

Welcome Back, Aggies!

The faculty and staff at the BLCC would like to welcome back all of our returning Aggies and give a warm welcome to the new members of our Aggie family. This semester, we will continue with the changes put in place in the Fall to help keep everyone safe during the pandemic.

As with last semester, face coverings are required at all times when in the building. Please make sure your face covering is worn properly and covers both your mouth and your nose. Social distancing is also required while in the building, so make sure you follow any signage for seating and keep at least six feet from anyone in the building.

We continue to have building occupancy limitations. Please pay attention to signage outside before entering the building to see if we have available capacity. The libraries are not currently checking items out from the front desk. This includes all physical items including textbooks and any other items that would normally be available. Our bookstacks are currently closed, but we encourage you to browse our collection online and use **Get It For Me** for no contact curbside pickup.

We want to thank you for your continued cooperation during this time and wish you all good luck this semester. If you have any questions, please stop by the Ask Us Desk or visit the library's homepage at blcc.library.tamu.edu.

Black Women Leading the Way

Throughout history, there have been many Black women who have fought for equal rights. Some are well-known, like Ida B. Wells, who openly “criticized racism among White women in the suffrage movement, [and] created a suffrage group focused on Black women in Chicago” while others, who put their lives on the line for equality, remain nameless (Brown, 2021, Para. 17). These Black women throughout history paved the way for some of the most powerful Black women of our time. From politics to entertainment, the following Black women are leaders in their fields, fulfilling the legacy of all those who came before them.

Vice President Kamala Harris: As the first woman and person of color to become the Vice President of the United States, VP Harris has made history and a huge leap for Black women's fight for equal rights. Of Black and South Asian descent, she was listed as the 3rd most powerful woman in the world by Forbes at the end of 2020 and attributes much of her success to the generations of Black women who fought for equality (Jones, 2021).

Stacey Abrams: The founder of Fair Fight, a voting rights organization, Stacey Abrams has been a leader in fighting voter suppression since 2018. In 2020, she led a “grassroots movement that helped register more than 800,000 Georgian residents to vote” (Jones, 2021), and her organization “raised \$34 million in the last month of the 2020 general election alone” (Jones, 2021).

Rosalind Brewer: A leader in the business world, Rosalind Brewer has served as the CEO of Sam's Club, been the only Black woman to sit on Amazon's board, and most recently became “the first woman and first African-American to serve as COO of Starbucks” (Jones, 2021). Under her leadership, Sam's was able to advance their online ordering and Starbucks bolstered their sustainability initiatives and implemented “policy changes and racial bias training for employees in more than 8,000 stores” (Jones, 2021).

Rihanna: Although known as a leader in the music industry, Rihanna is also a successful businesswoman, and “she's made the bulk of her fortune from Fenty Beauty” and her Savage X Fenty lingerie line (Jones, 2021). She is also highly active in her Clara Lionel Foundation, which has donated millions to charitable organizations over the years (Jones, 2021).

Sources: Brown, DeNeen L. (2021, January 18). “Black Women Paved the Way for Harris.” *Washington Post*. Retrieved from *Business Insights: Global*.

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Friday: 7am - 6pm

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