

Fredrick A. Douglass Cultural Arts Museum

The Fredrick A. Douglass Cultural Arts Museum will be created to educate the public about the ideals, value, norms and customs, of a community of people whose roots date back to the establishment of the town of Kingsport, with focus on the first half of the 20th century. These are individuals whose oral histories and stories were in their hearts and sometimes on paper or at gatherings but, never had a place showcase this rich heritage. The Fredrick A. Douglass Cultural Arts Museum will display subject matters related to Black Schools, Black Athletics, Black Music & Entertainment, Black Landmarks, Black Churches, and Black Social Clubs.

The Fredrick A. Douglass Cultural Arts Museum is named after the renowned and much admired Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey Douglass who was born a slave and an orphan, and later became an abolitionist, fugitive, civil rights

leader, orator, author, editor, publisher, agent of the U.S. Army, husband, and father. Fredrick A. Douglass, if alive today, would say he fought for freedom. As a child, Frederick Douglass's gateway to freedom was learning to read. In dedication to Fredrick A. Douglass many books will be procured by the museum reflecting all cultures' point of view.

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