

UPPER SHORES
Black History Month
Scavenger Hunt

Learn about famous African Americans while searching for clues throughout the library! Claim your prize when you've completed the challenge any-time this month. Ages 6-12.

A - 2/1, 4 pm, Wednesday
"Visit" with Mary Bower-Union Spy

Join actor Lorraine Stone as history comes to life with a compelling "visit" by Mary Bowser. Performed in costume and character, we will travel back to learn of this powerful American freed slave who worked as a Union spy during the Civil War.

F - 2/3, 3:30 pm
A Celebration of George Crum

Celebrate the inventor of potato chips and stay for the potato chip tasting. Kick off Black History Month

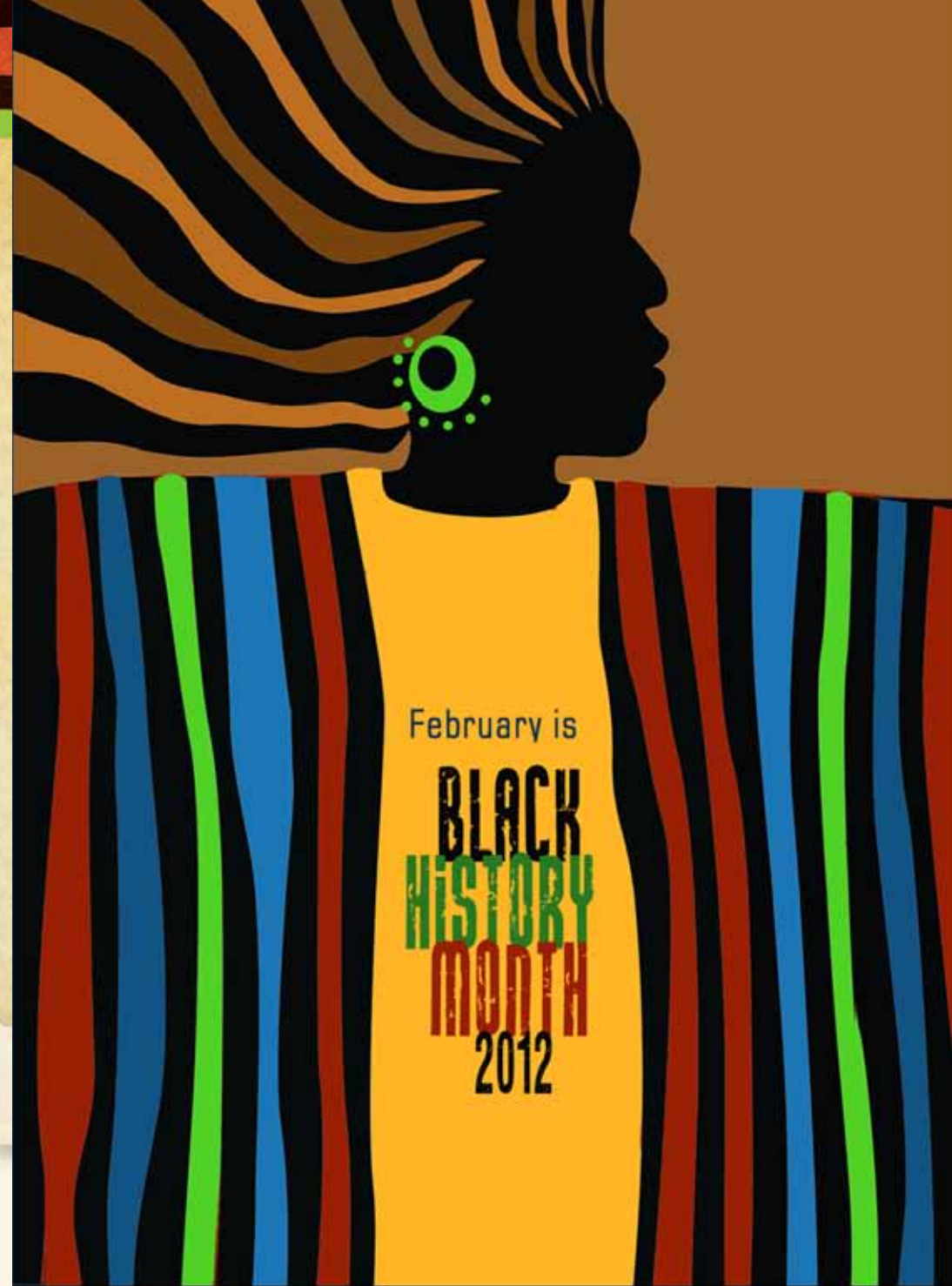
with a celebration of George Crum, the man who invented potato chips. We'll share a story and some chips. All ages. REG.



