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Oberlin Heritage Center Celebrates Black History Month

Oberlin Heritage Center members can explore the community's abolitionist and Underground Railroad history by participating in the new Freedom's Friends tablet tour offered *free* during the month of February in honor of Black History month. This new self-guided tour is presented on a user-friendly iPad (borrowed from the Heritage Center) allowing participants to move at their own pace through town and campus to learn about local landmarks and discover new stories of sacrifice and freedom that occurred in and around historic Oberlin. The main tour covers about a mile with an option to go farther afield (within Oberlin) on foot or by car for those who wish to do more in-depth exploration.

The iPad tour typically includes a rental fee of \$5/hour or \$20/day – in February, the fee will be waived for Oberlin Heritage Center members. Borrow an iPad at the Heritage Center's Monroe House (73 ½ South Professor Street, in the back of the Conservatory of Music parking lot) between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays. A credit card is needed to rent the iPad although no user fees will be charged upon return. Those who are not members of the Heritage Center can choose to become a member at this time to receive the free tour, or they may rent the Freedom's Friends tablet tour for the fee.

The Oberlin Heritage Center is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is part of the National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. For more about the Heritage Center, including a wide-range of tour opportunities or how to join OHC as a member, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700.

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