

Celebrating Black Futures Month

February 2024

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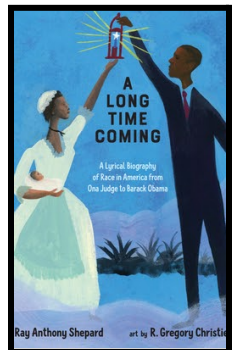
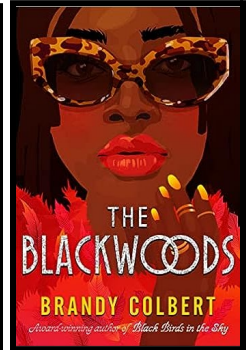
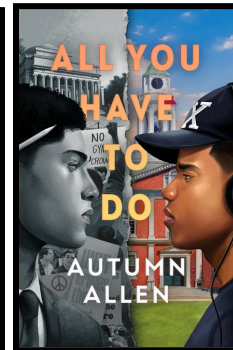
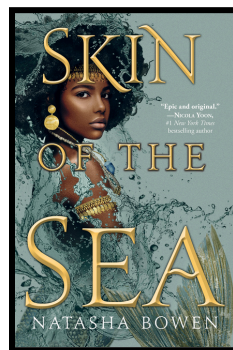
February is quickly coming to a close, but we've been busy celebrating **Black Futures Month** with all of our 10th grade English classes with a **Black Futures Book Pass** featuring some clips from **Afrofuturism: From books to Blockbusters**. Please continue to join us in centering Black creators, Black stories, Black artists and Black Lives this month and all year round!

READ Black Authors

Explore these engaging new reads by Black authors from the **BUSD Black Lives Matter Reading Lists**! These reading lists are devoted to cultivating **Black joy, pride, and love**, and celebrating the incredible contributions and history of the Black community.

Our most recent favorite from this list is the excellent new graphic novel **Ghost Roast** by Shawnee Gibbs: "a fresh and charming modern Southern ghost story starring a plucky hero who isn't afraid to stand up for the truth." We loved it.

[Click here](#) to find *Ghost Roast* and the rest of these books at Berkeley High!



You can explore additional books in our library's *All Black Lives Matter 2024 Collection*. Come on in to check one out today!



Checkout [AAMLO's research and study guides](#), including collections about West Oakland's 7th Street and Oakland's West Coast Blues scene!

EXPLORE Black History

Check out the [African American Museum and Library at Oakland](#) (AAMLO)!

Did you know that one of the Oakland Public Library branches is actually a museum and archive?

The African American Museum and Library at Oakland is dedicated to the **discovery, preservation, interpretation, and sharing** of historical and cultural experiences of African Americans in California and the West for present and future generations.

LISTEN to Black students

BUSD's Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action is intended to highlight, uplift and affirm the rich history and contributions of the Black community; to cultivate in Black students a sense of pride, self-worth, and self-love; and to develop a widespread acknowledgement and appreciation for the contributions of Black people to our community.

Watch this video to hear from some BUSD students about their unique experiences for Black Lives Matter at School Week 2024.

[Black Lives Matter at School Week 2024](#)



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WATCH a film about Black History

All BUSD staff now have access to [Swank](#), a video streaming service for classroom use. These videos can be used in your classroom without the hassle of blocked personal streaming accounts and without violating copyright!

Swank also allows you to share film access with your students through Google Classroom so they can watch at home. [Checkout how to access Swank here.](#)

Happy reading, watching, + listening!

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Your Library Team