WARETOWN

A-2/6, 7 pm, Monday
Legend of Freedom: Quilts and the Underground Railroad

This one hour presentation, performed in period costume, discusses the history, legends, and personal stories that make up the rich heritage associated with the Underground Railroad. Explore how African traditions and the use of story cloths documents the history of the tribes and set the stage for the slaves to learn the lessons needed for survival during the arduous journey to freedom. African slave songs and the lessons contained in them are also discussed. REG.



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BARNEGAT BRANCH

CH- 2/14 pm, Wednesday
Loud and Rowdy Tales: Julie Pasqual Storytelling
 Storytelling for all ages. This program is full of rich tales from around the globe. REG

A- 2/16, 7 pm, Thursday



From the Big House to the Little White House: the Story of Mary Bowser: Southern Slave, Northern Spy

Come and journey with us as we learn how Mary Bowser became an unsung Civil War hero and one of the most important figures in the winning of the war that divided a nation. Lorraine Stone will bring to life the story of Mary Bowser.

BEACHWOOD

CH- 2/10, 3:30 pm, Friday
Express Yourself! Faith Ringgold and Tar Beach
 Children will fly with this marvelous artist and create their own work of art based on her award winning book, Tar Beach. Ages 7 and up. REG

CH-2/13, 3 pm, Monday

Drop In Craft for Kids
 Make a Rainbow pin to celebrate Black History Month. Ages 5 and up with adult.

F-2/22, 3 pm, Wednesday

Let's Make Peanut Butter

The whole family is invited to this after school activity. Celebrate the life of George Washington Carver, who among many other things, invented over 300 uses for peanuts! We will learn about Carver and make our own peanut butter. (Note: this program is unsuitable for anyone with a peanut allergy or sensitivity). Ages 5 and up with parent. REG

BERKELEY

A - 2/1, 6 pm, Wednesday
Dinner and a Movie: The Help
 (Rated PG-13.)

In this critically acclaimed movie set in 1960s Mississippi, a young college graduate raises eyebrows when she begins writing a book about the lives of African-American domestic servants. You bring dinner...the Berkeley Branch will provide dessert. REG



CH - 2/1 - 2/29 Quilting for Freedom - Drop in Craft

Come in anytime this month create a paper quilt square displaying your family name, to be added to our community quilt honoring Black History Month. Learn about freedom quilts and the Underground Railroad. All ages.

T - 2/7, 3:30 pm - 5 pm, Tuesday

Homework Help: Black History Month

Working on research or a report on African American history this month? Come get some help from librarians, held at the Teen Zone computers. Ages 12-18. REG

A - 2/8, 6:30 pm, Wednesday

Dinner & a Movie: The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till

(Not rated.)



In 1955, 14-year-old Emmett Till was taken from his uncle's house in Mississippi, beaten beyond recognition, tortured, murdered, and thrown into the Tallahatchie River, all for supposedly whistling at a white woman.

His attackers were acquitted in under an hour by an all-white jury. To show the brutality of the attack, his mother insisted on an open-casket funeral, which produced so much outrage that it became a touchstone event in the American Civil Rights Movement. Directed by Keith and Kevin Beauchamp. 70 minutes. 2005. You bring your dinner, we provide the movie.

