

Celebrating BLACK ARTS AND CULTURE



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH ADULT PROGRAMS

Urban Life Experience Book Discussion: *Medgar & Myrlie* by Joy-Ann Reid

Saturday, February 8, 12-1:30 pm | WILSON

Join the Urban Life Experience Book Discussion for Black History Month! *Medgar & Myrlie* traces the extraordinary lives and legacy of civil rights icons Medgar and Myrlie Evers.

Humanist Association of CT Book Club: *Cane* by Jean Toomer

Saturday, February 8, 2:30-4:30 pm | WILSON

Join a monthly book club hosted by the Humanist Association of Connecticut. All are welcome! *Cane* is a 1923 novel by Harlem Renaissance author Jean Toomer. The novel is structured as a series of vignettes revolving around the origins and experiences of African Americans in the US.

Starting a Fashion Label with Guest Tea Montgomery

Saturday, February 8, 3-4:30 pm | IVES (*Ives Squared*)

Tea Montgomery, a local designer with years of experience, will be hosting a session discussing different avenues to entering the industry, as well as things he's learned being a Black designer in CT.

Afro Facts Trivia Night

Monday, February 10, 5:30-7:30 pm | MITCHELL

Join us for a family-friendly interactive game that test your knowledge of Black Arts and Culture.

Wilson Movie Matinee: *Selma* (Rated: PG-13)

Wednesday, February 12, 2-4:30 pm | WILSON

Selma is a historical drama chronicling Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s campaign to secure equal voting rights by marching through Alabama.

From USA to Ghana Dance Program

Wednesday, February 12, 4-5:30 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Sister Jolynn offers an interactive workshop for all ages. Participants will receive a brief historical background of some West African dances and will learn traditional steps from Ghana. Instruments will be provided to accompany the fun.

Black Music Milestones: *James Brown: The Man, the Music, & the Message* (Not Rated)

Thursday, February 13, 5-6 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Join us for an inspiring film screening about the remarkable life of the "Godfather of Soul" that features his greatest hits including "*Living in America*" and "*I Feel Good*".

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Black Music Milestones: *Something from Nothing: The Art of Rap* (Rated: R)

Thursday, February 20, 5-7 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Join us for a film that traces the rise and global influence of Hip Hop. Host Ice-T discusses the craft, history, and power of rap through interviews with Afrika Bambaataa, Nas, Mos Def, Chuck D, and more in this compelling documentary.

SWANA's Annual Keepers of the Flame Black History Month Celebration

Saturday, February 22, 12-3 pm | WILSON

Join us with Sisters with a New Attitude for an uplifting event including refreshments, a drumming performance, poetry readings, storytelling, a performance by Infinity Illusions Drill Team, and more!

Hip Hop Hands-On Programming

Saturday, February 22, 2-4 pm | STETSON

Engage in an interactive history of Hip Hop facilitated by Easy A.D., of the Legendary Cold Crush Brothers. In partnership with The East Rock Lodge & Pocahontas Temple of I.B.P.O.E. W of Elks.

Wilson Movie Matinee: *BlackKkKlansman* (Rated: R)

Wednesday, February 26, 2-4:30 pm | WILSON

BlackKkKlansman is a biographical crime comedy-drama about Ron Stallworth and the Ku Klux Klan.

Black Music Milestones: *Wattstax* (Rated: R)

Thursday, February 27, 5-6:45 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Join us for a screening of the 1972 music festival sometimes called “Black Woodstock”. This electrifying concert captures the political energy and optimism of Los Angeles’ Watts neighborhood in that era.

Film Screening and Discussion: *Out of Obscurity*

Thursday, February 27, 6-7:30 pm | IVES

Out of Obscurity is the story of the 1939 Alexandria Library sit-in, which protested the “separate, but equal” treatment of African Americans. Discussion to follow the screening with Robert Kinney, Public Services Administrator at the NHFPL. Refreshments will be provided.

Visit bit.ly/NHFPLBHM2025 or scan the QR code for more information on the events happening across the system this month.



Ives Main Library
133 Elm Street
(203) 946-8130

Fair Haven Branch
182 Grand Ave
(203) 946-8115

Mitchell Branch
37 Harrison Street
(203) 946-8117

Stetson Branch
197 Dixwell Ave
(203) 946-8119

Wilson Branch
303 Washington Ave
(203) 946-2228