

# RISE Arkansas

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## Black History Month

Black History Month is celebrated annually to recognize the central role and achievements that African Americans have had throughout U.S. History. In 1926, historian Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association of the Study of African American Life and History, established a week to promote the accomplishments and achievements of African American people. Woodson chose to celebrate during the week of Abraham Lincoln's and Frederick Douglass' birthdays. The celebration has now expanded to be observed during the entire month of February. In 1976, President Gerald Ford said that Black History Month is a time to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." Every president since 1976 has officially designated February as Black History Month. Join us this month as we honor and highlight accomplishments made by authors and illustrators that have promoted the understanding and appreciation of African American culture.

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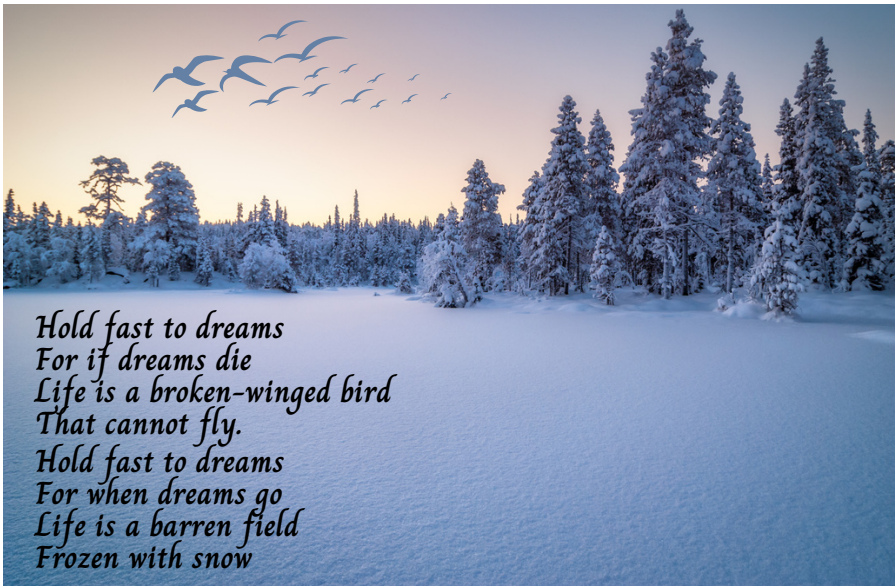
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## Dreams

Langston Hughes - 1901-1967



Hold fast to dreams  
For if dreams die  
Life is a broken-winged bird  
That cannot fly.  
Hold fast to dreams  
For when dreams go  
Life is a barren field  
Frozen with snow



Langston Hughes was a poet, novelist, fiction writer, and playwright. He is known for his insightful, colorful portrayals of black life in America from the twenties through the sixties and was important in shaping the artistic contributions of the Harlem Renaissance.

