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## MUSIC MATTERS

### Episode 6: Anna's Personal Time Capsule

Check out the new episode of the ARC's music show, *Music Matters*. This episode was written and produced by senior Anna Marlin. On this episode she takes us through the music that has shaped her life. Listen as she spins The Clash, The Smiths, Led Zeppelin, Fleetwood Mac, Greta van Fleet and many, many more (including Juice Newton!)

*Music Matters* is available to stream online via [Mixcloud](https://www.mixcloud.com). You can also download the Mixcloud app for [Android](#) or [iOS](#) and listen on the go!



Speaking of *Music Matters*, we are looking for students who would like to be a DJ and write and produce their own episodes of this online radio show. Shows can be about any genre of music. Want to do a Billboard Top 10 countdown? A show about country? How about a show about movie Soundtracks? The sky's the limit!

There are some rules that need to be followed. Click [here](#) for more information. If you are a student, and already have an idea as to the show you want to produce, let's get it done! Fill out this [form](#) to start.

*Music Matters* is produced in the ARC and can be listened to the world over!

## LOOKING FOR STORIES

The ARCLight Podcast is about the stories that hold us together. We are looking for stories featuring Hersey students, staff, alumni or community members. These stories should teach and inspire. Do you know someone who has a unique talent or accomplishment? Someone who overcame an obstacle? An event that impacted Hersey High School in some way?

If you have an idea for a story, or would like to point us in the direction of a story, and/or person to be featured on the ARCLight Podcast, let us know by filling out [this form](#)!



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# BLAOK HISTORY MONTH

## ARTISTS OF THE MONTH: JERRY BUTLER and BETTY EVERETT

My first exposure to Jerry “The Iceman” Butler came from a [K-Tel commercial](#) for an album called *Superbad* in 1973 that I saw when I was a kid. I didn’t know much about him at the time. It wasn’t until I was much older that I became a fan.

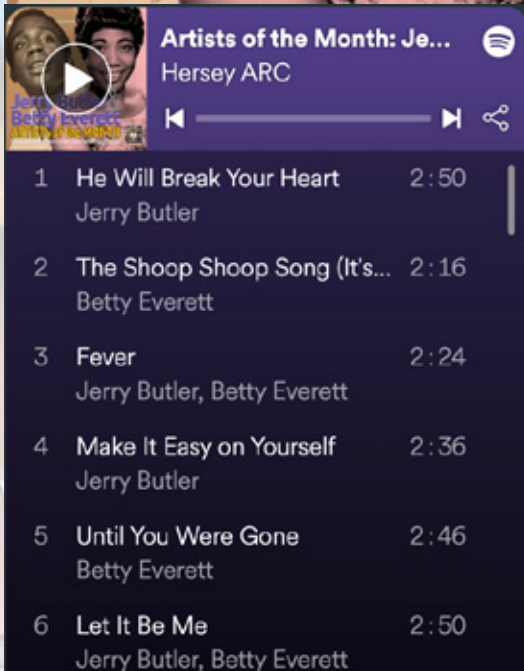
Although Jerry Butler was born in Mississippi, he moved with his family to Chicago in 1941, and grew up in the Cabrini Green housing projects. It was in church where he met Curtis Mayfield. Together, in 1958, they joined with three other singers to form “Jerry Butler and the Impressions.” After leaving the group a couple of years later, Jerry Butler went solo and received the moniker “The Iceman” from a Philadelphia DJ to highlight his cool, baritone voice. The name stuck.

Betty Everett, too, was born in Mississippi. At the age of 18, she moved to Chicago in 1957 to pursue a music career. In 1964, she produced a hit single. You probably know it, because it has been covered by many people including Linda Ronstadt and Cher. Throughout the 60s, she and Jerry Butler recorded several duets, and had a hit single “Let It Be Me” in 1964.

Betty Everett continued recording through the 70s, and made several appearances in the 80s and 90s. She died in 2001 at the age of 61 in her home in Beloit, Wisconsin. Jerry Butler continued recording for the next several decades, but in the mid-80s made a leap into Chicago politics. He recently retired as a Cook County Board Commissioner. He resides in Chicago to this day.

Both Jerry Butler and Betty Everett were at the top of their games in the 60s, and often appeared with the other greats in Soul Music. Whereas Curtis Mayfield, Aretha Franklin, Otis Redding, Sam Cooke and others still get radio play on oldies stations, Jerry Butler and Betty Everett have been left out. They remain perhaps the greatest underrated artists of their generation and deserve much more recognition.

Click on our Spotify playlist to immerse yourself in some seriously good Soul music of the 60s.

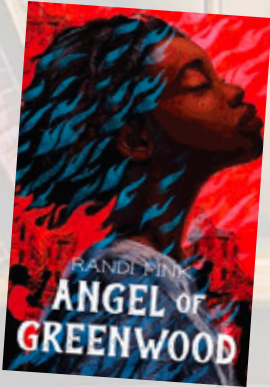


Written by Hersey librarian, Bruce Janu and originally published on the [ARC BLOG](#).



# BOOKS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month, we are featuring a collection of books that amplify Black voices and Black history. Check out our display outside of the ARC and come on down to check out a book. This year's full list of selected books can be found [here](#). To learn more about Black History Month, check out the [Library of Congress](#).



**Angel of Greenwood**  
by Randi Pink  
HISTORICAL FICTION

Randi Pink's *The Angel of Greenwood* is a historical YA novel that takes place during the Greenwood Massacre of 1921, in an area of Tulsa, OK, known as the "Black Wall Street."



