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.

**Floor 3**

**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.

**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.

**Words Matter**
Check out the short reflection testimonials "Little Giant" by Mark “Popsie” Lewis and "Broken English" by Jamila Lyiscott 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 Sertsu, Senior Director  
Kobie Powell, Voice Actor

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**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
- **The Watsons go to Birmingham - 1963** by Christopher Paul Curtis
- **Crossover** by Kwame Alexander
- **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

**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.

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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 **Black Roses** by Harold Green III, **The Roots of Rap** by Carole Boston Weatherford, **Change Sings** by Amanda Gorman, and much more!