

Hello Milton Community

Honoring Black Lives and Stories

I hope you and your family took some time to enjoy the snow. In honor of Black History Month, I would like to elevate some stories from the present and the past. These are just introductions to push forth stories and voices that may not have been heard and/or told. **I recommend that you conduct your own research to gain a more in depth understanding of these stories.**

“Isabel Wilkerson is an American journalist and the author of [The Warmth of Other Suns](#): The Epic Story of America's Great Migration and [Caste](#): The Origins of Our Discontents. She was the first woman of African-American heritage to win the Pulitzer Prize in journalism.”



This author provides us an opportunity to better understand why “racism is an insufficient term for the systemic oppression of Black people in America. Instead, she prefers to refer to America as having a “caste” system.”

Thank you, Patricia Latimore for elevating her story. To hear more insight into her thoughts, here are some links to get your started:

- [NPR interview](#)
- [TED Talk](#)
- [Interview on the Forum Harvard University](#)

Meet Dr. Gladys West!



If you are like me, I do not have the capacity to remember directions like I use to. I remember wandering in the streets of a city I was visiting and stopping at the local stores to ask for directions. Well thanks to Gladys West, I no longer have to be afraid to visit new places and/or worry about spending the next 20 minutes explaining to my parents how to get somewhere. I simply share my location or send the link with directions to whomever needs help. Click on this link to learn more about the [hidden figure](#) behind the Phone’s GPS.

The Muse Brothers: The story of two bothers during the Jim Crow South Era



George and Willie Muse, albino brothers living in the rural South during the late 1800s. The brothers were kidnapped as boys, sold off to a local carnival sideshow and paraded around the country. The Muse brothers were a big rarity: Black albinos would be a lucrative attraction for a carnival with a so-called “human oddities” segment. They were told that their mother had died. Although they were one of the most profited and sought after “side show” to the Ringling Brother’s Circus, they never received a penny for their “work”.

Here are some links to get you started:

- [Afric* Network](#)
- [NPR interview](#)