Created for 3rd - 12th grade students and educators, the book selections are curated to provide enrichment about African American history and culture based on the permanent and temporary exhibitions within the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC).
In this exhibition, themed stories show how African Americans crafted possibilities in a world that denied them opportunities. Taking its inspiration from a popular African American expression, Making a Way Out of No Way explores themes of agency, creativity, and resilience through personal stories of African Americans who challenged racial oppression and discrimination and created ways out of “no way.”
COMMUNITY GALLERIES

MAKING A WAY OUT OF NO WAY

SOJOURNERS
THIRD TO FIFTH GRADE

Robert Churchwell: Writing News, Making History: A Savannah Green Story
Gloria Respress-Churchwell
Fiction

Take a Picture of Me James Van Der Zee
Andrea Loney
Nonfiction

Remember The Journey to School Integration
Toni Morrison
Nonfiction

The Unstoppable Garrett Morgan: Inventor, Entrepreneur, Hero
Joan Dicicco
Nonfiction

The Undefeated
Kwame Alexander
Fiction

The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath
Julia Finley Mosca
Nonfiction

Mary McLeod Bethune
Eloise Greenfield
Nonfiction

Sweet Dreams, Sarah
Vivian Kirkfield
Nonfiction

Bedtime Inspirational Stories: 50 Amazing Black People Who Changed the World (Volume 1)
L. A. Amber
Nonfiction

NAVIGATORS
SIXTH TO EIGHTH GRADE

Biddy Mason Speaks Up
Arisa White and Laura Atkins
Nonfiction

The Women Who Caught the Babies
Eloise Greenfield
Nonfiction

The Girl from the Tar Paper School: Barbara Rose Johns and the Advent of the Civil Rights Movement
Teri Kanefield
Nonfiction

Maggie L. Walker: Pioneering Banker and Community Leader
Candice F. Ransom
Nonfiction

Elijah Of Buxton
Christopher Curtis
Fiction

Tiny Stitches: The Life of Medical Pioneer Vivien Thomas
Gwendolyn Hooks
Nonfiction

Black Pioneers of Science and Invention
Louis Haber
Nonfiction

Who Was Muhammad Ali?
James Buckley Jr.
Nonfiction
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### Innovators (Ninth to Twelfth Grade)

- **Claudette Colvin Twice Toward Justice**
  - Phillip Hoose
  - Nonfiction

- **Freedom’s Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories**
  - Ellen S. Levine
  - Nonfiction

- **Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America**
  - Nathan McCall
  - Nonfiction

- **To Tell the Truth Freely: The Life of Ida B. Wells**
  - Mia Bay
  - Nonfiction

- **The Original Black Elite: Daniel Murray and the Story of a Forgotten Era**
  - Elizabeth Dowling Taylor
  - Nonfiction

- **Entrepreneurship and Self-Help Among Black Americans: A Reconsideration of Race and Economics**
  - John Sibley Butler
  - Nonfiction

- **The Black Press: New Literary and Historical Essays**
  - Edited by Todd Vogel
  - Nonfiction

### Educators (Third to Twelfth)

- **Ebony Magazine and Lerone Bennett Jr.: Popular Black History in Postwar America**
  - E. James West
  - Nonfiction

- **African American Religions, 1500-2000: Colonialism, Democracy, and Freedom**
  - Sylvester A. Johnson
  - Nonfiction

- **The Black Cabinet: The Untold Story of African Americans and Politics During the Age of Roosevelt**
  - Jill Watts
  - Nonfiction

- **The History of Black Business in America: Capitalism, Race, Entrepreneurship: Volume 1, To 1865**
  - Juliet E. K. Walker
  - Nonfiction

- **Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired: Black Women’s Health Activism in America, 1890-1950**
  - Susan L. Smith
  - Nonfiction

- **America’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities: A Narrative History, 1837-2009**
  - Bobby L. Lovett
  - Nonfiction