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NAACP Vancouver Community Reading List

Project spotlights Black authors, stories, and history at partner locations countywide

Vancouver, Wash. – The Clark County Historical Museum (CCHM) and NAACP Vancouver Branch 1139 B are proud to announce the launch of the NAACP Vancouver Community Reading List, a curated collection of books celebrating Black voices, history, and storytelling. Beginning October 1, 2025, in honor of National Book Month, the reading list will be featured at partner locations across Clark County.

The project builds on the ongoing partnership between CCHM and the NAACP Vancouver Branch, which earlier this year collaborated on *This Is Our Legacy: The 80th Anniversary of the NAACP Vancouver Branch 1139-B* an award-winning exhibit commemorating the branch's 80 years of advocacy for racial justice and community empowerment.

"This reading list is more than a set of book recommendations; it's an opportunity for our community to listen deeply, learn intentionally, and engage meaningfully with Black voices. Through these stories, we're not just revisiting history; we're building bridges toward understanding, empathy, and unity. Reading is one of the most powerful tools we have for transformation. Education is the foundation of liberation, and informed communities are empowered communities. Thank you to the Clark County Historical Museum for its unwavering commitment to preserving Black history and telling our stories with truth and integrity. In honoring our past, you help light the path toward a more just and awakened future." Rev. Michael Jones Jr., Vice President & Chair, Legal Redress and Civil Rights

Posters displayed throughout the community will guide readers to a website featuring fiction, nonfiction, memoirs, poetry, and other works that reflect the richness and diversity of the Black experience. Visitors can scan a QR code to access the full list online or visit www.cchmuseum.org/naacpvanread, where they will also find information about the books and where to find them locally. Receipts from purchases, orders and library checkouts from the reading list make any participant eligible for a free Associate Level membership to Clark County Historical Museum.

The posters will be on display throughout October at local libraries, bookstores, and other partner organizations. This visibility aims to spark conversations, encourage inclusive reading, and inspire deeper community connections.

About the NAACP Vancouver Branch 1139 B

Founded in 1945, the NAACP Vancouver Branch has been a steadfast advocate for civil rights, equity, and inclusion in Clark County. Through educational programming, community engagement, and policy advocacy, the branch continues its mission to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all persons.

About the Clark County Historical Museum



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The Clark County Historical Museum is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the history of Clark County, Washington. The museum offers award winning exhibits, dynamic programming, and community partnerships that connect people to the past, present, and future of the region. Learn more at www.cchmuseum.org.

For more information, contact the museum at 360-993-5679 or outreach@cchmuseum.org.

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