

BAPL's Rayah Levy: "Lessons Learned from the Black Bethlehem Project"

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 *Latest in a series of posts in the wake of the George Floyd murder* 

Black Bethlehem Project

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Rayah Levy, Bethlehem Area Public Library
February 10, 2021, 12-1:30PM
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Gadfly is fond of saying — along with many, many others — that the murder of George Floyd (should have) triggered (another) national reckoning with race.

He is also fond of saying that he fears time is passing and that soon we will be saying “George who?”

But the Bethlehem Area Public Library has more than done its part through resources and programs to sustain our reckoning.

Especially in the person of BAPL's head of adult services Rayah Levy.

Knowledge of our racial history is integral to a true sense of community.

Here's yet another chance to learn from Rayah.

A Community History Dialog

You're invited!

WHO? **You!** If you care about the history of your community (any group of people who share a common characteristic, attitude, interest, or goal and consider themselves to be a community). Your community can be connected by ethnic or cultural backgrounds, sexual orientation or gender identity, religious beliefs, or any other connection.

WHAT? **An online presentation and group dialog** to inspire and help communities think about how they can keep their own history.

WHEN? **February 10, 2021, from 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.**

HOW? The session is free but you **MUST** register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpc-yprDsvGNWBf1q1l8NZcpMWdEA49ZWC> or visit our website for more information: <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/News-Programs/CHD/Pages/default.aspx>

Lessons Learned From the Black Bethlehem Project


The Black Bethlehem Project is a first-of-its kind effort that seeks to document the experiences of Bethlehem's Black community. Since 2020 it has collected oral histories, documents, and photographs. Learn how librarian M. Rayah Levy started the project, found resources and support, and built up trust with the community to preserve their history.

Speaker:

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