

# Celebrate Black History Month

Please join the Town of Framingham for a special exhibition and visit the Framingham Public Library for events as well as displays of books and resources celebrating the history and accomplishments of African Americans.

## LEWIS HAYDEN and the UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Presented by the Commonwealth Museum  
A Division of William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

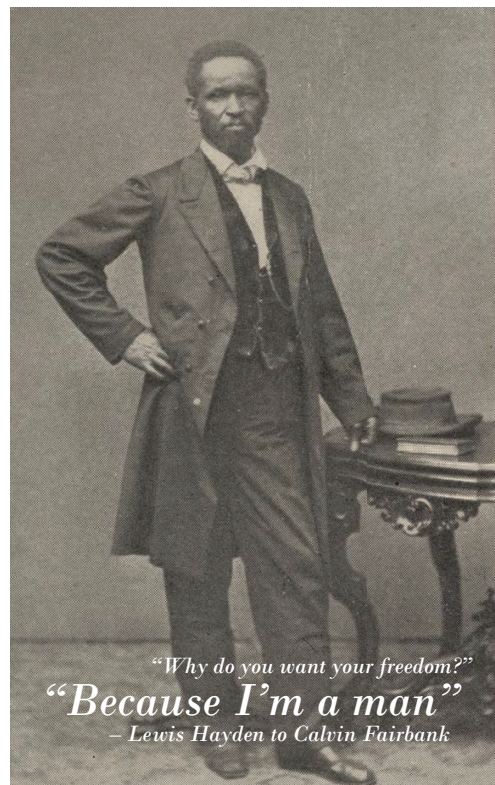
Opens Friday February 10  
Nevins Hall, Framingham Town Hall

Guided Tour by Commonwealth Museum  
Director and Curator Stephen Kenney  
Tuesday February 21, 12:00 pm

This traveling exhibit, on loan from the Commonwealth Museum will be on display through the month of February.

Learn about one of the foremost 19th century Black activists in Boston. Lewis Hayden began life as a slave in Kentucky and after a daring escape, settled in Boston 1849 and opened a clothing shop. A stop on the Underground Railroad, Hayden's home on Beacon Hill sheltered over 100 fugitive slaves in their journey to freedom. During the Civil War Hayden helped recruit soldiers for the heroic 54th Regiment and later served in the Massachusetts Legislature, advocating tirelessly for women's voting rights.

The exhibit is open Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00. Free admission.



## Framingham Public Library Events

### RACING FOR FREEDOM: Harriet Tubman's Journey



Thursday February 23, 7:00pm –  
Main Library, Costin Room

GUEST SPEAKER:  
Dr. Kate Larsen, Author and Historian

The remarkable archival discoveries that have revealed how she survived slavery to become one of the most prolific Underground Railroad agents of all time.

*This program is part of the Lifelong Learning Lecture Series, a partnership of Framingham State University and Framingham Public Library.*

### THE PEOPLE COULD FLY: African-American Tales & Tunes

Wednesday February 22, 2:00-3:00pm –  
Main Library, Costin Room, Family Program for ages 4+

Storyteller Mary Jo Maichak leads an exploration of the songs and stories of the African-American community with plenty of audience participation that will take you from the struggle to the soaring spirit.



### META VAUX WARRICK FULLER AND HER ART

Tuesday, February 28, 4:00-5:00pm –  
Main Library, Costin Room

GUEST SPEAKER:  
Jessica Roscio, Curator of the  
Danforth Art Museum

Meta Fuller is considered to be one of the first African-American female sculptors of importance. A Framingham resident, she was part of the Harlem Renaissance movement and studied under August Rodin. The Danforth Art Museum is home to a large body of her work.

*There will be a 45 minute lecture followed by a 15 minute question and answer period. Refreshments will be served.*



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