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Celebrating **BLACK REVOLUTIONARIES**

Black History Month Adult Programs

Black History Month at Stetson Branch

Saturday, February 7, 12-4 pm | Stetson

Celebrate with Sheree Baldwin Muhammad of Divine Creations for family canvas painting, Mae Gibson Brown for storytelling and song, Iyaba Ibo Mandingo of IyabaArts with puppet making and a puppet show, and the Healing Drum Circle with Michael Mills for a Village Drum Circle for all ages.

Black History Celebration with Erik Clemons

Monday, February 9, 5-7:30 pm | Mitchell

Join us for a Black Liberation Read-In. Sign up to read a five-minute passage from a fiction, non-fiction, poetry book, or even a magazine. The final reading will be delivered by Erik Clemons, founding CEO of ConnCAT and a leader in arts education and economic justice initiatives. Refreshments provided by the New Haven Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

SWANA Black History Month Celebration

Saturday, February 21, 12-4 pm | Wilson

Join SWANA (Sisters With A New Attitude)! Activities include a Fusion Drill Team performance, Dance performance from Betsy Ross Arts and Design Academy, face painting, poetry, speakers, and more! Food will be provided, and all are welcome!

Urban Life Experience Book Discussion: *A Passionate Mind in Relentless Pursuit*

Saturday, February 21, 12-1:30 pm | Wilson

A Passionate Mind in Relentless Pursuit: The Vision of Mary McLeod Bethune by Noliwe Rooks is an intimate and searching account of the life and legacy of one of America's towering educators, a woman who dared to center the progress of Black women and girls in the larger struggle for political and social liberation.



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Celebrating Black Scientists with Dr. Ainissa Ramirez and Dr. Jim West

Saturday, February 21, 1-3 pm | Stetson

Join us for an incredible Black History experience featuring Dr. Ainissa Ramirez, scientist and author of *Spark: Jim West's Electrifying Adventures in Creating the Microphone*. We will be joined by Dr. Jim West for a special visit via Zoom! Refreshments provided.

Unsung Heroes: Film Screening and Conversation

Thursday, February 26, 6-7:45 pm | Ives

Enjoy this 25th Anniversary screening. Followed by a Q&A with producer, director, and co-writer Rebecca Abbott and co-writer W. Frank Mitchell. *Unsung Heroes* explores the music and heritage of jazz in New Haven, CT, a story that was paralleled in major cities across America in the early-to mid-1900s. Refreshments will be served.

Celebrating the Life of Booker T. Washington

Saturday, February 28, 12-3 pm | Stetson

Join us in partnership with Booker T. Washington Academy as we celebrate the life and legacy of Booker T. Washington, with history by Judge Clifton Graves and a puppet show performed by Iyaba Ibo Mandingo of IyabaArts.

Film Screening: *Invisible Heroes: African Americans in the Spanish Civil War*

Saturday, February 28, 2-4 pm | Ives

Few people know that many of those who volunteered to defend the Republic of Spain during the Spanish Civil War were African Americans. This documentary tells their story and their fight for democracy and for the civil rights that were denied to them in their own country. Community discussion to follow.

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