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## Events Planned to Commemorate Black History Month

Columbia Parks and Recreation is planning a series of events to honor Black History Month in February. All activities are free of cost to the public. For more information, call 874-7460:

**Columbia Black History Exhibit:** The exhibit will be open at the Armory Sports Center (701 E. Ash) from February 1-28. It will feature Columbia's African-American history from 1865 to the present, including people, events and the history of the Douglass School. Visitors can drop by to see the exhibit between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays.

**Hip-Hop & Freestyle Night:** This family friendly event will be held at Douglass High School Gym from 7-9 p.m. on February 9. A DJ will be provided as well as an open microphone to allow the public to show off their freestyle skills!

**African-Americans in Films:** The movie, *Something the Lord Made*, will be shown at 7 p.m. on February 16 at the Armory Sports Center. A discussion and refreshments will follow.

**Gospel Explosion & Soul Food Dinner – Musical Celebration:** Come early to get a seat and enjoy numerous gospel acts and a feast of soul foods. Activities will start at 3 p.m. on February 19 at St. Luke United Methodist Church, 204 E. Ash.