

BLACK LINES

A MONTHLY LGBTQ+ NEWSLETTER FROM WINDY CITY TIMES

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Family,

We are embarking upon the season of gratitude and I want you to know that Jake Wittich, managing editor of Windy City Times, and I are so grateful for you.

When we launched the BLACKlines reboot, we had no idea that nine months later we'd be at 4,700 subscribers!



We put the word out, you all showed up and now we are meeting here every month. We are filling this newsletter with current news & events, archives of Black LGBTQ+ history, and interviews full of information you should know about.

It's a real team effort and now we could use your help.

Our goal is to hit 5,000 subscribers by the end of the year. Can you help us hit our goal?

If just 7% of you share this newsletter with a friend and [ask them to sign up](#) we'll surpass our goal. This is one way we sustain local journalism today. You in?

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I'd also like to personally invite you to attend the launching of my new project ["Shine a Light On It: Black Women, HIV & Its Impact"](#). It's a mixed-media exhibit of photography, video and audio storytelling to humanize and destigmatize HIV for Black women.

When I learned Black women account for 50% of new diagnosis I knew I had to do something. I knew I had to use my gifts to amplify this information and educate my community about PReP, PEP, and U=U.

The women sharing their stories for this exhibit encapsulate this phrase, "I'm living with HIV but HIV don't have me." I hope you can join us on December 1st for the launch of Shine a Light On It.

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Till next month,

This book fits in the palm of your hand, making it the perfect stocking stuffer for anyone who loves LGBTQ+ history.

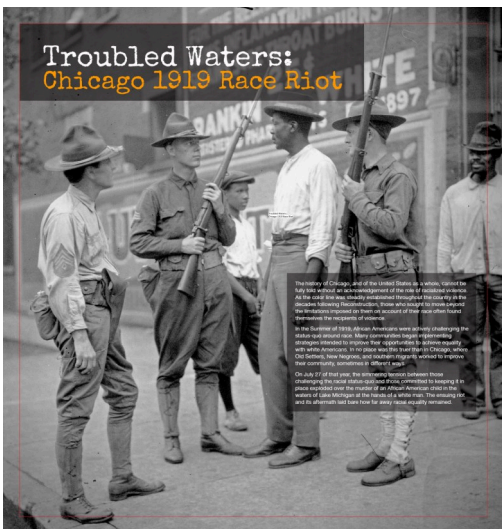
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BLACKlines stories



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Life is Work holds Transgender Day of Remembrance Celebration

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Out the Archives 

Black Gay & Lesbian Archive Project

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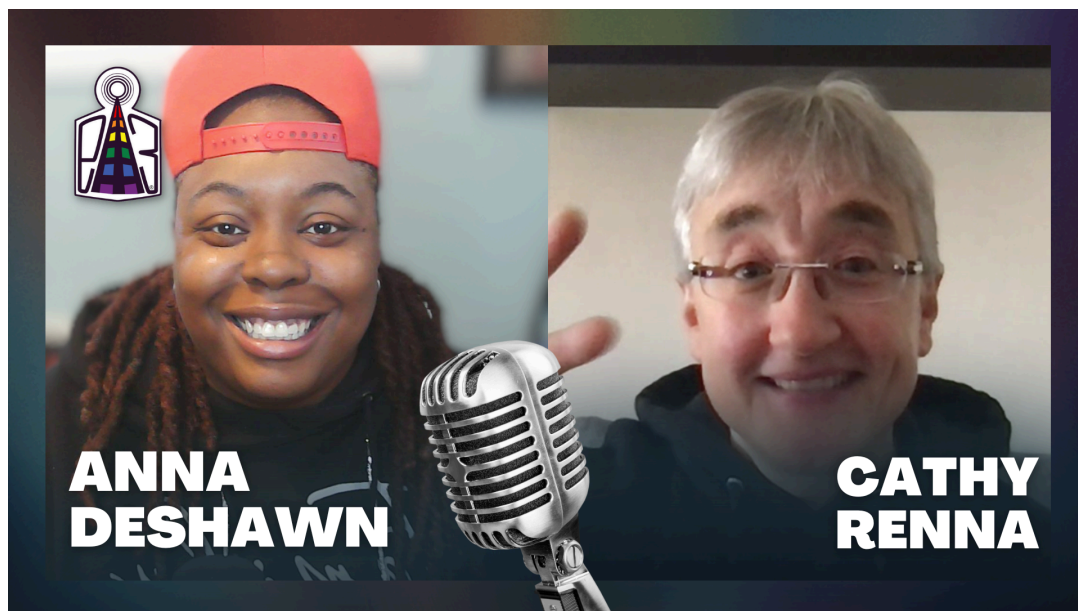
BLACKlines writer Sanford E. Gaylord's two-page story on how one librarian was chronicling the lives of Black LGBTQ+ people.

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From the E3 Radio studio 

Getting ready for Creating Change's 2025 convening



Forget typical conferences. Anna DeShawn interviews Cathy Renna from the [National LGBTQ Task Force](#) explaining what makes the [Creating Change](#) convening so special.

This space is where you can find your comrades. It's where you can walk in alone and leave having found your people. The theme this year is UNSTOPPABLE which feels quite fitting.

Want to attend? The event is in DC, Jan. 21-25. Family, when 2,500-3,000 queers gather you should know about it. Bonus points if you choose to join us! Registration and volunteer opportunities are available now!

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Community resource spotlight

MPOWER Program with Vivent Health + TPAN



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Join the MPOWER community to connect with others and refine your health and wellness through discussion, education, and self-improvement.

Participants receive \$65 after completing the program.

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A group level program for Black men and women that focuses on holistic health, mental health, HIV education, spirituality and substance use.

Participants can expect food and a Ventra card for each session they attend, a two-day hotel retreat and \$65 after completing the program.

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For the Social Butterflies


Windy City Times adds new events every week to the **Chicago Social Butterflies** calendar. To submit your event, go to our [submission page](#).

Visit [ChicagoSocialButterflies.com](https://www.ChicagoSocialButterflies.com) for our full events calendar.

LoveFest with the Chicago Black Gay Mens Caucus

 **17**: Sunday, Dec. 7

 6:30-8 p.m.

 : Bassline, 2239 S. Michigan Ave.

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Thanks for reading *BLACKlines!*

Do you have a story idea we should pursue? Hit reply and let us know!



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