

Black History Month

We encourage teachers to incorporate diverse experiences and perspectives into their classroom throughout the year. February is one of many great opportunities to do that! Below, you will find resources and tools to support your professional practice in this area.

More information on our district approach, including student and family perspective from our recent listening sessions, is available on our Excellence and Equity [webpage](#).

Bend-La Pine Schools' LEAD Cohort: Classroom Strategies for Equity Dialogue

<https://sites.google.com/bend.k12.or.us/bls-resources-for-equity/home>

National Education Association's Black History Month resources:

<https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/tools-tips/black-history-month-lessons-resources>

Oregon Department of Education resources for your own professional learning:

- oregonblackpioneers.org
A web space Celebrating the Contributions of Oregon's African American Pioneers.
- OPB Article: [Historians Seek to Expand Knowledge of Oregon's African-American History](#)
- [Salem Online History](#)
Salem Public Library resource on Salem history that includes entries about various racial, ethnic, and national groups.
- [Biographical sketch of the Sponsor of Senate Bill 739](#) (Jackie Winters)
- YouTube video: [African American Women Reflect on Serving Together in the Oregon Senate](#)
- OPB's Oregon Experience Episode: [Logger's Daughter](#)
- OPB's Oregon Experience Episode: [Searching for York](#)
- [A Hidden History](#), by Walidah Imarisha
- [Oregon History Project: African Americans in Oregon](#), by Oregon Historical Society
- [African Americans of Portland](#), by Oregon Black Pioneers & Kimberly Stowers Moreland
- [African Americans in Salem](#), by Virginia Green & Katherine

- [The Black Laws of Oregon](#), 1844–1857, by Elizabeth McLagen
- [A Peculiar Paradise: A History of Blacks in Oregon, 1788–1940](#), by Elizabeth McLagan
- [Slaves and Free Men: Blacks in the Oregon Country, 1840–1860](#), by Quintard Taylor. Oregon Historical Quarterly, 83(2), 153–170. (1982)
- [The State of Black Oregon 2015](#), by Urban League of Portland
- [Collections Pertaining to African American People and Culture in Oregon](#), by Oregon State University Library, Special Collections & Archives
- [Black Cowboys in Oregon](#), by Stan Fonseca
- [The African American Community in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile](#), by L. Bates, A. Curry-Stevens, & Coalition of Communities of Color
- [Why Aren't There More Black People in Oregon? A Hidden History](#), by Walidah Imarisha
- [A Hidden History: A Conversation Project Program Reveals the Stories and Struggles of Oregon's African American Communities](#), by Walidah Imarisha. Oregon Humanities, pp. 12–19. (Summer, 2013)
- [Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center's Gwen Trice](#), by Eileen Garcia
- [Avel L. Gordly Papers, 1981–2008](#), by Patricia A. Schechter
- [Rutherford Family Collection Celebration: Exhibit Catalogue](#), by Charlotte Rutherford, Marti Clemmons Meg Langford, Jeanne Roedel, Tasha Triplett, Marc Carpenter, & Patricia Schechter
- [Contributions to African American History in Oregon](#), prepared by Joyce Harris, Manager, Community Engagement, Education Northwest