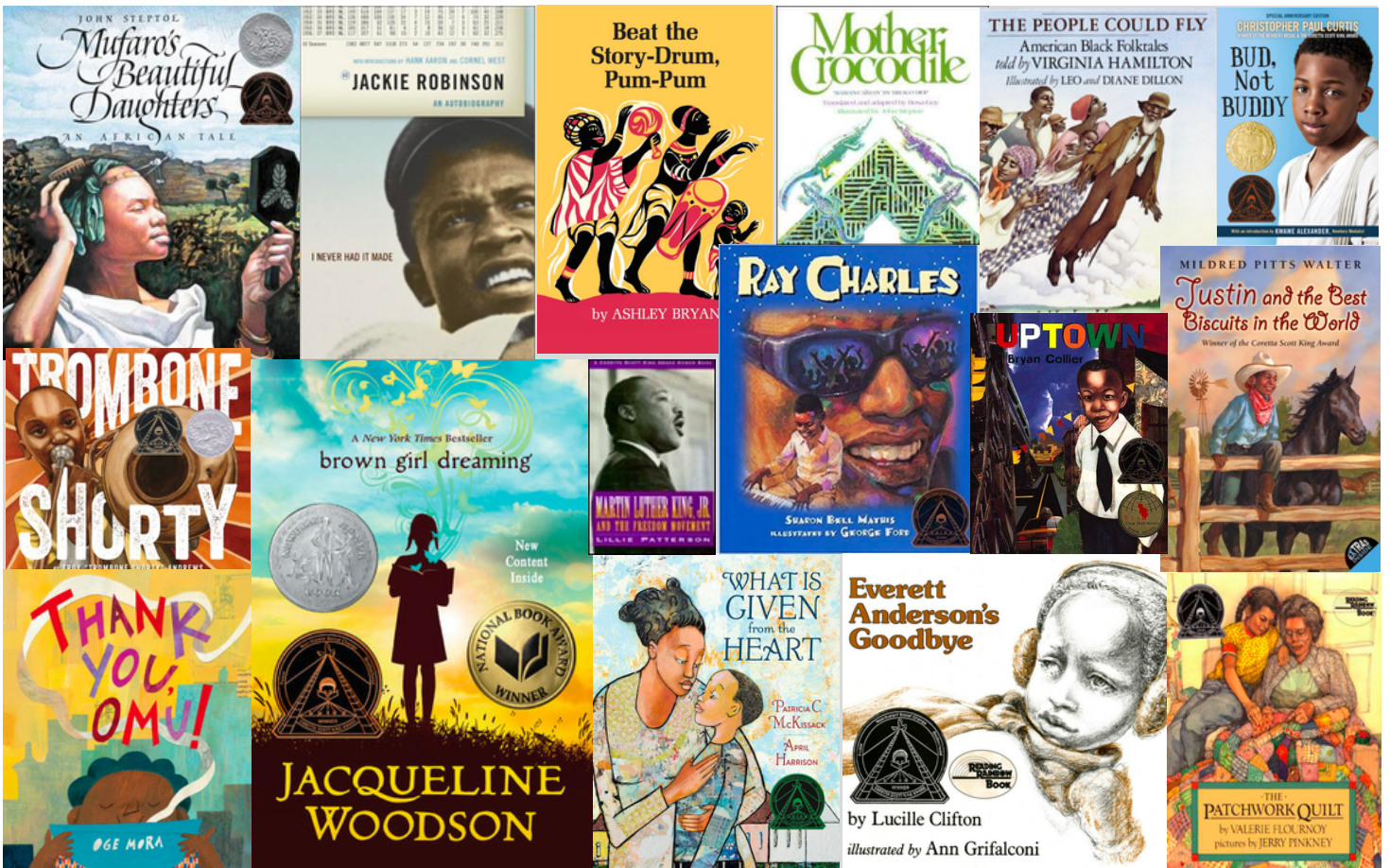


# The Coretta Scott King Awards

Coretta Scott King was the wife of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and was a leading participant in the American Civil Rights Movement.

In 1969, at the American Library Association's Annual Conference, Mabel McKissick and Glyndon Greer founded the Coretta Scott King Book Awards. This prestigious award is designed to commemorate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King. This award is given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values. The first author to win the award was Lillie Paterson who was recognized for the biography, *Martin Luther King, Jr.: Man of Peace* (1969).

For more than 50 years, writers and artists have been honored to receive this prestigious award that promotes understanding and appreciation of Black culture. Below is a collage of a few of the Coretta Scott King award-winning books that your family might want to check out at your local library this month!





# Let's Explore a New Syllable Pattern - Constant -le (-Cle)

Reading is a code-based system and readers are most successful when they are taught the code. A syllable is a part of a word that contains a single vowel sound and is pronounced as a unit. In this series, we will explain why it is important for readers to learn about syllables and the six different syllable types. We will offer examples and strategies to help emerging readers become more familiar with each syllable type.

**This month we will focus on the Consonant -le syllable pattern.**

A consonant -le syllable is a final syllable with one consonant followed by l and silent e. It always occurs at the end of a word. This syllable type contains the schwa sound, which is common in words with more than one syllable and is pronounced /uh/. Words that end with a consonant -le are always multisyllabic words. Let's practice reading a few words with this syllable type!

