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Essence of a People: Preserving African American Sites and Stories

2020 Open House hosted by the

**Black History Committee of the Friends of
the Thomas Balch Library**

Saturday, February 1st

10:00 am to 3:00 pm • Thomas Balch Library

Our Mission

To preserve, collect, promote and share the history of African Americans who contributed to the emergence and development of Loudoun County, Virginia

Join the Black History Committee as we share what resources the library has that identifies Loudoun’s historic African American sites and stories. This year’s celebration will feature the preservation efforts of the **Friends of the Arcola Slave Quarters (FASQ)**. Led by local historian **Arlean Hill**, FASQ’s mission is to advocate for the preservation and restoration of the historically significant Arcola Slave Quarters to educate the public about the rich African American heritage in Loudoun County. Learn how the FASQ also advocated for the preservation of the Settle Dean Cabin located in South Riding and how community oral histories and extensive genealogical research conducted by FASQ members has resulted in a preservation success story in the making.

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Schedule of Events

- 10:00 am Meet & Greet, Refreshments Served
- 11:00 am Site Preservation Presentation
- 12:30 pm Light Lunch Provided
- 1:00 pm Stories & Genealogy Presentation
- 2:30 pm Tour of Thomas Balch Library



Friends of the Arcola Slave Quarters and Loudoun County Parks and Recreation manage and interpret the Arcola Slave Dwelling and Settle-Dean Cabin sites and stories.

* Limited parking is available at Thomas Balch Library. Additional parking is across the street at the Presbyterian Church, in the Town garage, and at the Town’s Liberty Street parking lot.