



Themed Experience

HIGHLIGHTING BLACK VOICES AND STORIES

Black voices and stories continue to shape the evolution of the English language. Enjoy the following exhibits that highlight Black excellence in a variety of creative fields.

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The Spoken World

Dive headfirst into the awe-inspiring diversity of languages by meeting speakers and signers from around the globe. Let them introduce you to what's unique about their native language, featuring Black voices from Senegal, Venezuela, and Ethiopia.

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Unlock the Music

The music industry has no lack of Black excellence. In this karaoke room, you can hear the lyrical talents of artists like Sam Cooke, The Supremes, Drake, and Mary J. Blige in this room that makes for a wonderful family affair.

Lend Me Your Ears

From the wise words of Oprah Winfrey to a motivating pep-talk delivered by Denzel Washington, enjoy some of history's timeless speeches. Then, head into the recording booth to recreate your own audience-captivating moment.

The Library

In this magical gallery, pick out a book and watch as the stories come to life on the pages in front of your very eyes.

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Words Matter

Check out the short reflection testimonials from Black storytellers Mark "Popsie" Lewis, Jamila Lyiscott, Oliver James, and Anna Deavere Smith that discuss the power of language.

Did You Know?

From the voice of our 22-foot-tall word wall to the members on our museum advisory board, Black talent can be seen and heard all throughout the museum. Here are a few to look out for:

- Malik Work, Theater Artist
- Enga Davis, Actress
- Jason Reynolds, Author
- Nikki Sertso, Executive Director
- Kobie Powell, Voice Actor



More about our library below!

The Library

OUR INTERACTIVE MAGICAL LIBRARY SHOWCASES WORKS FROM BLACK AUTHORS AND BRINGS THEIR STORIES TO LIFE. TITLES INCLUDE:

- *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry
- *Becoming Kareem* by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
- *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds
- *Planet Middle School* by Nikki Grimes
- *The Watsons go to Birmingham - 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
- *Crown, An Ode to the Fresh Cut* by Derrick Barnes
- *Your Name is a Song* by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor
- *Black Was the Ink* by Michelle Coles
- *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo
- *March (Book One)* by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin



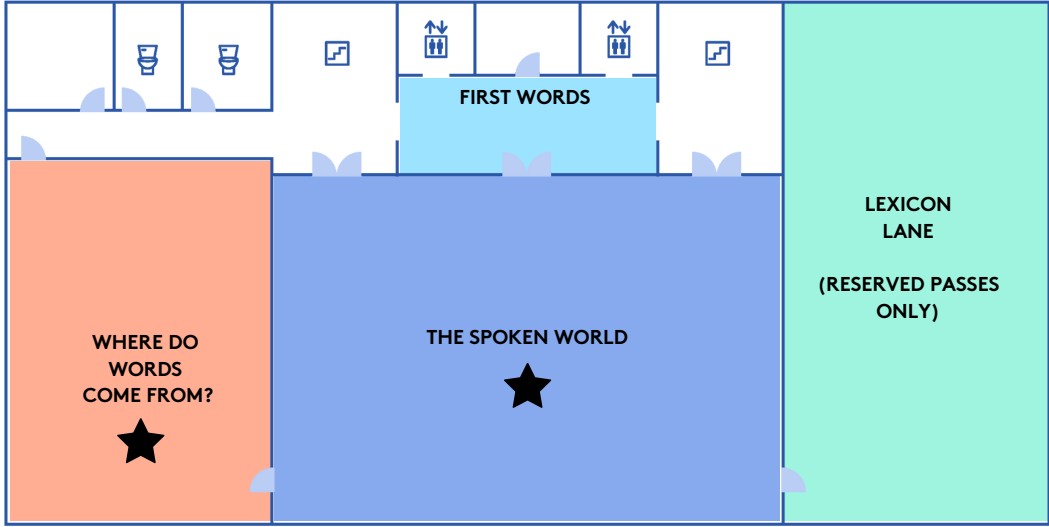
Poetry Nook

This secret room hidden behind the library's shelves is located on the second floor. Sit and reflect on renowned poetry read aloud, like "Harlem Hopscotch" by Maya Angelou, "Barberism" by Terrance Hayes, and "Project Princess" by Tracie Morris.

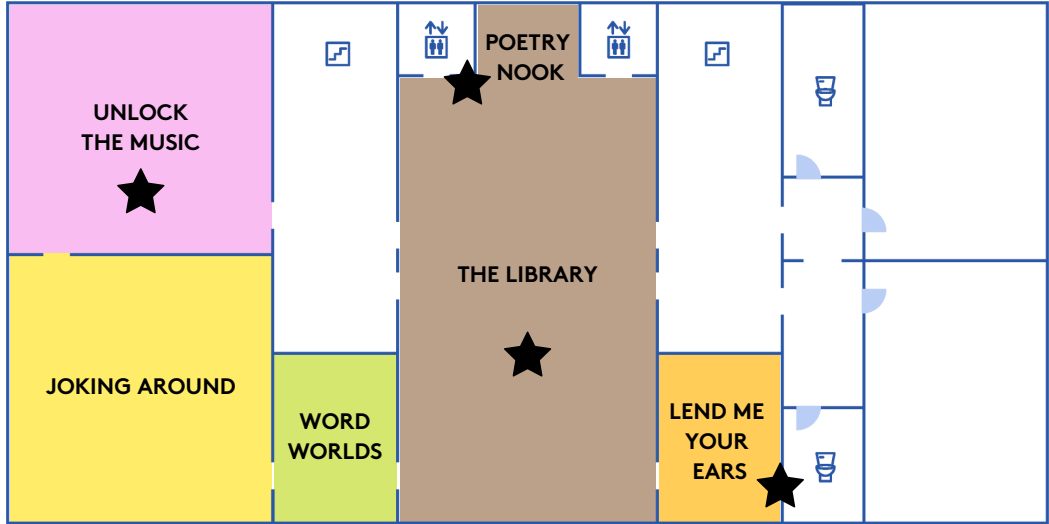
At the end of your visit, stop by the Present Perfect gift shop, which highlights Black authors from a variety of genres. Books you may find include *Our Hidden Conversations* by Michele Norris, *How the Boogeyman Became a Poet* by Tony Keith, Jr., *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman, and many more!

Museum Map

FLOOR THREE



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FLOOR ONE