1. Decoders first need to look for a consonant -le at the end of a word and draw a box around it. Because readers know the sound of the consonant and -le, let's focus on the first syllable!
  2. Find the vowel in the first syllable.
  3. Look beside the vowel.
  4. Determine the syllable type.
  5. Read the syllable.
  6. Put the two syllables together and read.
- Use the steps above to read the following consonant -le words. Then, circle the correct picture!



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It is a Vowel R Syllable Pattern!

Read the first syllable. "tur"

Now read them together! turtle

eagle

apple

bubble

poodle

puzzle

# FEBRUARY RISE READING CALENDAR



**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**



**THERE IS A LOT TO CELEBRATE THIS MONTH!**

**5**

**CHOPSTICKS**  
by Wang Renshan  
Spice Magazine

TODAY IS NATIONAL CHOPSTICK DAY! CHECK OUT THIS BOOK AND TRY EATING SUPER WITH CHOPSTICKS!

**12**

**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!**

TOMORROW IS PRESIDENT'S DAY! CELEBRATE BY CHECKING THIS BOOK OUT OR LISTEN TO IT HERE!

**27**

**Carpe DIEM DAY**

This popular Latin phrase means, "Seize the Day!" Do something amazing today!

**6**

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**of THEE I SING**  
A Letter to My Daughters  
by Barack Obama  
Illustrated by Loren Long

THIS SWEET BOOK BY BARACK OBAMA WRITTEN TO HIS DAUGHTERS IS ONE YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

**14**

**Happy Valentine's Day**

TAKE TIME TODAY TO SHARE YOUR LOVE OF READING!

**21**

TODAY IS NATIONAL PANCAKE DAY! EAT PANCAKES FOR SUPPER TONIGHT AND CHECK OUT THESE BOOKS ABOUT THIS DELICIOUS TREAT!

**22 More Syrup Please!**

**27**

READ THE BOOK, PLAY, LOUIS. PLAY ABOUT THE CHILDHOOD OF LOUIS ARMSTRONG & THEN LISTEN TO A FEW JAZZ SONGS.

**IF YOU GIVE A PIG A PANCAKE**  
Laura Numeroff  
Felicia Bond

**8**

**MAE AMONG THE STARS**  
by Susan B. Anthony  
Illustrated by Anthony

TODAY IS SUSAN B. ANTHONY DAY! READ TO FIND OUT WHAT IMPORTANT PART SHE PLAYED IN HISTORY!

**17**

THIS SWEET BOOK HIGHLIGHTS A PRECIOUS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A FATHER AND DAUGHTER.

**Hair Love**  
Matthew A. Hernandez  
Illustrated by Matt

**24**

READ THIS GREAT BOOK BY MALCOLM MITCHELL AND AFTERWARDS DISCUSS YOUR FAVORITE BOOKS!

**FAVORITE BOOK IN THE WHOLE WORLD**  
by Malcolm Mitchell

**25**

YOU "OTTER" WRITE SOMEONE A LETTER TODAY TO TELL THEM HOW MUCH YOU LOVE THEM!

**1**

HOW MANY SYNONYMS CAN YOU THINK OF FOR THE WORD CELEBRATE?

**celebrate**

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READ MORE ABOUT MAE!

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IT IS GROUNDHOG DAY! CHECK OUT THIS NONFICTION BOOK FROM GAIL GIBBONS.

**GROUNDHOG DAY!**  
by Gail Gibbons

**10**

MORPHEMES ARE THE SMALLEST UNITS OF MEANING IN A WORD. THE WORD INVENTORS HAS 4 MORPHEMES! CAN YOU FIGURE THEM ALL OUT?

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IT IS BUBBLE GUM DAY! CHEW GUM TODAY AND FIND MORE WORDS THAT END WITH CONSONANT -LE LIKE BUBBLE!

**BUBBLE GUM DAY!**  
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**DON'T YOU JUST**



**Love READING?**