

# Black History Month

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February is designated as Black History Month in the United States. Started in 1926 as [Negro History Week by the noted scholar Carter G. Woodson](#), the entire month of February was designated as Black History Month in 1976. February was chosen because it included the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

The FAU Libraries has been commemorating the month with a series of events and exhibits, including the multi-media “Pursuit of Equality” exhibit celebrating Boca Raton’s historic Pearl City community, as well as the women who were the unsung heroes in the exploration of space, and many more achievements. This month’s Meet-the-Dean event in the Wimberly Library from 10:30-11:30 on February 28th encouraged students to sign a poster congratulating [Carla Hayden as the first woman and the first African-American to be appointed as the Librarian of Congress](#).



Carol Hixson explaining about Carla Hayden poster in background

Celebrating Black History month is just one example of the FAU Libraries commitment to the diversity of our community, our country, and the world in which we live. Come to the libraries often to check out our events, our exhibits, and our exploration and celebration of the world around us.



Students signing banner congratulating Carla Hayden