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Celebrate Black History Month with The Public Libraries of Erie County through a February reading challenge

Erie, PA – Erie County Public Library together with The Public Libraries of Erie County* announces participation in the Black History Month Reading Challenge 2021. The challenge, open to people of all ages, runs from Friday, Feb. 5, until Sunday, Feb. 28. All public libraries within Erie County offer this program thanks to the generous support of Friends of the Erie County Public Library.

By participating in the February Beanstack challenge and earning activity badges, readers will learn about Black history makers, explore cultural traditions and honor the evolution of Black history in America. From the Civil Rights Movement to #BlackLivesMatter, it is vital to understand history in order to impact the future.

Readers are challenged to read at least 10 hours during the challenge and track their reading on the challenge site. There will also be optional activities throughout the challenge. Readers should complete these activities and log their reading to earn badges along the way.

Those interested in participating may register online at <https://erielibrary.beanstack.org>, or download the Beanstack app to register and participate on a mobile device. Questions can be directed to Shane Donaldson, Erie County Public Library manager of youth services, at 814-451-6928 or library-reference@eriecountypa.gov.

*Public Libraries of Erie County include Albion Public Library, Rice Avenue Community Library, Waterford Public Library, Union City Public Library, Corry Public Library, and McCord Memorial Library.

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