CH - 2/11, 10 am, Saturday Tour Through Tumblebooks: Explore African American Authors and Books

Ages 6-12, Tumblebooks is a collection of animated talking picture books. Come and explore talking e-books. It's E- books for E-Kids. REG

CH- 2/15 7 pm, Wednesday

Loud and Rowdy Tales: Julie Pasqual Storytelling

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A-2/25, 12 pm, Saturday

Black History Month Family Celebration with the NAACP - All are welcome

Join us for a delicious soul food tasting prepared by members of the Toms River NAACP in honor of Black History Month. Afterwards enjoy Kati Beddow's presen-

tation of Eyes of Spies: Women of the Civil War. Southerner Elizabeth "Crazy Bet" Van Lew and her friend (as well as her ex-slave), Mary Elizabeth Bowser gathered vital information for the Union right under the nose of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Program will be followed by Q & A. REG



CH - 2/27, 6:30 pm, Monday

Discover African American Women Artists

Ages 6-12 REG

T - 2/27, 6 pm - 8 pm, Monday Teen Black History Month Movie Night

The Teen Advisory Board will choose a film that commemorates and celebrates African American history. Ages 12-18. REG

A - 3/24, 11 am, Saturday African American Family Reunions, History & Genealogy Workshop Day

Guests: Shamele Jordan, genealogical researcher & researcher for the PBS series Oprah's Roots, & Dr. Lone Vargus, Founder of the Family Reunion Institute @ Temple U and author of "More Than a Picnic: African American Family Reunions." Speakers, resources and sharing! Workshop agenda is posted @ www.theoceancountylibrary.org. Sponsored by the Library's Good for the Soul team. REG

TUCKERTON BRANCH

CH - 2/7, 11:30 am, Tuesday
Black History Month Story and Craft
 REG.

A - 2/13, 7 pm, Monday

Jazz Guitarist Performance
 Join us for an evening of jazz and rhythm and blues with Derek Pierre an accomplished guitarist who was inspired by West Montgomery. REG.

exciting portrayal of the first African-American woman to become a licensed airplane pilot and the first American to hold an international pilot license. REG

PT. PLEASANT BEACH

CH - 2/1, 10:45 am, Wednesday
Peace, Love, and Storytime
Stories, songs, and a craft about peace and tolerance. Ages 3 - 5. REG

A - 2/28, 7 pm, Tuesday
Musical Performance with Jon Turk: The Motown Sound

Sing and dance along as we celebrate 50 years of the Motown sound with a musical performance by Jon Turk.
All Welcome. REG

POINT BOROUGH

CH - 2/4, 1 pm - 4:30 pm, Saturday
Anansi Tales Craft
Children with their families are welcome to drop in and create a spider craft based on the classic Anansi tales that originated in Western Africa. No registration.

A, T - 2/8, 6 pm, Wednesday
Dinner & Movie: The Help (Rated PG-13.)

Set in Mississippi during the 1960s, Skeeter is a southern society girl who returns from college determined to become a writer, but turns her friends' lives -- and a small Mississippi town -- upside down when she decides to interview the black women who have spent their lives taking care of prominent southern families. Bring your dinner and the library will provide dessert. Ages 13 and up. REG

A - 2/18, 2 pm, Saturday
Conversations with Moses

Take a peek into a very special friendship. Harriet "Moses" Tubman,

ex-slave, speaks with her dear friend, historian and biographer Sarah Bradford, and they recall the hardship of slavery, the Underground Railroad and the true grit of Harriet herself. Presented by Local Commotion. REG

STAFFORD

T - 2/7, 2 pm - 4 pm, Tuesday
Emerging Adult Music Lounge: African American Women in Music

Explore the history of African American women in music. Listen to songs from many eras and discuss how these artists shaped American culture. REG.

T - 2/8, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Wednesday

Teen Movie Night: Dreamgirls (Rated PG-13.)

Dreamgirls is about three women who want to be stars, and how their lives change as they rise to the top. NO REG.

CH - 2/15 4 pm, Wednesday
Loud and Rowdy Tales: Julie Pasqual Storytelling

Storytelling for all ages. This program is full of rich tales from around the globe. REG.

A - 2/18, 2 pm - 4 pm, Saturday
Black History Month - Jazz Concert with Derrick Pierre

Jazz originated in the southern states in African American communities in the early 1900's, and relies heavily on the performer's interpretation of the music. Come hear Derrick Pierre's masterful renditions of some jazz favorites. REG.

CH - 2/23, 4 pm, Thursday
Mae Day

Who is Mae Jemison? Celebrate Black History Month with books, games, and a craft. Ages 6 and up. REG.

