



# Monthly MMERC

February 2026



**MMERC (Midwest Migrant Education Resource Center)** is a lending library dedicated to supporting migratory children (ages 0-21) and their families.

We offer a wide variety of instructional and support resources designed to help remove barriers to success and open doors to future opportunities. **All resources are available at no cost** to teachers and school staff who provide service to at least one migratory student.

<https://www.tvoc.org/services/mmerc/>

## What Does MMERC Offer?

- ♥ Lego Kits
- ♥ Varied Levels of Books
- ♥ Bilingual Books
- ♥ Interactive Math and Reading Kits
- ♥ Hands-On Learning Kits
- ♥ Educational Games
- ♥ And More!



This is a great resource!  
I'm very thankful we  
have this available to us.

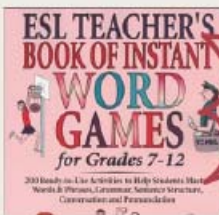


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# Upcoming Events

## What's New?

Popular in MMERC



Scan the QR code for more resources!



## Making Connections

Are you passionate about supporting highly mobile families? Connect with fellow educators and the Minnesota Migrant Education Program team to discuss collaboration efforts and innovative ways to help remove barriers for migratory students! Scan the QR code to reserve your spot for our session on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 7am-8am.



## MSIF Office Hours

Join our monthly drop-in session on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-3:45pm where we'll help with MSIF Excel Workbook completion and troubleshooting, common challenges and solutions, and process questions from start to finish. Scan the QR code to view the calendar and join - no registration required!







# February Is *Black History Month*



Black History Month is a month-long observance each February in the United States and Canada dedicated to honoring the contributions, struggles, and achievements of African Americans throughout history. It began as a week-long observance in 1926, founded by historian Carter G. Woodson, and later expanded into a full month in 1976. The celebration highlights the central role Black people have played in shaping culture, politics, science, and society, while also acknowledging the injustices they have faced.

Black History Month provides an opportunity to recognize stories that have often been overlooked, going beyond narratives of slavery and racism to spotlight resilience, creativity, and achievement. It serves as a reminder to confront systemic inequities that persist today, while celebrating the individuals and movements that continue to drive change. By engaging with this history, society gains a deeper understanding of the past and a clearer vision for building a more inclusive future.

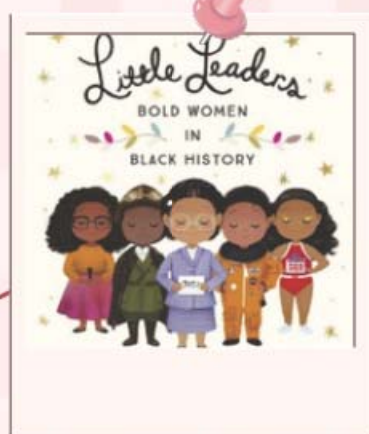


*In recognizing  
the humanity of  
our fellow  
beings, we pay  
ourselves the  
highest tribute.*

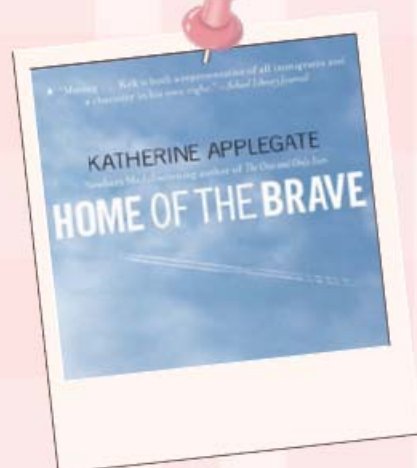
*-Thurgood Marshall*



# Celebrate Black History Month With MMERC



Click the [link](#) or scan the QR code to browse our online catalog for more resources!





# It's Library Lover's Month!

# Library Resources

## In Minnesota



**Resources Available Through All MN Public Libraries:**  
**Ebooks Minnesota:** Immediate access to quality books for all ages from many of Minnesota's independent publishers. There is no limit to the number of titles that can be checked out at a time, and readers can keep titles as long as they wish. There is also an app you can download!

**eLibrary Minnesota (ELM):** ELM is an online resource that gives Minnesota residents access to reputable and respected sources of information. You can find magazines, journals, newspapers, encyclopedia articles, ebooks, and other resources, available 24/7 from school, home, work, or your library. You may need a school or library card to use ELM.

**MNLINK:** a statewide system that links you to books, music, and other materials that are available from Minnesota's libraries, both electronic and in print. Through MNLINK, you can search many MN libraries at once and request materials to be delivered to your local library. Ask your local library for more information about using MNLINK.



**State Library Services:** works with academic, school, tribal, and public libraries across Minnesota, supporting student achievement and promoting lifelong learning.

**Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library:** Provides direct library service to MN residents with visual, physical, and reading disabilities who meet federal eligibility requirements.

**The Minnesota Resource Libraries:** function as statewide resources for all children and youth who are blind/visually impaired or deaf/hard of hearing, their parents and educational service providers. The resource libraries are located on the campus for the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf in Faribault.

To find a library near you, visit **Find a School or Public Library** and select **Public Libraries** from the **Search For** drop-down menu on the left. Then, enter your street address and city, and press enter.







# C.H.A.T.

*Conversations Happening to Achieve Together*



**CHAT stands for Conversations Happening to Achieve Together**, and it's a virtual mentoring program for eligible 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and Out-of-School Youth (OSY).

**Our goal is to provide a safe, flexible and supporting environment** to support students and youth with school- related topics, career and college exploration information, wellness and mental health topics, and any individual needs to remove barriers and ensure success.



**Interested in joining?** Please fill out the registration form. Once the form is filled out, your child is enrolled into the CHAT program and the Migrant Education Services Specialist from Tri-Valley Opportunity Council will follow up with a phone call/email.

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