

Ocean County Library



Celebrates
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
2009



Programs & Events Guide

Barnegat
112 Burr Street
609-698-3331

Bay Head Reading Center
136 Meadow Avenue
732-892-0662

Beachwood
126 Beachwood Boulevard
732-244-4573

Berkeley
30 Station Road, Bayville
732-269-2144

Brick
301 Chambers Bridge Road
732-477-4513

Island Heights
121 Central Avenue
732-270-6266

Jackson
2 Jackson Drive
732-928-4400

Lacey
10 East Lacey Road, Forked River
609-693-8566

Lakewood
301 Lexington Avenue
732-363-1435

Little Egg Harbor
290 Mathistown Road
609-294-1197

Long Beach Island
217 South Central Avenue, Surf City
609-494-2480

Manchester
21 Colonial Drive
732-657-7600

Plumsted
119 Evergreen Road, New Egypt
609-758-7888

Point Pleasant Beach
710 McLean Avenue
732-892-4575

Point Pleasant Borough
834 Beaver Dam Road
732-295-1555

Stafford
192 North Main Street, Manahawkin
609-597-3381

Toms River
101 Washington Street
732-349-6200 / 609-971-0514

Tuckerton
380 Bay Avenue
609-296-1470

Upper Shores
112 Jersey City Avenue, Lavallette
732-793-3996

Waretown
112 Main Street
609-693-5133

Whiting Reading Center
Whiting Commons Shopping Center
Route 530, Whiting
732-849-0391

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BARNEGAT BRANCH

2/7, 11:00 am, Saturday

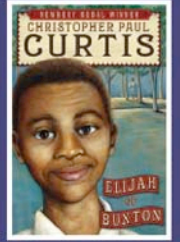
Charlotte Blake Alston will be performing, "Let My Stories Tell You Who I Am"

In keeping with the African oral tradition, Charlotte Blake Alston's stories promote an understanding of our common human experience by engaging the hopes, fears and funny bone of each individual. Soul food tasting. Prepared by parishioners of Barnegat's Mt. Zion Baptist Church. * Note: same program at LEH on same day.

2/24, 4:00 pm, Tuesday

Elijah of Buxton Book Discussion

Join Mrs. Taylor for a lively book discussion about **Elijah of Buxton**. Elijah, a free-born black boy, is a rarity in 1859. He lives in Buxton, a free black society, but he leaves his safe haven to follow a thieving preacher who has stolen money saved to purchase a family's freedom. Award-winning book! Gr. 5 and up.



BEACHWOOD BRANCH

2/3, 10:00 am, Tuesday

Freedom Stories

Celebrate Black History Month through stories and educational crafts. Ages 3 & up.

BERKELEY BRANCH

1/13, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Tuesday

Cool Creations Honors Black History Month

Come celebrate Black History Month at the Berkeley Branch as we make African-themed rainsticks. Snacks and materials will be provided.

2/2 through 2/28

Quilting for Freedom - Drop-in Craft

Come in anytime this month to make a drop-in craft! Create a paper quilt square displaying your family name, to be added to our community quilt honoring Black History Month and freedom in the United States. Learn about "freedom" quilts and the Underground Railroad. All ages.

2/19, 6:30 pm, Thursday

Evening Family Storytime: Make Your Own African Storyteller Hat

African folk tales are often about talking spiders, fierce jungle animals, and huge mosquitoes! Join us this evening for folk tales and make your own African storyteller hat! For children and families.

BRICK BRANCH

2/7, 11:00 am, Saturday

Julie Pasqual - In Celebration Come for a time of fun and laughter all will enjoy. Take a break from winter and help us celebrate Black History Month.



2/26, 7:00 pm, Thursday

President Barack Obama - a View from the Starting Line

A forward looking and interdisciplinary discussion. Let's take a look and share our ideas on the new Presidency and on hopes for the future. We'll be discussing excerpts from the President's books and current commentary.

ISLAND HEIGHTS

2/2, 7:00 pm, Monday

Black History Month Story and Quilt - Goin' Someplace Special by Patricia C. McKissack. In this book, the main character is frustrated that as an African American growing up in Nashville in the 1950s she is not allowed to enter certain restaurants and hotels, or even to sit on benches marked "For Whites Only." However, there is one place where all are welcome: the public library. We will create a story quilt to be displayed in the library. Gr. 3 & up.

