

The **TIME TRAVEL ADVENTURES** of **ARA**

**WILLIAM PEYTON HUBBARD AND THE
POWER OF ADVOCACY**



**Resource and Study Kit for Established
Institutions (Libraries, Museums,
Community Centers)**

This kit highlights the book's value for programming, collection development, and community engagement, emphasizing its educational and cultural significance.

• Book and Series Profile

- Title: William Peyton Hubbard and The Power of Advocacy
- Series: The Time Travel Adventures of Ara. This five-part series aims to connect youth with renowned Black historical figures like Harriet Tubman, William Peyton Hubbard, and Nanny of the Maroons, fostering an understanding of the power, courage, history, and resilience of Black people globally.
- Author: Channon Oyeniran, a respected historian, public speaker, and Black History Consultant, dedicated to empowering youth through Black History education.
- Target Audience: Middle-grade readers (Ara is 10 years old and in grade five), but suitable for family and group reading.
- Themes: Black History, Canadian History (Toronto), Civic Engagement, Advocacy, Youth Empowerment, Social Justice, Community, Unity, Time Travel.

• Educational and Cultural Value

- Accessible Black History: Provides an engaging and accessible entry point for young readers to learn about a significant, yet often overlooked, figure in Canadian Black history.

- Promotion of Civic Literacy: Illustrates the functions of city government, the process of advocacy, and the importance of community participation in democratic processes.

- Local History Engagement: Explicitly references Toronto landmarks (City Hall, Old City Hall, St. Lawrence Hall) and historical events (e.g., First North American Convention of Colored Freemen in 1851, 1907 electricity vote), making local history tangible for young audiences.

- Youth as Agents of Change: Features young protagonists, Ara and Naomi, whose actions directly impact historical events, demonstrating that age is not a barrier to making a difference.

- Interdisciplinary Learning: Bridges history, civics, social studies, and language arts, making it a versatile resource for various educational programs.

- Inspiration for Future Generations: Through Hubbard's dedication and message, the book encourages young readers to remember those who fought for progress and to continue advocating for positive change.

• Programmatic Opportunities

- Children's Book Clubs: Facilitate discussions around the book's themes, characters, and historical context.
- Author Visits/Workshops: Invite Channon Oyeniran for readings, discussions, or workshops on Black history, advocacy, or creative writing, leveraging her expertise as a consultant.
- Themed Story Times/Events: Organize events focused on "Time Travel Adventures," "Local Heroes," or "Advocacy in Action," using the book as a central text.
- Exhibits and Displays: Create complementary displays featuring local historical photos, documents related to William Peyton Hubbard or St. John's Ward, and information about the commemorations in his honour.
- Community Partnerships: Collaborate with local schools, historical societies, and Black community organizations to promote the book and its themes through joint events or educational programs.
- Literacy and Research Promotion: Encourage young readers to conduct their own research on historical figures and events, mirroring Ara's post-adventure library visit.

• Collection Development

- This book is a valuable addition to collections focusing on:
 - Children's historical fiction, especially Canadian and Black history.
 - Stories promoting social justice, civic engagement, and youth empowerment.
 - Local Toronto history for young readers.
 - The broader Time Travel Adventures of Ara series, which promises further exploration of diverse Black historical figures.

Downloadable Resources: To support diverse programming, institutions can utilize free downloadable colouring sheets available on the book's website for children's activities. Additionally, a more detailed book brief can be downloaded for staff training, exhibit research, and public information materials. Please email visit www.TheTimeTravelAdventuresOfAra.com for more information