

of the Western Reserve Historical Society

## Keeping Legacies Alive!

The mission of the African American Archives Auxiliary includes:

1. Serving as an advocate for collecting and preserving evidence of African American contributions to both local and national history;
2. Assisting the Society's staff in the recruitment and selection of archivists for the African American Archives and to encourage African Americans to enter the field of archival administration;
3. Encouraging broader staff diversity by working directly with the Historical Society in the recruitment and selection of additional supporting staff; and
4. Promoting broad scale appreciation of African American culture and enriching the promise of the nation's future through knowledge and cooperation.

Recent programs have included special celebrations for Kwanzaa, Juneteenth, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and Women's History Month. The list of past guest speakers includes Pastor Courtney Clayton Jenkins, Paul Hill, Jr., Raja Belle Freeman, and others. Many of their presentations are featured on the Cleveland Public Library's YouTube Channel.

Thanks to our dedicated leadership team, growing membership, institutional and community partnerships, and plans for a new podcast, newsletter, and other committee-driven activities, the best is yet to come!



Downtown Cleveland's "Free Stamp" sculpture was partially covered by signs following the May 30, 2020, George Floyd protest. (Photograph by Stephanie Barron.)

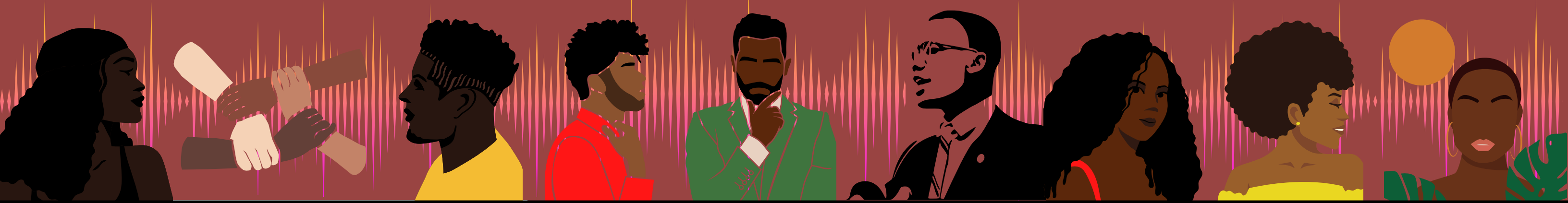


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Scanning the QR code takes you to our Resources Page which has links to the video recordings of our programs, podcasts, TikTok Shorts, and our Facebook Group!



The African American Archives Auxiliary (Quad A) of the Western Reserve Historical Society was formed in 1971 by a diverse group of leaders to preserve vital information about African Americans in Northeast Ohio.

The auxiliary presents programs that call attention to the work of exemplary leaders and relate historically significant information from as far back as the 1700s.

Quad A welcomes members and volunteers who want to continue this work, so that the history will be preserved for future generations. Financial donations and the donation of documents allow the auxiliary to support and continue its mission 50 years later.



Quad A trustee Beverly Lloyd and a program participant at the 2022 Kwanzaa-Juneteenth celebration. (Photograph by Emanuel Wallace.)

Robert P. Madison, A. Grace Lee Mims, and Thomas Campbell were among the auxiliary's 23 co-founders. Quad A helps collect and make accessible the documents that highlight African American history, life, and culture.



Stephanie Barron (left) and M. Sandra Truett, Quad A Members. (Photograph by Regennia N. Williams)

Currently, archival collections include the papers of individuals and families, business and institutional records, photographs, memorabilia, newspapers, and other materials.



Entrepreneurs Allen E. and Frances T. Cole, founders and owners of the Allen E. Cole Photography Studio. (WRHS file Photograph.)

Donated items become a part of the collections of the Western Reserve Historical Society. The archives are available for research in the WRHS Library. For more information, visit <https://www.wrhs.org/product/donation/>