

"Read Your Heart Out" to Feature Madison365's History of Black Madison

Michael Johnson, The Capital Times and Community Members Joined in Documenting Black History of Greater Madison

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Mahlon Mitchell, who is featured in our History of Black Madison, reads to third-grade students at Mendota Elementary School at last year's Read Your Heart Out Day.

This year's [Read Your Heart Out event](#), happening at several schools beginning tomorrow throughout the month, will feature not only the usual selection of books for children but also the [History of Black Madison](#) published on Madison365 last week.

The history began as a letter from Boys and Girls Club of Dane County CEO Michael Johnson to schools and teachers, highlighting positive accomplishments by Black Madisonians going back 175 years. His social media post went viral, and many community members joined Madison365 and The Capital Times in contributing to the history. The result is a robust document chronicling important breakthroughs and milestones.




Solomon Carter Fuller Memory Screening Day
Addressing Alzheimer's disease in the African American community

**FEB
16-17**

Anyone interested in reading to children [should sign up using this form](#), which lists all participating schools and event dates.

[You can also download our History of Black Madison here.](#)

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