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The Office of College Access Initiatives (CAI) provides academic enrichment programs to high school students in the Lansing area in order to increase the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in post-secondary education.

MARCH DAYS

March 1: National Peanut Butter Lover's Day

March 2: National Read Across America Day

March 3: World Wildlife Day

March 4: World Book Day

March 5: Employee Appreciation Day

March 6: National Dentist's Day

March 7: National Cereal Day

March 8: International Women's Day

March 12: Plant a Flower Day

March 14: National Pi Day

March 16: Freedom of Information Day

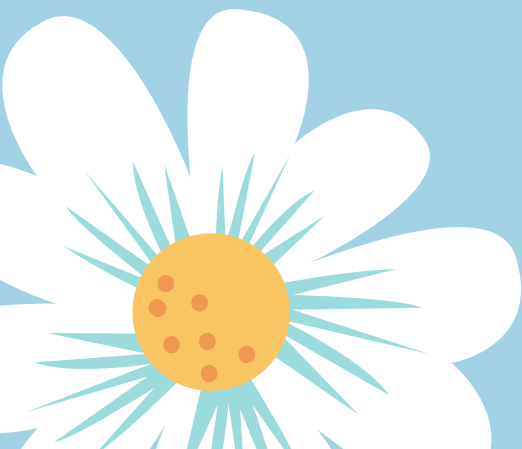
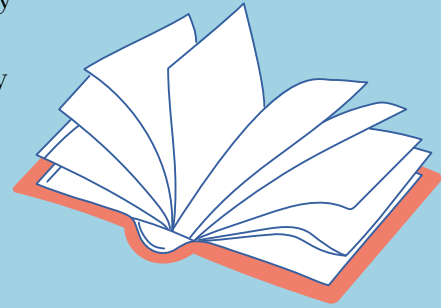
March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 20: International Day of Happiness

March 21: World Down Syndrome Day, World Poetry Day

March 22: World Water Day

March 29: National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day



Keep an eye out for summer
residency program.
Information coming soon!





WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

[History.com](https://www.history.com)

Why Do We Celebrate Women's History Month?

Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history. From Abigail Adams to Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth to Rosa Parks, the timeline of women's history milestones stretches back to the founding of the United States.

The actual celebration of Women's History Month grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa.



[Groundbreaking Women in Politics | History](#)

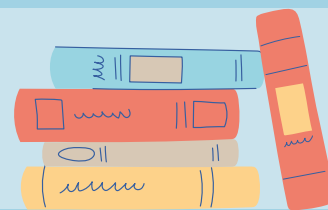


FAMILY READING TIME

Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race

The #1 New York Times bestseller

by Margot Lee Shetterly



The phenomenal true story of the black female mathematicians at NASA whose calculations helped fuel some of America's greatest achievements in space—a powerful, revelatory history essential to our understanding of race, discrimination, and achievement in modern America. The basis for the smash Academy Award-nominated film starring Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monae, Kirsten Dunst, and Kevin Costner.

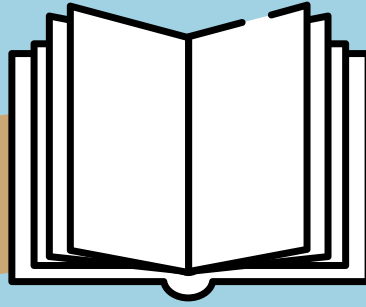
Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as “human computers” used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space.

Among these problem-solvers were a group of exceptionally talented African American women, some of the brightest minds of their generation. Originally relegated to teaching math in the South's segregated public schools, they were called into service during the labor shortages of World War II, when America's aeronautics industry was in dire need of anyone who had the right stuff. Suddenly, these overlooked math whizzes had a shot at jobs worthy of their skills, and they answered Uncle Sam's call, moving to Hampton, Virginia and the fascinating, high-energy world of the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory.

Even as Virginia's Jim Crow laws required them to be segregated from their white counterparts, the women of Langley's all-black “West Computing” group helped America achieve one of the things it desired most: a decisive victory over the Soviet Union in the Cold War, and complete domination of the heavens.