TOMS RIVER

CH - 2/6, 6:30 pm, Monday
Discover African American Women Artists
Ages 6-12 REG.

T - 2/28, 6 pm, Tuesday
Black History Month Karaoke Celebration

Sing along with famous black singers from the ages in a celebration of diversity in music. Please contact YA Librarian Natalie about song selection. Ages 13-18.

BRICK

Black History Month
FR - 2/4, 2 pm, Saturday
Steal Away: The Story of a Kansas Homesteader and an Exoduster

Steal Away, a dramatic one-woman show, written and performed by Penny Musco, weaves together historical accounts of those who sought free land by taking advantage of The Homestead Act of 1862, and the significant but nearly forgotten movement of an estimated 40,000 former slaves who headed north when Reconstruction ended. These African American homesteaders called themselves Exodusters. REG

A, T - 2/11, 1 pm - 4 pm, Sat.

Adult & Teen Afternoon Movie: The Help (Rated PG-13.)

The Help tells a story we all can learn from. In this movie, set in Jacksonville, Mississippi in the 1960s, you'll meet the tenacious Skeeter, patient Aibileen, spit-fire Minny and many other unforgettable characters. Please feel free to bring some snacks from home to enjoy while you watch this movie. Run time of 146 minutes. REG

JACKSON



CH - 2/4, 1 pm, Saturday
Tellin' Tales with Queen Nur

Participate in and enjoy stories in the African tradition with Queen Nur. Grade K and up. REG begins January 19.

A - 2/9, 3:00 pm, Thursday
Afternoon Movie- Glory (Rated R.)

A dramatic account of the American Civil

War's first all-black regiment, led by an idealistic, white commander played by Matthew Broderick. Also starring Denzel Washington and Morgan Freeman.

LACEY

A - 2/29, 7 pm, Wednesday
African-American Genealogy in Ocean County

Please join us to learn the resources that focus on African-American Genealogies and Histories in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. REG

ISLAND HEIGHTS

A, T - 2/6, 6:30 pm, Monday
Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?

American Historical Theater first-person living history presents the story of former slave, Isabella Baumfree, who changed her name to Sojourner Truth and became an itinerant preacher. This program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. REG.



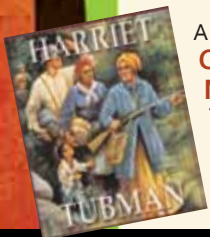
CH - 2/15, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Freight Train Preschool Storytime

Enjoy stories from award-winning author and illustrator Donald Crews. Craft will follow. Ages 3 1/2-5. REG

LAKESWOOD

CH - 2/1-2/29
Who Am I? Contest

Test your knowledge of great African Americans in celebration of Black History Month. Find details at the Youth Services desk. Contest runs all month. Ages 6 - 12.



CH – 2/6, 6 pm, Monday
Extraordinary African Americans
Celebrate the lives of less publicized African Americans by visiting their Web sites and books. Age 4+.

CH – 2/7, 6 pm, Tuesday
Almost to Freedom
Listen to the story Almost to Freedom by Vaunda Nelson and make your own rag doll. Ages 6-12. Children under 9 must have parental supervision. REG

F – 2/13, 6 pm, Monday
Celebrate Black History: "Mary Bowser" Visits Lakewood

In this one-woman show, Mary Bowser tells us how she beat the odds even though her first years were spent in slavery. As a teen she was given the opportunity to be educated. But in an unbelievable turn of events, Mrs. Bowser returned to the South years later, where she would have to live again as a slave. Presented by actor Lorraine Stone. Snow date: Wednesday, February 22.



CH – 2/15, 5:30 pm, Thursday
Tuskegee Airmen
Celebrate Black History Month and learn about the Tuskegee Airmen. Then make a paper airplane. Ages 5-12.

F – 2/15, 6:15 pm, Wednesday
Family Movie Night: The Princess and the Frog
(Rated G.)
Set in New Orleans' French Quarter, a beautiful girl named Tiana finds a frog prince who desperately wants to be human again and with a fateful kiss, leads them on a hilarious adventure

through the mystical bayous of Louisiana. Featuring Disney's first African American princess.