JACKSON BRANCH

2/9, 4:00 pm, Monday

The Motown Sound! Live with Jon Turk!

Come out and move to the irresistible sound of Motown. This program will be part performance and part lecture. Learn about the history of Motown and celebrate its contribution to American music!

2/18, 7:00 pm, Wednesday

"Families Reading Together" book discovery program

In Celebration of African-American Authors & Illustrators. Gr. K - 4 with an adult. In-person registration and book distribution begins Jan 27th.

EXHIBIT: From Slavery to Freedom - a mural of the Underground Railroad created by the National Art Honor Society from the Jackson Memorial High School.

LACEY BRANCH

2/28, 11:00 am, Saturday

"Before You Can Say Jackie Robinson: Black Baseball in America and New Jersey in the Era of the Color Line" Presented by Dr. Lawrence Hogan.

This program includes exhibit materials and selections from the video documentary of the same name. The speaker examines the rich relationships that comprised "Blackball" during America's era of segregation. A member of the Negro Baseball League will attend to give a first-hand account of what it was like to play during this time. This program is offered through the Horizon Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Please register.



LAKESWOOD BRANCH

2/3, 6:00-7:00pm, Tuesday

Gospel Choir Concert and Mime Artist

Join us for an evening of music with the Gospel Singers of Georgian Court University, a chorus dedicated to gospel and other choral songs in the African American tradition. Mime artist Leanea Smith will add a dramatic visual element to the evening's entertainment.

LAKEWOOD BRANCH (cont'd)

2/4, 7:00 pm, Wednesday

I Have a Dream

Celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. by helping us create a dream quilt. Each child will design a paper square and at the end we'll assemble a beautiful quilt for display.



2/9, 6:00-8:00 pm, Monday

The NAACP: Celebrating 100 Years

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the NAACP and the election of the nation's first African American president. James Waters, incoming President of the local NAACP chapter, will speak on new challenges and what remains to be done at this significant moment in our nation's history. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

2/17, 6:30-8:00 pm, Tuesday

Artful Stories: Romare Bearden

Painter Romare Bearden has developed a reputation that may surpass that of any other modern African American artist. Come hear about his amazing life and work, and try his unique collagist style.

2/21, 3:00-4:30 pm, Saturday

Teen Talent Show

Show off your talents! Whether you sing, dance, rap, recite poetry, or make music, all are welcome to join in. Registration required.

2/23, 6:00-7:00 pm, Monday

Letters to the President

Be a part of history. Join us as we discuss our nation's first African American President. After the discussion, we'll be writing letters to the president that will be mailed to the White House. All ages!

3/7, 11:00 am Saturday

A Panel Discussion on the History of Community Service and Future of the Nine African American Greek Letter Fraternities and Sororities

Sponsored by the Good for the Soul Diversity Focus Team. The panel will be lead by members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.



LITTLE EGG HARBOR BRANCH

2/7, 1:00 pm, Saturday

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LONG BEACH ISLAND BRANCH

2/28, 2:00 pm, Saturday

Black National News Service - The Associated Negro Press: The Best Kept Secret of American Journalism History

Presented by Lawrence Hogan, Ph.D., Professor of History, Union County College

From the year of its founding through 1964, ANP serviced what is arguably America's greatest ethnic/group press with a national and international news coverage that was remarkable for its substance and scope. This program is offered through the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

MANCHESTER BRANCH

2/9, 2:00 pm Monday

The Motown Sound

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2/12, 6:30 pm, Thursday

Make your own Paint; Invention and Adventure!

Learn how to make paints like legendary inventor George Washington Carver did. We will use everyday items in nature and more! Ages 9-12

2/13 1:00 pm, Friday

Black History Month Adventure

Make a square to add to our Black History celebration quilt then put your brain to the test as we go on a clue based adventure around the library! Ages 4-9

PLUMSTED BRANCH

2/9, 7:00 pm Monday

The Motown Sound

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POINT PLEASANT BEACH BRANCH

2/9 3:30 pm, Monday,

"Goin' Someplace Special"

A book discussion celebrating Black History Month

Join us in discussing Patricia C. McKissack's Coretta Scott King Award Winning Title. Grades 3-5.

Books will be available January 12th.