**Dear Martin**  
by Nic Stone  
REALISTIC FICTION

Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him

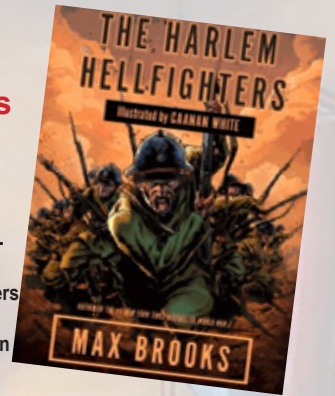
**Ace of Spades**  
by Faridah Abike-Iyimide  
REALISTIC FICTION

At Niveus Private Academy, Devon and Chiamaka are the only students chosen to be Senior Prefects who are also black, which makes them targets for a series of anonymous texts revealing their secrets to the entire student body. Both students were on track toward valedictorian and bright college futures, but this prank quickly turns into a very dangerous game and they are at more than one disadvantage as it looks like things could turn deadly.



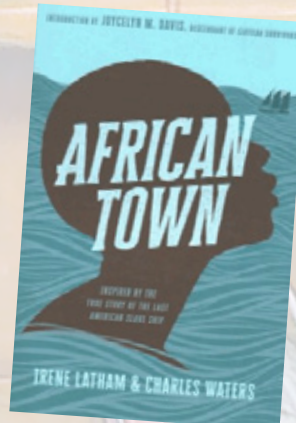
**The Harlem Hellfighters**  
by Max Brooks  
GRAPHIC NOVEL

From bestselling author Max Brooks, the riveting story of the highly decorated, barrier-breaking, historic black regiment--the Harlem Hellfighters. *The Harlem Hellfighters* is a fictionalized account of the 369th Infantry Regiment--the first African American regiment mustered to fight in World War I.



**You Should See Me in a Crown**  
By Leah Johnson  
REALISTIC FICTION

Liz Lighty has always done her best to avoid the spotlight in her small, wealthy, and prom-obsessed mid-western high school, after all, her family is black and rather poor, especially since her mother died; instead she has concentrated on her grades and her musical ability in the hopes that it will win her a scholarship to elite Pennington College and their famous orchestra where she plans to study medicine--but when that scholarship falls through she is forced to turn to her school's scholarship for prom king and queen.

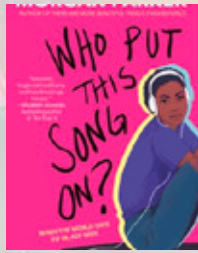
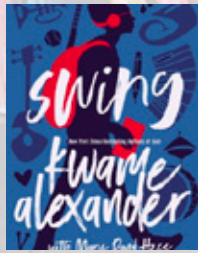
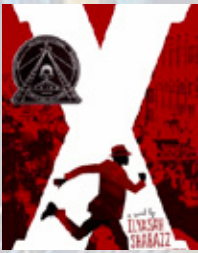


**African Town**  
By Irene Latham and Charles Waters  
VERSE NOVEL

Chronicles the story of the last Africans brought illegally to the United States on the *Clotilda* in 1860, told in verse.



Use the QR code, or click on the image, to take you to the complete list of books for Black History Month.



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# NEW BOOKS



## The Big Reveal

by Jen Larsen  
REALISTIC FICTION

When word gets out that she is putting on a top-secret, invitation-only burlesque show to raise money to attend a life-changing dance program, Addie falls victim to slut- and body-shaming and must learn to embrace exactly who she is.

We have nearly **50 new books this month!** Here is just a sampling. To see the whole list, use the QR code or click [here](#).



## Beasts of Prey

By Ayana Gray  
FANTASY

Sixteen-year-old indentured beastkeeper Koffi and seventeen-year-old warrior candidate Ekon forge an unusual alliance and venture into the Greater Jungle to hunt down a monster that has been menacing their city for a century.



## The Corpse Queen

by Heather M. Herrman  
MYSTERY

Orphaned seventeen-year-old Molly Green is eager to start a new life in her aunt's lucrative business selling corpses to medical students, but she quickly becomes entangled in a murderer's plans.

## The Ghosts We Keep

by Mason Deaver  
REALISTIC FICTION

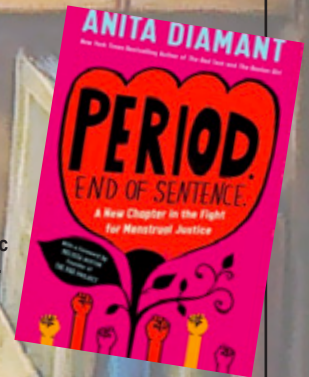
Everything happens for a reason. At least that's what everyone keeps telling Liam Cooper after his older brother Ethan is killed suddenly in a hit-and-run. Feeling more alone and isolated than ever, Liam has to not only learn to face the world without one of the people he loved the most, but also face the fading relationships of his two best friends in the process. Soon, Liam finds himself spending time with Ethan's best friend, Marcus, who might just be the only person that seems to know exactly what they're going through.



## Period. End of Sentence.

by Anita Diamant  
NONFICTION

Explores the subject of menstruation, from toxic historic and religious roots to how young activists are challenging the silence and shame that can erode self-esteem and even threaten lives.



## Prepped

by Bethany Mangle  
REALISTIC FICTION

Raised among doomsday preppers, Becca Aldaine's life has centered on planning for the worst, but when her escape plan is jeopardized, she turns to the boy she is expected to marry and hopes for the best.



## Half Sick of Shadows

by Laura Sebastian  
FANTASY

Everyone knows the legend. Of Arthur, destined to be a king. Of the beautiful Guinevere, who will betray him with his most loyal knight, Lancelot. Of the bitter sorceress, Morgana, who will turn against them all. But Elaine alone carries the burden of knowing what is to come--for Elaine of Shalott is cursed to see the future.