CH – 2/23, 5:30 pm, Thursday
Romare Bearden Collage

Listen to a story based on the life and art of Romare Bearden, an African American painter and collage maker. Afterwards, pick a quote by Martin Luther King, Jr. and use it to create your own collage. Ages 5-12.



CH – 2/24, 3:30 pm, Friday
Book Nook: Heart and Soul

Join us for our initial Book Nook event. Read Heart and Soul by Kadir Nelson (copies available at the library) then come in to discuss the beautiful artwork and touching narrative. There will also be games and other activities. Ages 8-12.

A – 2/29, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Wednesday Night Movie: Dreamgirls

(Rated PG-13.)
Based on the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, three black female soul singers go from just a group with talent to being a crossover hit on the pop charts in the early 60s. Their friendship is tested by the pressures of money and fame. Features Academy Award winner Jennifer Hudson.

LITTLE EGG HARBOR

CH- 2/1, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Loud and Rowdy Tales: Julie Pasqual Storytelling

Storytelling for all ages, this collection of world stories that dance, stomp and shake will do it all-except put the audience to sleep. REG

T – 2/2, 7 pm, Thursday
Still I Rise Mural

This year the theme for Black History month is Exploring African American women's roles in and contributions to the making of America. Teens will be reading, listening and reacting to the achievements of prominent African American women. They will be using their own words and artwork to create the "Still I Rise" mural in honor of these women.

The finished mural will be displayed in the YA area.

A – 2/9, 7 pm, Thursday
From the Big House to the White House: Mary Bowser-Southern Slave, Northern Spy

Born a slave on the Van Lew property in Richmond, VA., Mary Bowser's life took several turns that put her in a position to aid the North in its battle against the Confederacy in a most unusual way. Learn how Bowser became an unsung Civil War hero and one of the most important figures in the winning of the war. REG

F- 2/18, 2:30 – 3:30 pm, Saturday
Dance to the African Beat
Performer Jana Burton of the Umoja Dance Company will be hosting an interactive dance workshop in celebration of Black History Month. Ages 5 and up. REG

LBI

FR – 2/15, 10 am, Wednesday
Dr. James Still: Black Doctor of the Pines

This lecture provides an overview of one of the most famous African American Families of Burlington County. Former slaves, Charity and Levin Still, settled in Shamong, and despite many struggles, raised a family of very successful and influential citizens. Their son, James, became a highly successful medical practitioner, while overcoming prejudice and envy by the mainstream medical profession. The speaker, Joe Laufer, uses Dr. Still's 1877 autobiography as his guide for this inspirational story. Sponsored by the Friends of the Island Library. REG

MANCHESTER

F- 2/1, 11:30 am, Wednesday
Celebration of Africa Americans with Acting, Dancing, and Song: Presented by OCVTS Performing Arts Academy

The OCVTS Performing Arts Academy will present a program of acting, dance, and song. Spirituals, Inspirational songs, dances based on poetry, and skits with puppets will be presented. Light refreshments. REG

C- 2/3, 10 am, Friday
Homeschool Book Discussion – Bud, Not Buddy

This book is a Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner by Christopher Paul Curtis. Ages 9-12. REG



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Loud and Rowdy Tales: Julie Pasqual Storytelling
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T- 2/13, 6:30 pm, Monday
Teen Craft
Make your own set of magnetic poetry and learn about some famous African American poets. Ages 13-18. REG

C- 2/17, 11 am, Friday
Crafter-Piece Theater Presents: African Masks
Discover all about African masks and make one of your own. Ages 5-9. REG

C- 2/21, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Collage Art
Celebrate the artwork of African American artist Clementine Hunter and learn how to make your own piece of folk art. Ages 11-14. REG

A- 2/28, 2 pm – 3 pm, Tuesday
Motown Sound with a Musical Performance by Jon Turk
Sing and dance along as we celebrate 50 years of the Motown sound with a musical performance by Jon Turk.

PLUMSTED

A, T – 2/29, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
The American Historical Theatre presents Bessie Coleman

An outstanding one-woman show starring actor/teacher Dr. Daisy Century. Dressed in an authentic bomber's jacket, boots and scarf, Century as Bessie Coleman is an