



February Black Heritage *Did you Know* statements

Days	Announcements
February 1	We recognize Black Heritage Month this February as an opportunity to reflect on the lives of Black Folks in Canada not only in this month but all year round. People of the African Diaspora have roots in Canada dating back to 1603. They have endured slavery and continued discrimination and have persevered against subtle and blatant racism to help lay the foundation of Canada's diverse society. Black Canadian presence has been well established in Canada, but not well known.
	Over the past few months, the lives of Black people have been thrust into the spotlight as the world witnesses racial injustice unfold in person and on video; an injustice that has always been a part of the Black experience right here in Canada. This may have you thinking about the ways you are impacted and what you can do. Start by learning more about Black people in Canada and how integral Black people are to the fabric of Canada. Black history IS Canadian history.
	This month, we will share announcements that highlight hundreds of years of challenges, experiences and triumphs demonstrating the unwavering will of a people determined to move forward, and continue to overcome these barriers.
	Let us celebrate, reflect and bring the rich legacy of the African Diaspora into all of our spaces.
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