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**Screening of *Our Story: Once The Doors Opened*,
Other Events Part of EVPL Black History Month Programming**

January 31, 2024 – EVPL staff have planned more than a dozen different programs throughout February, celebrating the history of Black Americans, the advocacy led by modern Black Americans, and the central role Black Americans have played in U.S. history.

A featured event includes a special “director’s cut” screening of the award-winning documentary, *Our Story: Once The Doors Opened* at EVPL Central on Tuesday, February 6, at 5:30 p.m. This documentary, which received the August 2021 IndieFEST Film Award, discusses experiences of the first Black students admitted at the University of Evansville beginning in 1934 to the present day. Following the 55-minute screening, there will be a discussion with producer Arnell Hill, director Aaron Turner, and one of the narrators, Leairra Carter, who is currently a University of Evansville student. For those unable to attend, there will be a Zoom link made available on the day of the event at evpl.org/bhm.

Programs for family and youth include STEAM Club events featuring famous Black scientists, (paper) Unity Quilting, scavenger hunts and other crafts and activities throughout the month.

Teens are invited to a *Hidden Figures* STEM Fest this Friday, February 2 at EVPL Central.

Additional adult programs include an Art Appreciation and Creation event featuring the works of Jean-Michel Basquiat, a screening of *Do The Right Thing*, and a virtual author talk with Jason Mott as he discusses his recent novel, *Hell of a Book*.

EVPL East will also celebrate local artists on Friday evenings with a special series featuring Zion, Nana Wing, and Mario Warren.

Information about all these and other Black History Month programs is available at evpl.org/bhm.

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