

Black Yarn, Inc. — Artistic Documentation

Voices of Home: A Housing Story Circle

LexArts Community Arts Development Grant

The following artistic documentation highlights Black Yarn's experience using documentary filmmaking, oral storytelling, and community arts programming to preserve history, amplify underrepresented voices, and create meaningful opportunities for public dialogue and civic engagement.

Images

Image 1

August 2025 Premiere of Lexington: Resilience in the Redline

Members of the Black Yarn Advisory Board gather following the premiere of Black Yarn's award-recognized documentary, celebrating the organization's commitment to preserving Lexington's history through storytelling and film.

Image 2

Community Panel Discussion Following the Documentary Premiere

A pre-screening panel featuring community leaders and project collaborators engages audience members in dialogue about the documentary's themes, demonstrating Black Yarn's approach to combining artistic storytelling with meaningful community conversation.

Image 3

Free Community Screening at the Kentucky Theatre

Community members attend a free public screening of Lexington: Resilience in the Redline at the historic Kentucky Theatre, reflecting Black Yarn's commitment to making arts experiences accessible to all residents.

Image 4

Audience at the Kentucky Theatre Community Screening

Audience members fill the Kentucky Theatre during Black Yarn's free community screening. All 800 seats were claimed, illustrating strong public interest in community storytelling and arts-based civic engagement.

Image 5

Black Yarn Leadership Featured on the Cover of Southsider Magazine

Black Yarn leadership is featured on the cover of Southsider magazine in recognition of the organization's growing impact through storytelling, documentary filmmaking, and community-centered arts programming.

Video Documentation

Video 1

Lexington: Resilience in the Redline – Documentary Trailer

Cue Point: 0:00–1:28

This trailer introduces *Lexington: Resilience in the Redline*, Black Yarn's award-recognized documentary exploring the lasting impacts of redlining and discriminatory housing policies in Lexington, Kentucky. Through archival imagery, historical research, personal narratives, and cinematic storytelling, the film demonstrates Black Yarn's artistic approach to preserving community history while inspiring dialogue about equity, place, and belonging.

Video 2

Building Legacy: A Black Family's Fight for Homeownership

Cue Point: 0:00–1:53

This short video shares the powerful story of one Black Lexington family's journey to homeownership during the mid-twentieth century. Their story reflects both the systemic barriers Black families faced in pursuing homeownership and the resilience, hope, and generational legacy they built despite those challenges. The video exemplifies Black Yarn's commitment to preserving community history through intimate, character-driven storytelling.