

News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

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Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries Launches Inaugural Black History Month Program

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries (NLPL) are happy to announce the launch of their first ever Black History Month program. This will be a province-wide celebration of the Black community living within Newfoundland & Labrador, with free events and programming to be held online.

This program was possible through the TD Ready Commitment grant from TD Bank. "This February is not just another African Heritage Month. We are coming together at a time in which Black communities and allies around the globe are questioning whether the protests of last summer inspired moments or movements," says Jennifer Auld, VP Atlantic Region at TD Bank Group. "We are proud to support Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries, as we push progress forward for the Black colleagues, customers, and communities we serve."

This grant has been used to support the programming that NLPL will be putting on over the course of February. On February 1st, in partnership with Memorial University's Grenfell Campus, Black History Month kicked off with a talk from Dr. Afua Cooper, a Dalhousie Professor whose studies deal with the history of Black people in Canada. Various programs and events will be held across the province, both online and in-person, along with videos on the NLPL's social media and YouTube channel.

The funds from the TD Bank grant have also been put toward collection development. New releases by Black authors have been added to the NLPL's digital library, and book club kits have been created in St. John's. Patrons will be able to participate in province-wide discussions through NLPL's two book club titles, *I've Been Meaning to Tell You* by David Chariandy and *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla F. Saad. Both titles will be available with unlimited eBook access for all of February.

For more information about the programs happening in February, please click [here](#). Also check the Facebook page of your local branch for information about events happening near you!

