



History Month: A Century of Commemorations

By ASALH

2026 marks a century of Black history national commemorations. Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, George Cleveland Hall, William B. Hartgrove, Jesse E. Moorland, Alexander L. Jackson, and James E. Stamps institutionalized the teaching, study, dissemination, and commemoration of Black history when they founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) on September 9, 1915.

In 1925, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson planned the inaugural week-long observance of Black history, he could hardly have anticipated the imprint he would leave on the world. From Negro History Week to Black History Month, ASALH has carried forth the tradition, and the observances have become part of the warp and the weft of American culture and increasingly the global community.

For our one hundredth theme, the founders of Black History Month urge us to explore the impact and meaning of Black history and life

commemorations in transforming the status of Black peoples in the modern world.

As part of the global African diaspora, people of African descent in the United States have viewed their role in history as critical to their own development and that of the world.

Along with writing Black histories, antebellum Black scholars north of slavery started observing the milestones in the struggle of people of African descent to gain their freedom and equality. Revealing their connection to the diaspora, they commemorated the Haitian Revolution, the end of the slave trade, and the end of slavery in Jamaica. They observed American emancipation with Watch Night, Jubilee Day, and Juneteenth celebrations. Eventually, they feted the lives of individuals who fought against slavery, most notably Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

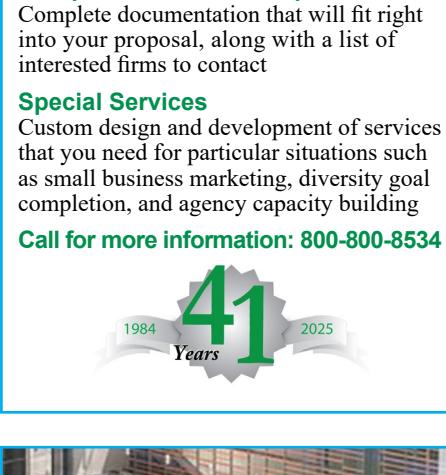
The scholar Arthur A. Schomburg captured the motivation of Black people to dig up their own history and present it to the world: "The American Negro must remake his past in order to make his future."



When Carter G. Woodson, as director of the Association, established Negro History Week, he did so as part of that tradition. Yet, by concentrating the attention of the American public on the scientific findings of historians, he sought

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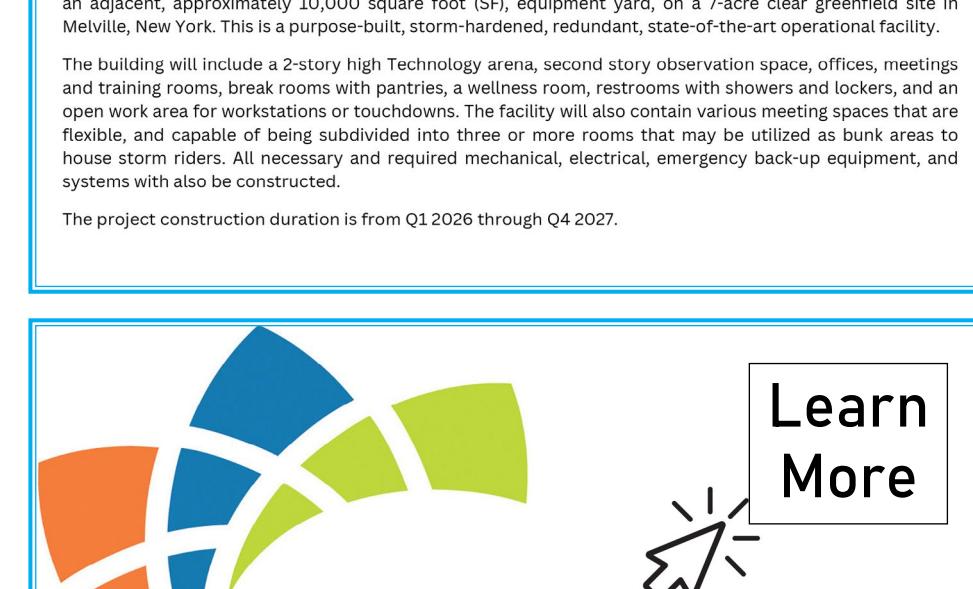
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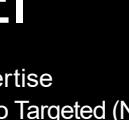
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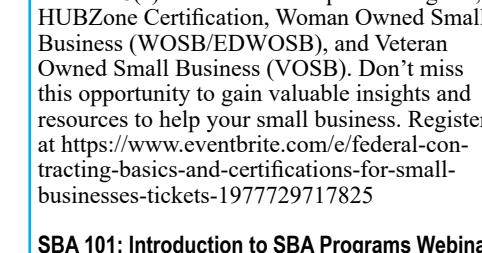
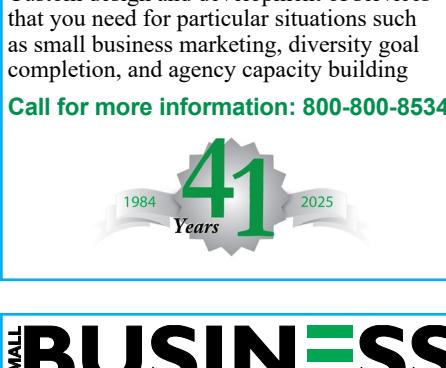
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The project construction duration is from Q1 2026 through Q4 2027.

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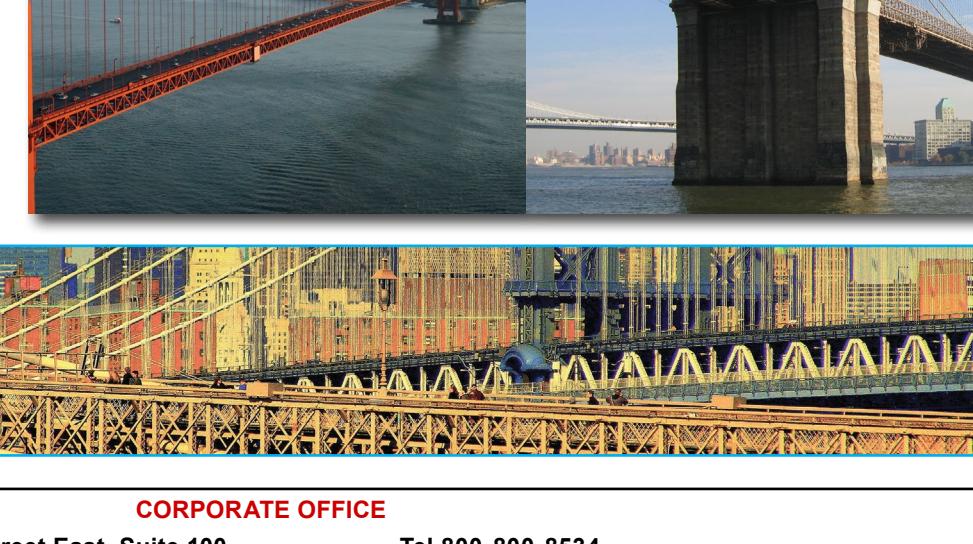
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