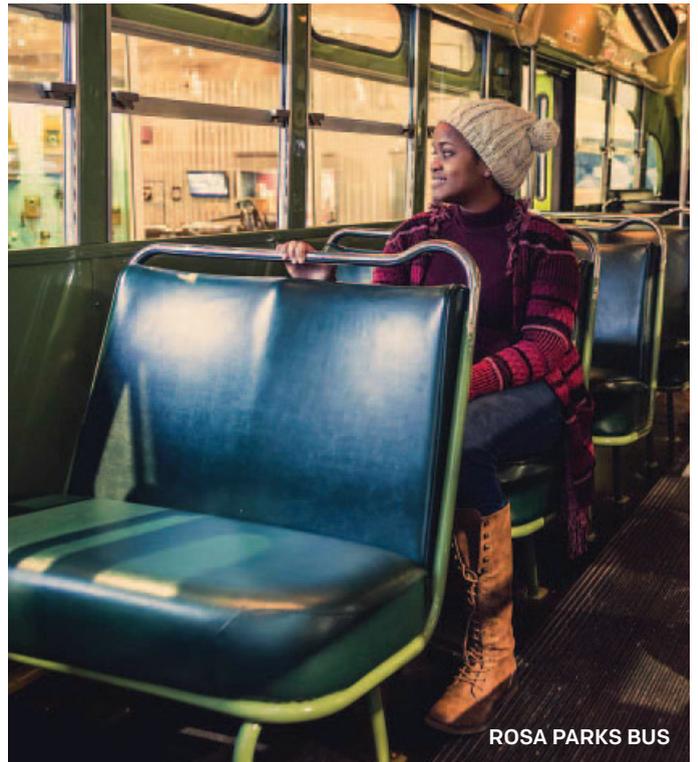




ERNESTINE HAMILTON



ROSA PARKS BUS

Celebrate Black History!

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FEBRUARY 1-2, 5-9, 12-16, 19-23 AND 26-29, 2020

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC PRESENTATIONS

Located across from Mathematica

Minds on Freedom

Wednesday-Friday, All February, 11:00, 12:00 & 1:00
Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 1 & 2, 12:00, 1:30 & 2:30

Explore and experience the civil rights movement through empowering songs, speeches and images in this 30-minute musical and dramatic presentation.

Ain't I a Woman: Meet Sojourner Truth

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 8 & 9, 11:30, 1:00 & 2:00

Meet the woman who demanded equal rights for all women and for all blacks at a time when this was little more than a dream.

North Star Gospel Chorale

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 8 & 9, 12:00, 1:30 & 2:30

Music performed by North Star Gospel Chorale with narration by Anthony Lucas.

Ernestine and Dave Hamilton

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 15 & 16, 12:00, 1:30 & 2:30

Inspiring songs by two talented Detroit siblings.

Elijah: The Real McCoy

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 22 & 23, 12:00, 1:00 & 2:30

Learn about fascinating inventor Elijah McCoy in this 15-minute dramatization. His most important inventions were the automatic lubricating cup in 1872 that revolutionized the industrial machine industry and the graphite lubricator in 1915. Your imagination will travel through eight decades as you discover why his life and work remain an inspiration to this day, and how one of his 57 patents got trains into the station ahead of time.

Leap Forward: Youth Perspectives

Saturday, Feb. 29, 12:00-3:00

Discover how African American innovators of the past inspire youth today. Hear the stories of youth who've overcome generational challenges. Contribute your thoughts on building a better future. Featured partners: Tinkham Educational Center, Engage@EMU and We the People Growers Association.

You can find shopping, dining and museum must-sees in your Welcome Guide. All activities are free of charge. All programs and prices are subject to change.



MINDS ON FREEDOM



GREEN BOOK

MUST-SEE ARTIFACTS

LIMITED TIME ONLY

Healthy Food to Build Healthy Communities

Agriculture and the Environment

Feb. 1-29

Black perspectives on food security, including George Washington Carver's food bulletins, his health foods and products, and his clientele — black farm-owning families.

McCoy Lubricator

Made in America – Manufacturing

Elijah McCoy, one of the most prominent African American inventors of his day, obtained more than 50 patents between 1872 and 1929. He used his skills as an engineer and locomotive fireman to invent a device that automatically oiled moving parts on steam engines. His demand for good-quality workmanship led to the phrase "the real McCoy."

Microscope Used by George Washington Carver

Agriculture and the Environment

By 1900, cotton production had depleted Southern soils, so George Washington Carver (1864-1943) developed nutritious crops like peanuts that nurtured the soil and could be sold to make industrial products. He used this microscope in his laboratory at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

With Liberty and Justice for All

Frederick Douglass became a leader in the antislavery movement when he spontaneously stood up and spoke at an abolitionist meeting in 1841. Douglass wrote about his life as an enslaved person, which led to his career as a reform journalist. His gut-wrenching tales of life on the plantation in Maryland turned thousands of skeptical Americans into abolitionists.

Rosa Parks Bus

With Liberty and Justice for All

Inside this bus on December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a soft-spoken African American seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man, breaking existing segregation laws. Many believe Rosa Parks' act was the event that sparked the civil rights movement.

ACTIVITIES

Experiment with History | Green Book: Crowdsourcing Safe Travel in the 1940s

Driving America, Daily, 10:00-11:30

Step into the 1940s and plan a road trip from Detroit to Chicago. Learn what precautions a family of color made to avoid discrimination. Explore the Green Book to learn about helpful and welcoming stops along your route and advice on packing lunches and bed rolls.

Experiment with History | From the Ground Up: Farming for Nutrition

Agriculture and the Environment, Daily, 12:00-1:30

Explore how innovative agriculture shaped American diets for increased nutrition and to prevent disease. Try your hand at growing an alternative protein.

Make Something: Saturdays

Across from Mathematica, Every Saturday, 10:00-3:00

Explore the many uses of soy, an alternative protein promoted by George Washington Carver. Use your scientific skills to make a crayon from natural pigments.

History Outside the Box | Black Farm Families in The Henry Ford Archives

Promenade, Friday, Feb. 7, 1:00-2:00

Explore primary sources that document African American farm families' experiences between the 1860s and 1960s. The legal documents, photographic prints and published material depict daily routines as well as politicized actions as 4 million Americans gained freedom and built their lives despite overt and persistent racism and sexism.

Curator Conversation

Agriculture and the Environment

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 8 & 9, 11:30

Join Deb Reid, curator of agriculture and the environment, in an exploration of artifacts showcasing George Washington Carver's innovative teaching strategies to empower Southern black farmers.