

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021

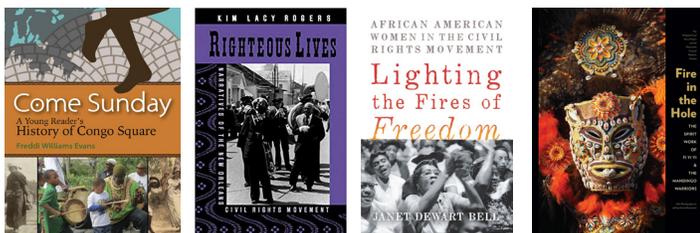
## RESOURCE GUIDE: NEW ORLEANS ACTIVISTS AND ACTIVISM

Thank you for your interest in participating in the New Orleans Public Library's 2021 Black History Month Art Contest. We've compiled the following guide to provide you with resources, information, and inspiration.

### Featured Database:

[Louisiana Digital Library](#) – An online library of over 144,000 digital materials about Louisiana's history, culture, places, and people.

### Books to Inspire:



- *This is Your Time* by Ruby Bridges (2020)
- *Courageous, Eccentric, Diverse: New Monuments for New Orleans* by Homer Plessy Community School Third Grade (2017)
- *Come Sunday: A Young Reader's History of Congo Square* by Freddi Williams Evans (2017)
- *Righteous Lives: Narratives of the New Orleans Civil Rights Movement* by Kim Lacy Rogers (1993)
- *Lighting the Fires of Freedom: African American Women in the Civil Rights Movement* by Janet Dewart Bell (2018)  
*This book's first chapter pertains to Chef Leah Chase.*
- *Fire in the Hole: The Spirit Work of Fi Yi Yi & Mandingo Warriors* by Fi Yi Yi, Rachel Breulin, & Jeffrey David Ehrenreich (2018)
- *The House of Dance and Feathers: A Museum* by Ronald W. Lewis (2009)

### General Books on Activism:



- *How to Make a Better World: For Every Kid Who Wants to Make a Difference* by Keilly Swift (2020)
- *We Are Power: How Nonviolent Activism Changes the World* by Todd Hasak-Lowy (2020)
- *Teen Guide to Student Activism* by Stuart A. Kallen (2019)

### DVD in the Library's Collection:

- *Faubourg Tremé: The Untold Story of Black New Orleans*. This short film explores the interesting and diverse community which contributed to much of the larger culture of New Orleans today. It tracks the area's historic roots to the modern day. Of special interest might be the Reconstruction Era activists from this community who were pivotal in pushing for integration and equal treatment under the law.

This guide is not a comprehensive list of the Library's resources. For assistance finding specific materials, please contact your Library location or visit [nolalibrary.org](http://nolalibrary.org).

## Online Resources:

- **Teaching Tolerance | “Art and Activism” Lesson Plans**
  - » Lesson Two: **Who are the activists in my community?**
- The Historic New Orleans Collection | **NOLA Resistance Oral History Project**
  - » This oral history project records testimony from individuals who were active in the fight for racial equality in New Orleans between 1954 and 1976. Website includes three lesson plans (Stories of Resistance, Young Leaders of New Orleans, and Integrating McDonogh 19) and ten short videos.
- **U. S. Civil Rights Trail | New Orleans**
  - » This website includes a map and links to historic places relating to the civil rights movement in New Orleans. Click and learn about the city and its major events, points, and figures like Ruby Bridges.
- **Amistad Research Center**
  - » Provides online access to some of the Center’s rich digital collection of oral history projects, photography, documents, and short films pertaining to civil rights and America’s ethnic and racial history.
- **NAACP New Orleans Branch**
  - » The Wikipedia page for the NAACP New Orleans Branch extensively addresses the organization, its history, its leaders, and major actors, as well as current organizational initiatives of interest.
- **Brandan “B-Mike” Odums**
  - » Brandan “B-Mike” Odums is a New Orleans-based visual artist who, through exhibitions, public programs, and public art works, is engaged in a transnational dialogue about the intersection of art and resistance.

## Local Organizations & Museums:

- **New Orleans African American Museum**

NOAAM’s mission is to preserve the history and elevate the art, culture, and contributions of African Americans in New Orleans and the African Diaspora. The website currently features online exhibitions.
- **Ashé Cultural Arts Center**

The mission of Ashé Cultural Arts Center is to use art and culture to support human, community, and economic development and is currently fulfilling that mission through virtual programming.
- **Project Butterfly New Orleans**

Project Butterfly is a local group that is devoted to women and girls of African descent in the community. The website offers information about its various culturally-rooted programs and workshops.
- **New Orleans Youth Alliance**

New Orleans Youth Alliance is the youth development intermediary for the Greater New Orleans area. NOYA works to cultivate a system of high-quality, well-resourced youth development organizations that center youth leadership and racial equity in their work with young people.
- **Free-Dem Foundations**

Free-Dem Foundations is a non-profit group that was established in 2017 to help youth with the critical transition from childhood to adulthood. The organization is rooted in life skills, vocational training, community engagement, youth leadership/advocacy, and pre-adult transitional services.
- **Backstreet Cultural Museum**

Backstreet Cultural Museum is a museum that showcases African American history in New Orleans with a particular focus on Second Lines, Social Aid and Pleasure Clubs, Mardi Gras Indians, The Baby Dolls, and The Northside Skull and Bone Gang.