

# Celebrating BLACK ARTS AND CULTURE



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH YOUNG MINDS AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Jewelry Making Workshop

**Wednesday, February 5, 4-5 pm | MITCHELL**

Led by local Black artist and businesswoman Kimkelly Myers.

### Divine Creations Family Canvas Paint

**Wednesdays, February 5 and 26, 5-7:30 pm | STETSON**

Celebrate Black History through artistic expression with Sheree Baldwin-Muhammad of Divine Creations with painting for families and children ages 12 and up. Brought to you in partnership with The East Rock Lodge & Pocahontas Temple of I.B.P.O.E. W of Elks.

### Wonderful Books and Where to Find Them

**Saturday, February 8, 2-2:30 pm | IVES**

In partnership with Yale Affinity Groups, celebrate Black History Month at the library! We'll read *Ready to Fly: How Sylvia Townsend Became the Bookmobile Ballerina* by Lea Lyon and A. LaFaye. Then, make your own dancer puppet!

### Anansi the Spider presented by IyabaArts

**Saturday, February 8, 2-4 pm | STETSON**

Celebrated puppeteer, Iyaba Ibo Mandingo returns to the Village bringing African storytelling to life with his interactive and engaging production of Anansi the Spider. Brought to you in partnership with The East Rock Lodge & Pocahontas Temple of I.B.P.O.E. W of Elks.

### Stay and Play Black History Celebration

**Monday, February 10, 10-11:30 am | STETSON**

Join us for a story time highlighting great artists in Black History. Ages 0-4 with caregiver.

### Bilingual Black History Month Story Time / Hora del relato bilingüe del mes de la historia afroamericana

**Tuesday, February 11, 10:30-11 am | FAIR HAVEN**

Join us for a special story time as we celebrate Black art and culture through stories and songs. Participa con nosotros en un momento único de relatos mientras festejamos el arte y la cultura afroamericana mediante relatos y melodías.

### Kidz Kook Celebrates Black History

**Tuesday, February 11, 3:30-5 pm | WILSON**

Tennille Murphy, of Kidz Kook, will be leading our After School Activity this week! She's got something cooked up in honor of Black History Month and celebrating self-love.

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### **Author Visit: Valerie Bolling**

**Wednesday, February 12, 4-5 pm | MITCHELL**

She will be reading her new book *I See Color* with a childrens' activity afterward.

### **Black History Teen Hangout**

**Wednesday, February 12, 4-6 pm | STETSON**

Join TEENS for pizza, treats, games, and a craft celebrating Black History.

### **Caribbean Dance for Teens with Coryse Villarouel**

**Friday, February 14, 1-2 pm | IVES**

Join TEENS for a workshop celebrating Caribbean dance and Carnival! Learn how to create a traditional headpiece, master vibrant dance moves, and immerse yourself in this colorful cultural tradition.

### **Kids Movie Club: Akeelah and The Bee Movie Screening (Rated PG)**

**PART 1: Wednesday, February 19, 3-4 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

**PART 2: Wednesday, February 26, 3-4 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

Join us to watch and discuss how Akeelah's journey leads her to the National Spelling Bee.

### **Crafternoon with Faith Ringgold**

**Thursday, February 20, 3-4 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

Join us as we read *Tar Beach* and create our own designs inspired by Faith Ringgold's artwork.

### **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 community event including refreshments, a drumming performance by Mike Mills, poetry readings, storytelling, a children's activity, and more!

### **Got Game?: What is Black Art and Culture? Challenge**

**Monday, February 24, 3-4 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

Test your knowledge on famous black artists against family and/or friends in our Jeopardy-styled trivia night! Come participate for a chance to win our grand prize!

Visit [bit.ly/NHFPLBHM2025](https://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