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Funky Turns 40: Black Character Revolution Flat-Panel Exhibition

The Plainfield Public Library announces a new guest exhibit from the Museum of Uncut Funk, ***Funky Turns 40: Black Character Revolution***. The exhibit commemorates the 40th anniversary of 1970s Saturday morning cartoons that featured positive Black animation characters for the first time in television history. The pioneering cartoon characters featured in this exhibition present an unheralded legacy of the Civil Rights Movement and several animation, American, and Black History firsts.

This flat-panel exhibit has traveled to the African-American Museum in Seattle, the DuSable Museum of African-American History in Chicago, and the Schomburg Center in Harlem. Plainfield Public Library is pleased and honored to be able to present this one-of-a-kind, traveling exhibit to the residents of Plainfield and Union County.

The exhibit will kick off the library's celebration of Black History Month on Saturday, February 4th. There will be an opening reception and curators' talk on **Saturday, February 11th at 10:30 am**. Visitors are encouraged to join exhibit curators Loreen Williamson and Pamela Thomas for a special talk about the importance of the materials found in this exhibition.

This program is open and free to the public. Free commemorative buttons will be given to program attendees on February 11th (as long as supplies last). All Ages Welcome!

Funky Turns 40: Black Character Revolution will be on display in the Anne Louise Davis Room (located on the lower level) from Saturday, February 4 until Friday, March 31, 2017.

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IMAGE: Jackson Five, Lt. Uhura (Star Trek), Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids, and Valerie Brown (Josie and the Pussy Cats). On display in the library's Anne Louise Davis Room Gallery on the lower level.