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Our school is surrounded by histories of Black Torontonians who lived and worked in our neighbourhood and contributed to a more just community through the press, through government policy and leadership, through underground movements to support freedom-seekers, through local mutual aid, through naming and condemning discrimination. In learning their stories and hearing their experiences of racism in Toronto, we can more deeply understand this place we live and learn, and what struggles continue, what work there is yet to do. For each location, there's a Google "walk time" included from our school - but it may vary depending on the young walkers you're with. There is also a link to read more for a bit of context, as a place to begin.

Plaque honours black community that helped 'forge the identity' of Leslieville

899 Queen St East, Toronto, ON M4M 1J4 | Walk time: 34 minutes

Reading: [https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/new-plaque-honours-black-community-that-helped-forge-the-identity-of-leslieville-](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/new-plaque-honours-black-community-that-helped-forge-the-identity-of-leslieville-1.5364692#:~:text=Black%20settlement%20in%20Leslieville%20traced,years%20of%20the%2019th%20century)

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William Peyton Hubbard House

660 Broadview Avenue, Toronto, ON | Walk time: 46 Mins

Reading: https://torontoist.com/2009/02/historicist_public_history_and_william_peyton_hubbard/

<https://leslievillehistory.com/tag/william-peyton-hubbard/>

Hubbard Park

550 Gerrard St E, Toronto, ON | Walk time: 34 Mins

Reading: <https://www.toronto.com/news-story/6925163-hubbard-park-named-after-toronto-and-canada-s-first-black-politician/>

Mary Ann Shadd Walk

Mary Ann Shadd Ln, Toronto, ON | Walk time: 41 Mins

Reading: <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/mary-ann-shadd>

The Isaac Price House

216 Greenwood, Toronto ON | Walk time: 7 Mins

Reading: <https://leslievillehistory.com/2016/02/01/weaving-our-history-the-isaac-price-house-and-the-underground-railroad/>

Kapapamahchakwew - Wandering Spirit School formerly Eastern Commerce Collegiate Institute

16 Phin Ave, Toronto, ON M4J 3T2 | Walk time: 23 Mins

Reading: <https://www.blogto.com/film/2019/02/eastern-commerce-basketball-documentary-toronto/>

Proposal for "Grandison and Luella Lane"

6A Redwood Avenue (not marked on map) | Walk time: 6 Mins

Reading: <https://www.blogto.com/city/2020/09/historian-wants-name-laneway-after-forgotten-black-couple/>

Lucie & Thornton Blackburn Conference Centre Mural

80 Cooperage, Toronto, Ontario M5A 1H7 | Walk time: 55 Mins

Reading: <https://institutewithoutboundaries.ca/lucie-and-thornton-blackburn-mural/>

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6601355/thornton-lucie-blackburn-toronto/> (If you're in Cabbagetown, you can visit the site of their home, now Inglenook Alternative High School, and read a plaque honouring their contributions:

<https://torontoist.com/2016/02/now-and-then-thornton-and-lucie-blackburn/>)

Lincoln MacCauley Alexander's grade school (Earl Grey Public School)

100 Strathcona Ave, Toronto, ON M4J 1G8 | Walk time: 39 Mins

Reading: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lincoln_Alexander

The Lightfoot family home

269 Woodfield Ave, Toronto ON | Walk time: 5 Mins

Reading: <https://leslievillehistory.com/wonderful-woodfield/>

The home of C. Maynard, of the Negro Progressive Club of Canada

51 Craven Rd, Toronto ON | Walk time: 11 Mins

Reading: <https://leslievillehistory.com/erie-terrace-to-craven-road/> (it's a looong page; use control F to find "Craven roaders" on the page and you'll find C. Maynard's letter to the editor. Note: use of N-word)

The home of St. Clair Pindar

50 Rhodes Av, Toronto ON | Walk time: 12 Mins

Reading: http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/explore/online/dan_hill/papers/big_041_una-letter01.aspx