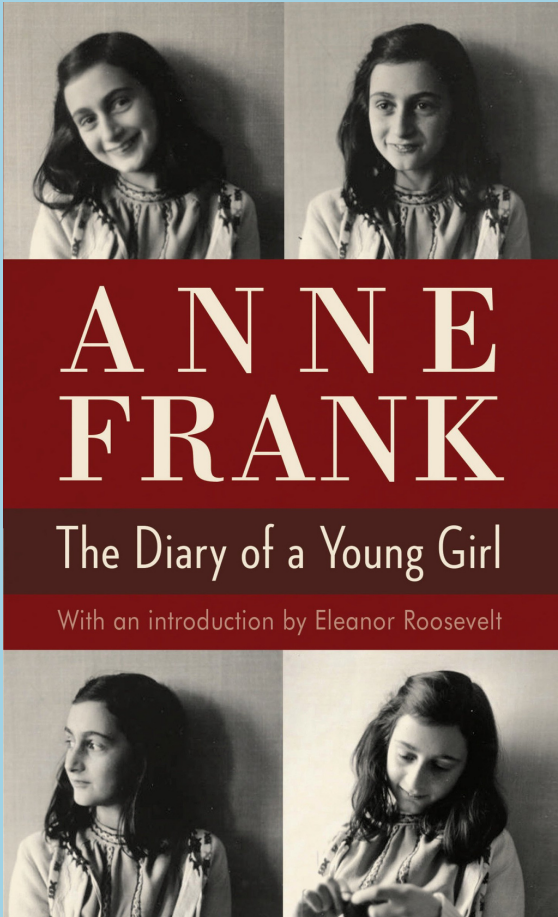
Starting in World War II and moving through to the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement and the Space Race, *Hidden Figures* follows the interwoven accounts of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Christine Darden, four African American women who participated in some of NASA's greatest successes. It chronicles their careers over nearly three decades they faced challenges, forged alliances and used their intellect to change their own lives, and their country's future.

FAMILY READING TIME



The Diary of a Young Girl

by Anne Frank (Author), Otto M. Frank (Editor), Mirjam Pressler (Editor), Susan Massotty (Translator)



Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has since become a world classic—a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit.

In 1942, with Nazis occupying Holland, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding. For the next two years, until their whereabouts were betrayed to the Gestapo, they and another family lived cloistered in the “Secret Annex” of an old office building. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in confined quarters, and the ever-present threat of discovery and death. In her diary Anne Frank recorded vivid impressions of her experiences during this period. By turns thoughtful, moving, and amusing, her account offers a fascinating commentary on human courage and frailty and a compelling self-portrait of a sensitive and spirited young woman whose promise was tragically cut short.

Resources

Items below are from the Ingham County Assistance Program.

https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/ingham_county_assistance_progr.html

Capital Area Community Services offers numerous financial assistance programs. The agency is located in Mason Michigan and it can be reached at (517) 676-1065. The non profit provides direct financial assistance with paying heating and utility bills, mortgage and rent payments.

Ingham County branch of Michigan Department Of Human Services – The local office of the state of Michigan emergency financial assistance programs. The aid is for very low income families in the region. Programs include, but are not limited to emergency assistance for utilities and heating bills if faced with a disconnection, food stamps, Medicaid, TANF, General Expense Assistance, Food, and much more. 5303 South Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan 48909, Dial (517) 887-9400.

Volunteers of Michigan in Lansing - Some of the resources available are emergency shelters and low income, transitional apartments and homes. Ingham County Michigan families, veterans, the elderly, and low income families can receive access to several additional housing programs. Other resources are free food, coats for children, thrift stores, and other aid.

Cristo Rey Community Center is a Family Health Clinic that is staffed by a full time medical team, including doctors and nurses. The site is open daily from 8-5. The staff is bilingual in Spanish. Services offered by the clinic include, preventative care, treatment for acute and chronic illness, counseling, first aid, flu shots, diagnostic services and education and information. Fees are based on a sliding scale. Dial (517) 372-4700.



Employment websites for job listings:

<https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/listing/>

<https://jobs.lcc.edu/en/listing/>

<https://www.glassdoor.com/>

<https://www.indeed.com/>

https://jobs.mitalent.org/job-seeker/jobsearchresults?job_time_frame=99999

