

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024 ART CONTEST

Resource Guide

2024's Contest Theme is AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE ARTS

Thank you for your interest in participating in NOPL's 2024 Black History Month Art Contest! We've compiled the following guide to provide you with resources, information, and inspiration.

Books to Inspire: Picture Books and Nonfiction

- *The Artivist* by Nikkolos Smith (2023)
- *Black Artists Shaping the World* by Sharna Jackson (2021)
- *H is for Harlem* by Dinah Johnson (2022)
- *Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance* by Nikki Grimes (2021)
- *Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe (2016)
- *Romare Bearden: Collage of Memories* by Jan Greenberg (2003)
- *Rise!: From Caged Bird to Poet of the People, Maya Angelou* by Bethany Hegedus (2019)
- *This Is Tap!: Savion Glover Finds his Funk* by Selene Castrovilla (2023)
- *We Can: Portraits of Power* by Tyler Gordon (2021)

Books to Inspire: for Tweens and Teens

- *The African American Experience* by Sandy Donovan (2011)
- *Augusta Savage: The Shape of a Sculptor's Life* by Marilyn Nelson (2022)
- *Dance* by Angela Shelf Medearis (1997)
- *Excellence in the Arts* by Kelisa Wing (2022)
- *The Harlem Renaissance* by Meghan Green (2021)
- *Shimmy Shimmy Shimmy like My Sister Kate: Looking at the Harlem Renaissance through Poems* edited by Nikki Giovanni (1996)
- *Spike Lee and the African American Filmmakers: A Choice of Colors* by K. Maurice Jones (1996)
- *Wake Up Our Souls: A Celebration of Black American Artists* by Tonya Bolden (2004)

Movies in NOPL's collection:

- *A Ballerina's Tale*
- *Basquiat: Rage to Riches*
- *Black Wax*
- *Dance Theatre of Harlem* (streaming on Kanopy)
- *Kehinde Wiley: An Economy of Grace*
- *Through a Lens Darkly: Black Photographers and the Emergence of a People*

Online Resources:

- **Library of Congress | An Artistic Rebirth**
This online resource provides a brief overview of creative expressions in the 20th century and some of their influences.
> www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/immigration/african/an-artistic-rebirth/
- **The National Gallery of Art | Black Art & Artists**
Explore works from Black artists across centuries, mediums, and geographies, ranging from 19th century still life painters to contemporary pieces and more.
> www.nga.gov/features/black-artists.html
- **National Museum of African American History and Culture | Resources for Students**
Digital resources (including gallery guides and videos) are accessible from home for students to learn and explore. Teaching and learning guides are available for adult educators.
> nmaahc.si.edu/learn/students

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.
> www.noaam.org
- **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.
> www.ashenola.org



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