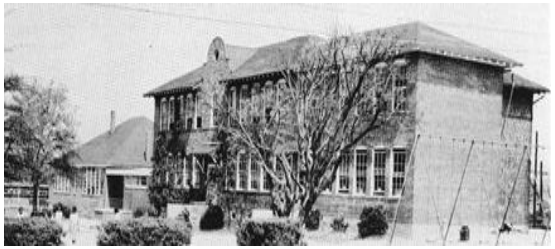
The History



Elbert Colored School, later known as Blackwell Memorial, played a significant role in the education of African American students in Elbert County, Georgia, during the era of segregation.

Throughout its history, Elbert Colored School faced numerous challenges, including inadequate funding and resources compared to white schools. Despite these obstacles, the school became a center for community support and cultural development. In 1948, the school was renamed Blackwell Memorial in honor of Paul J. Blackwell, a long-time principal who significantly contributed to the education of Black students in the area.

In summary, Elbert Colored School was a vital institution in the history of African American education in Georgia, representing both the struggles and achievements of the Black community in their quest for educational access and equity.

The Future



January 19, 2026
Officially will open a branch of the
JPN AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH LIBRARY
In the Blackwell Memorial Cultural Center

JPN-AARL

A place for all African American Authors to call home joined with information and resources on African American history culture and leaders...Our Mission Is to preserve the contributions of African Americans, their history and culture; highlighting African American Authors, while providing learning opportunities, exhibitions, programs, and events to educate the public and empower our youth for their future. The library will house the....

JPN-MICROSCHOOL

The ARCH Microschool provides many services and trainings, it is a unique transitional leadership and certificate program that bridges the gap between teens and adulthood, it was developed to enhance the lives of underserved at-risk-teens. The ARCH Program has been revised to fit into our youth training programs in Valdosta, Athens, and the CSRA/August areas of Georgia with hopes of duplicating and growing it statewide.

The Library also houses information on the HBCU's and the black Greek Organizations

JPN African American Research Library, Inc.

Welcome

To
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Developed 12/20/2025

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Below is our tentative annual schedule please follow us on Facebook to keep up with our activities.

Educators, Teachers, & Groups bring your class out on an educational field trip.

Our Expo's are part of the JPN Leadership Program.

For more information… https://www.thejpnnetwork.com/expo-highlights

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Jan 1, 2026	Thur.	Sneak Peek (Introduction to Elberton, Ga)	12pm – 2pm
Jan 19, 2026	Mon.	Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening	12pm – 5pm
February	TBA	Black Youth Heritage Expo (Scheduled events)	10am-5pm
February	TBA	HBCU RECRUITMENT DAYS (Scheduled events)	10am-5pm
Apr. 3, 2026	Fri.	Multicultural Youth Heritage Expo	10am-7pm
May 5, 2026	Tues.	Hispanic Youth Heritage Expo	10am-7pm
Jun. 19, 2026	Fri	Juneteenth-Black Youth Heritage Expo	10am-5pm
Sept. 15-Oct 15	TBA	Hispanic Youth Heritage Expo	10am-7pm
Oct 9-15,	TBA	Fire Safety Week (Highlighting African Americans)	10am-7pm
Nov 11, 2026	Wed	Veterans Day (Highlighting African Americans)	10am-7pm

To keep up with our in-house sponsored activities.

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