POINT PLEASANT BORO BRANCH

2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 6:30 pm, Mondays

GREAT AFRICAN FILMS SERIES:

2/2 - **Faraw!** This movie recounts 24 hours in the life of Zamiatou, a mother of three young children who is fighting for survival in a town in northeastern Mali.

2/9 - **Haramuya**

In Ouagadougou, the wealthy reside in the modern section of the city, while the poor live in the poverty-stricken suburbs. Through the family of Fousseini, a Muslim firmly attached to his faith and traditions, a picture is caught of a town caught between modernism and traditionalism. In French with English subtitles.

2/16 - **Tasuma** This is the story of Sogo Sanou, a former French soldier who was a member of the African troops known as the Tirailleurs Senegalais, which fought hard for France. In French and Moore with English subtitles. Followed by a brief discussion. Refreshments - please register.

2/23 - **Sia** Kombi is a poverty-stricken city dominated by a tyrant king. In order to bring back prosperity, the king is advised by his priests to make the traditional human sacrifice of a young virgin to a mystical snake god. In Bambara with English subtitles. Refreshments - please register.

2/19, 4:00 pm, Thursday

Black History Month Craft

Join Miss Robin and celebrate Black History Month by making a lovely craft to take home with you.

For children in grades 3 - 5.



STAFFORD BRANCH

2/28, 2:00 pm, Saturday

The African Influence in Foods

The influence of African cooking can be seen in the cuisines of the Caribbean, Brazil, New Orleans, and our Deep South. Join us to learn how Africa influenced and inspired many of our favorite dishes. Please register.

TOMS RIVER BRANCH

January 19 - February 13

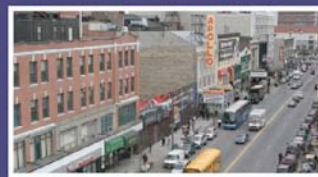
Illustrate A Poem Contest for Black History Month

Illustrate one of four selected poems written by Black American Poets and you could win a \$30 gift card. Winners will be announced on

2/10, 6:30 pm, Tuesday

Tween Tuesdays: Craft program

Learn about the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and make Korhogo cloth, Ages 9-12



2/12, 3:00 pm, Thursday

Harlem Renaissance and Beyond: A virtual walking tour of central Harlem

Your host, Anthony Grifa, will take you on a tour past the Apollo Theater, Abyssinian Baptist Church, Arturo Schomburg Research Center and other landmarked sites. Please register.

2/13, 10:30 am, Friday

Homespun Book Club Ages 6-8

A Man for All Seasons: The Life of George Washington Carver by Stephen Krensky

2/13, 10:30 am, Friday

Page Turners Book Club Ages 9-12, Celebrate Black History Month

Join the discussion about *Feathers* by Jacqueline Woodson

2/21 11:00-3:00 pm Saturday

Celebrate Black History Month & the 100th Anniversary of the NAACP

Cosponsored by the N.A.A.C.P.

Jazzoetry Performance by Iwa L'Ewa Heritage Ensemble, Poetry Contest Winners & Soul Food Buffet See library program calendar for details www.theoceancountylibrary.org All Ages - All Welcome

2/24, 6:30 pm, Tuesday

Loudy and Rowdy Tales Grades K+

Celebrate Black History Month with Storyteller Julie Pasqual



2/28, 2:00 pm, Saturday

The Legacy of Promise: The story of the Still family through words & pictures

Listen to the courageous stories of the Still family and view the large scale folk drawings illustrating the lives of William, Peter and James Still. Presented by Francine Still Hicks, author, artist and great great grandniece of William Still, the Father of the Underground Rail Road.

TUCKERTON BRANCH

2/3, 11:30 am, Tuesday

Thank you, Mr. Morgan

African - American inventor Garrett A. Morgan created the first traffic light. Make your own traffic light, while learning how Mr. Morgan's 1923 invention helps keep us safe on the roads. Ages 2-6.

UPPER SHORES BRANCH

2/11, 7:00 pm, Wednesday

Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?

American Historical Theatre presents: A one-woman show portrayed by Daisy Century, this program tells the story of Isabella Baumfree who changed her name to Sojourner Truth and walked through Long Island and Connecticut, preaching "God's truth and plan for salvation."



EXHIBIT: **Preachers Wife Arts: the Fine Art of Lavett Ballard**

*** Please register for programs by calling the appropriate branch. ***