



LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System

May 1–31: Check these out at your branch library, [Race, Equality, and Inclusion](#) booklist.

May 1–31: Download ebooks and audiobooks about emancipation and Black history with your library card through the [Libby app](#).

May 1–31: Stream movies about Black History using your library card with [Kanopy](#).

May 1–31: Take part in Padlet program, [“Every Day is a Day of Racial Healing.”](#)

May 15–23: Listen to local poets talk about freedom on [Instagram](#).

May 1–31: State Library of Florida

Emancipation and Reconstruction in Florida resources at <https://dos.myflorida.com/library-archives/research/explore-our-resources/florida-history-culture-and-heritage/emancipation/>.

May 8, 10:00 a.m.–noon: 2nd Infantry USCT Living History Association

“Walk through Living History” in Speed Spencer Stephens Park is a drive-through experience to facilitate social distancing. The event features reenactors in period attire illustrating the lifestyles and activities of soldiers and civilians during the Civil War. Demonstrations include campsites, a weaving/sewing circle, tradesmen such as blacksmiths, and a wedding ceremony.

May 13, 2:30–3:30 p.m.: The Grove Museum

Virtual Facebook Live Tour focusing on the role of enslaved artisans and craftspeople in building the Call-Collins House, nineteenth-century construction techniques, and historic preservation approaches that highlight African American contributions to Tallahassee's built environment in the territorial period. <https://www.facebook.com/events/141806481162492>.

May 20, 9:30 a.m.: 2nd Infantry USCT Living History Association

Commemoration by John G. Riley Museum at the Old City Cemetery, located at MLK Blvd and Park Avenue. Ceremony events will include prayer, reading of litany, decoration of graves, gun salute, and a performance of “Taps” to honor the resting place of the Union soldiers. In-person registration available at www.eventbrite.com/e/may-20th-emancipation-day-celebration-of-freedom-tickets-150262287547. Virtual event accessible at <https://www.the2ndusctlha.org/> and <https://rileymuseum.org/>.

May 20, 11:00 a.m.–Noon: Florida Department of State and John G. Riley Museum

Virtual 20th of May—Emancipation in Florida celebration featuring a reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, speeches, and drumming is presented at www.20thofMay.com and www.facebook.com/KnottHouseMuseum. No registration required.

May 20, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.: **Tallahassee Museum**

In-person guided tour of the Concord School House and Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church at Tallahassee Museum. At the admission booth, visitors should indicate that they are attending the 20th of May—Emancipation in Florida tours for free admission and a pamphlet about these Black history structures. For directions, go to <https://tallahasseemuseum.org/visit/>.

May 20, 2:00–3:00 p.m.: **The Grove Museum**

Virtual Nature Walk at The Grove Museum—Emancipation in Florida. Tour focuses on researching and interpreting historical landscapes connected to the intertwined histories of slavery and freedom in the Tallahassee Red Hills:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/912415266201645>.

May 20, 6:30 p.m.: **Leon County Government, The Village Square, and Tallahassee Museum**

Created Equal: Stretching Toward Freedom, A Conversation about Florida Emancipation Day; register for virtual program at <https://tlh.villagesquare.us/>

Speakers: Ms. Althemese Barnes, Dr. Larry Rivers, and Dr. Paul Ortiz.

South City Foundation – Soul of Southside Festival

May 20, 3:00–5:30 p.m.: Afternoon of Remembrance: Southside History Narratives at Hyatt House Hotel at Railroad Square featuring Dr. Rivers and Ms. Hobbs.

May 21, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.: Youth Entrepreneurship EXPO and Pitch Competition at Lake Anita Plaza and FAMU Way.

May 21, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.: Sundown Music Showcase/opening of Vendor Mall at Lake Anita Plaza and FAMU Way.

May 22, 10:15 a.m.–3:15 p.m.: In-person historical bus tours of ten neighborhoods. Leaving from Happy Motoring. For directions, go to www.happymotoringtlh.com. 1215 S Adams St, Tallahassee, FL 32301 Masks required.

May 22, 10:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.: Soul of Southside Festival Local Music and Artist Experiences, All Day Live at Lake Anita Plaza @ FAMU Way

May 21, 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. **Goodwood Museum & Gardens**

The museum will present in-person Invisible Lives tours that feature the history of the lives of four women enslaved at Goodwood Plantation in the 1850s. For information and directions, visit <https://www.goodwoodmuseum.org/museum-gardens/>.

May 22, 7:00–9:00 p.m. **2nd Infantry USCT Living History Association**

Virtual Emancipation and Abolitionist Ball highlights activities and accomplishments of the association over the past 10 years and includes musical performance by Tallahassee Night Live Band. The recipient of the 2021 Althemese Barnes Outstanding Service Award will also be announced. Registration is required. Virtual Event and Registration will be accessible at [2nd Infantry Regiment United State Colored Troops Living History Association](https://2ndinfantryregiment.org) and <https://rileymuseum.org/>.