

# HISTORY



## Roundtable est. 2017

{(usually) meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every other month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

### February's Topic: Influential African-American Hoosiers

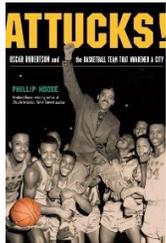
**Meeting Date:** Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Register at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us) or by emailing [sjenger@greenwoodlibrary.us](mailto:sjenger@greenwoodlibrary.us).

More info and handout at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable).

Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to influential Africa-American Hoosiers. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, attend the roundtable prepared to summarize your source material. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

#### Books:



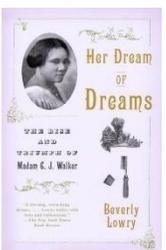
**[Attucks!: Oscar Robertson and the Basketball Team that Awakened a City](#)** by Phillip Hoose – TEEN NONFICTION SPORTS & REC Hoose; [eBook & eAudio](#) on Libby\*; [eAudio](#) on hoopla\*

By winning the state high school basketball championship in 1955, ten black teens from an Indianapolis school, meant to be the centerpiece of racially segregated education in Indiana, shattered the myth of their inferiority. Their brilliant coach had fashioned an unbeatable team from a group of boys born in the South and raised in poverty. Anchored by the astonishing Oscar Robertson, a future college and NBA star, the Crispus Attucks Tigers went down in history as the first state champions from Indianapolis and the first all-black team in U.S. history to win a racially open championship tournament—an integration they had forced with their on-court prowess.



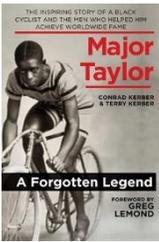
**[A Century of Achievement: Black Hoosiers in the Indiana General Assembly, 1881-1986](#)** by Alan F. January & Justin E. Walsh – NONFICTION LAW January

Includes biographical sketches and photographs of forty black legislators, arranged chronologically.



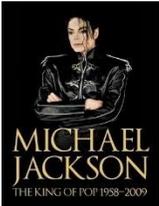
**[Her Dream of Dreams: The Rise and Triumph of Madam C.J. Walker](#)** by Beverly Lowry – NONFICTION BIOGRAPHY Walker

By breathing life into scattered clues and dry facts, and with a deep understanding of the times and places through which Madam Walker moved, Beverly Lowry tells a story that stretches from the antebellum South to the Harlem Renaissance and bridges nearly a century of our history in her search for the distant truths of a woman who defied all odds and redefined conventional expectations.



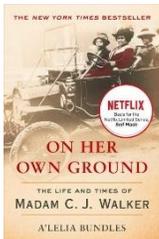
[Major Taylor: The Inspiring Story of a Black Cyclist and the Men Who Helped Him Achieve Worldwide Fame](#) by Conrad Kerber & Terry Kerber – [eBook](#) on hoopla\*; [in print](#) via Evergreen\*

In 1907 the world's most popular athlete was not Cy Young or Ty Cobb. Rather, he was a black bicycle racer named "Major" Taylor. In his day, Taylor became a spiritual and athletic idol. He was the fastest man in America and a champion who prevailed over unspeakable cruelty. The men who aided him were among the most colorful to emerge from the era. With a foreword by World Champion and three-time Tour de France winner Greg LeMond, this spellbinding saga of fortitude, grace, forgiveness, and a man's unyielding will to win against the greatest of odds is sure to become a classic that will be enjoyed by everyone.



[Michael Jackson: The King of Pop, 1958-2009](#) by Chris Roberts – NONFICTION BIOGRAPHY Jackson

As news of the 50-year-old pop superstar's demise spread around the world, there were tears, shock and surprise: a hero was dead. One of the greatest pop music icons the world has ever seen, Michael Jackson had millions of fans all around the world.



[On Her Own Ground: The Life & Times of Madam C.J. Walker](#) by A'Lelia Bundles – NONFICTION BIOGRAPHY Walker

Bundles, a journalist and great-great-granddaughter of Madam C.J. Walker, offers a lively portrait of an American businesswoman. Walker, the first freeborn child of slaves, rose from poverty to establish a successful hair-care business, became one of the wealthiest women in the U.S., and devoted herself to a life of activism and philanthropy toward race and women's issues.

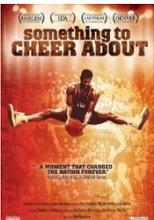
## Online:



[Encyclopedia of Indianapolis: African Americans](#)

Famous, infamous, and otherwise notable people who are a part of the Circle City.

## Videos:



[Something to Cheer About](#) – on hoopla\*

In 1955, Oscar Robertson and his teammates at the segregated Crispus Attucks High School rose from the hatred and racism of the time to be the first all-black team ever to win a state championship. With their innovative style of play, this brilliant group of athletes changed basketball forever. This is an amazing true story of the coach, school, and team that inspired the nation.

## Podcasts:



[Uncovering the Story of Cyclist Major Taylor, America's 1st Black Sports Star](#) – author interview on Fresh Air

At the height of America's Jim Crow era, Taylor broke barriers by becoming the country's fastest and most famous cyclist. Michael Kranish tells his story in the new book, *The World's Fastest Man*.

\*=requires GPL Evergreen Indiana card