This issue of The Hekman Library Privy will feature resources relating to National Black History Month.

Launched by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, National Black History Month initially started in 1926 as a one week observation. In 1976 the month of February was set aside to recognize achievements and contributions of African Americans.

The 2006 Theme is “Celebrating Community…”

Learn more at the Association for the Study of African American Life and History website: www.asalh.org

RELIABLE REFERENCE BOOKS

**Africana: The Encyclopedia of the African and African American Experience**  
DT14 .A37435 2005

Beautifully designed and richly illustrated with over a thousand images, maps, tables, charts, and photographs. This five-volume reference set includes more than three thousand articles with a focus on political, social, and cultural history.

**African Development Indicators**  
HC800.A1 A356

The most detailed collection of development data relating to Africa found in one volume. African Development Indicators presents data from 53 African countries and 5 regional country groups arranged in separate tables for more than 500 indicators of development.

**Encyclopedia of African Nations and Civilizations**  
DT14 .E43 2002

From the Facts on File Library of World History compiled by the diagram group, this reference book details the continent of Africa’s civilization and history.

RESEARCH DATABASES

**American Rhetoric**

A continually growing database of full text speeches delivered by political activists, actors, Christian leaders, authors, talk show hosts, and many more famous historical figures. Listen to speeches in Real Audio or MP3.

The “News and Information” section provides links to newspapers, magazines, and news sources. A section for scholars guides users to full text speeches and articles in communication journals.

**The African Women’s Bibliographic Database**

This database contains over 22,000 citations from 1986 to the present. Citations refer to books, government documents, journal articles, conference papers, and videos.

WEBSITES

**All Africa Global Media**  
www.allafrica.com

All Africa Global Media is a multi-media content service provider, systems technology developer, and the largest electronic distributor of African news and information worldwide. This website posts over 1000 stories daily in English and French and provides nearly 1 million articles in a searchable archive.

**Global Mappings: A Political Atlas of the African Diaspora**  
www.diaspora.northwestern.edu

The purpose of this interactive web atlas is to help scholars understand the spread of ideologies, political aspirations, and social movements of people of African descent across the globe. It is organized using keywords, concepts and places.

Reminder: FRISBEE FUN! The library is hosting the second annual Hekman Library Disc Golf Tournament. The 18 hole course will take you to all four floors of the library. The date is March 3, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Look for sign-up details on our website: www.calvin.edu/library/frisbee