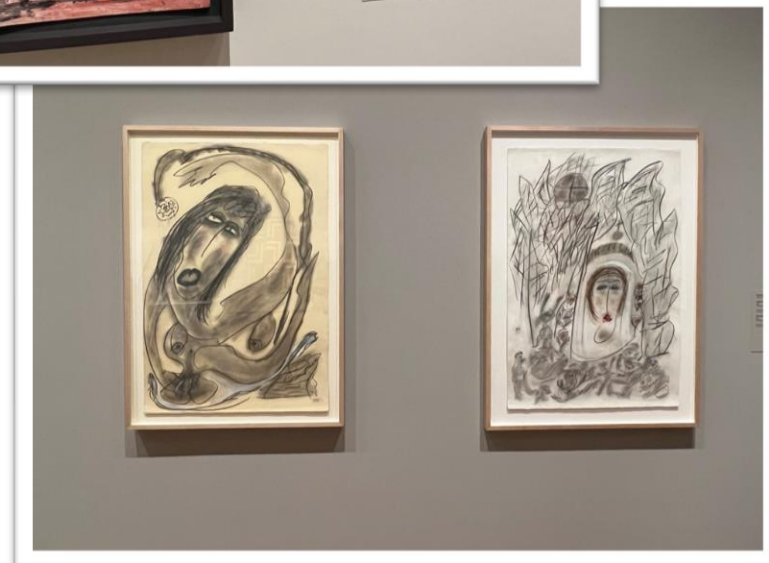
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*A day in Washington DC for David Carrig included stops at the National Gallery of Art exhibit "Called to Create: Black Artists of the American South" and the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture.*







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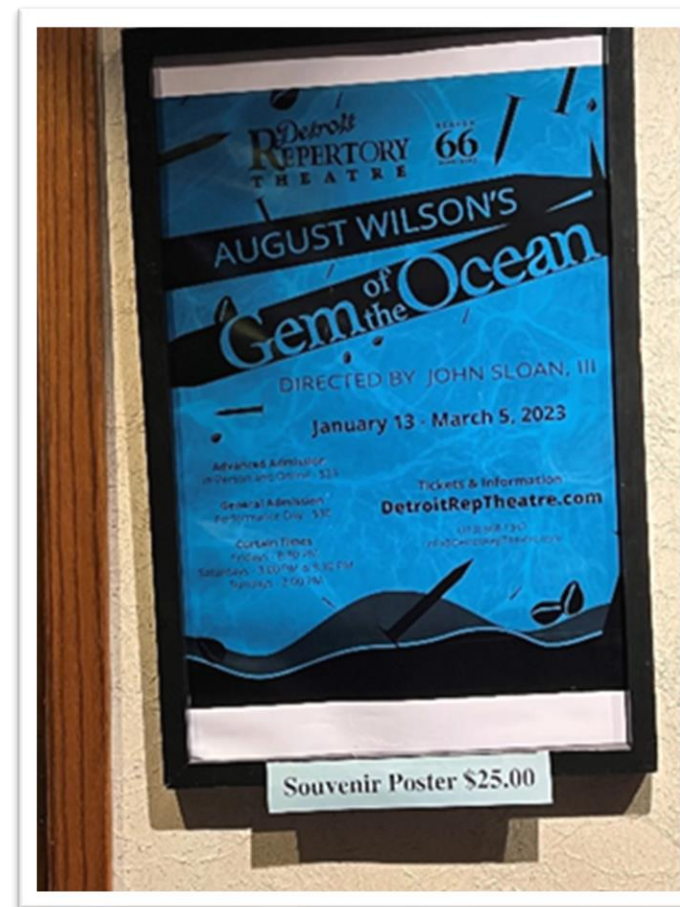


I am Rosa Parks/I am Thurgood Marshall (22:55)

*In honor of Black History month, Rebecca Margavich watched the video "I Am Rosa Parks/I Am Thurgood Marshall," which focuses on historical Black heroes that teach kids about treating people equally and helping others, with her three-and-half year old. #BlackExcellence*

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*Theater being recommended by Sharon Zimmerman & David Carrig for Black History Month:  
 “The Peculiar Patriot” written and performed by Liza Jessie Peterson at The Detroit Public Theatre & “Gem of the Ocean” by August Wilson at the Detroit Repertory Theatre.*





*Followed up by post-theatre wine from the Black-owned wineries McBride Sisters Wine Co. and Brown Estate's House Of Brown being served by Norris at Central Kitchen + Bar.*

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# Lunch & Learn: Celebrating the Divine 9

*Monday, Feb. 27, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.*



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# Celebrating the Divine 9: Our Panelists

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**Crystal Sewell**

Human Resources Director  
Talent & Human Resources



**Erika Brice**

Social Investment Officer  
Social Investment Practice



**Dexter Mason**

Managing Director  
Civic Nation



**Adena Hill**

Program Officer  
Detroit



**Wendye Mingo**

Managing Director  
Information Technology







*Crystal Sewell is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® The young man in the photo is her son, Kenneth "Christian" Coleman, III. The photo was taken immediately after his initiation into the Detroit Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.®*

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*Glenda Ward shared a photo of her family members  
representing Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.®*

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*Wendye Mingo is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®  
The photo on the right is from the coming out show in 1989.*





*Erika Brice is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.® The photo on the left is of Erika and her mother. Also included is a photo of the Founders.*







*Adena Hill is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.®*

*Photo 1: MLK Day of Service 2006; Photo 2: Graduating Deltas c/o 2007; Photo 3: Spelhouse Homecoming*

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*Dexter Mason is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.®*

*Photo 1: December 13, 2010. A photo collage of his Probate or “Neophyte Presentation,” where he and his five Line Brothers were initiated in the Sigma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. on the campus of the University of Michigan.*

*Photo 2: September 27, 2019. A photo with his Line Brothers at a wedding reception for another Line Brother and his wife. They all served as groomsmen in the wedding.*





# History of the Divine 9: Videos

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- Black Greek Letter Organizations
- Black History Is Our History: Divine Nine Fraternities, Sororities Offer Lifetime Of Brotherhood, Sisterhood For African Americans
- Detroit's Black fraternities and sororities: A tour of their history and contributions



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