



# SCEC DEIB Newsletter

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging  
*“Small Steps Make Big Strides”*



**Notable in History**

**Alicia Garza** (b.1981), an American civil rights activist and writer known for co-founding the international Black Lives Matter movement. She is also the author of The Purpose of Power.

**Benjamin Crump**

(b.1969), an American attorney who specializes in civil rights. Crump has a passion for advocacy which has given him the privilege to fight for justice amongst marginalized groups of people.

**Mary Frances Berry**

(b.1938), a historian, writer, lawyer, activist, and professor; a visible activist in the Civil Rights Movement. Her activism and public service included work in three presidential administrations.



The DEIB book club will be choosing our next book soon. If you would like to join us, please email Jacqueline Gallishaw .

**Black History Month:** A month-long celebration of the history and achievements of African Americans in the United States.

**February 1 National Freedom Day**

A United States holiday commemorating the signing of the 13th amendment that abolished slavery. The bill was signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1948.

**February 21 International Mother**

**Tongue Day** Celebrated annually, dedicated to promoting awareness and appreciation for linguistic diversity and multilingualism, highlighting the importance of preserving and protecting all languages spoken around the world, particularly one's native "mother tongue."

**February 28 Ramadan** begins

**“Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.”**  
 – **Dr. Mae Jemison (first African-American female astronaut)**

**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”**  
 – **Nelson Mandela**



**RESOURCES TO SHARE**

[Black History Month Resource Guide for Educators and Families](#)

[Black History Month Digital Toolkit](#)

[Black History Month - Seekonk Public Library](#)

We are looking for artwork from students focusing on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. Please encourage your students to submit a piece of artwork for a future newsletter. Questions or comments are welcomed. Please send to [jgallishaw@scecoll.org](mailto:jgallishaw@scecoll.org) or [kaylward@scecoll.org](mailto:kaylward@scecoll.org).



**READING SUGGESTIONS**

**Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi & Yusef Salaam**

**Black History for Every Day of the Year by David Olusoga & Yinka Olusoga**

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The information contained in the DEIB newsletter is a sampling of significant days and months celebrated annually. It is not meant to be exhaustive.