Celebrate Black History January – February 2019 at the Library!

Special Events

Black and Brown Comix Arts Festival 2019

The African American Center of the San Francisco Public Library and the MLK Foundation present three days celebrating people of color in the comic arts and speculative fiction genres. At the Main Library on Saturday, a day for youth with STEAM learning and an Ipad comix arts demo. On Sunday, in the Koret, authors Rebecca Roanhorse and Daniel Jose Older will appear, plus special guests. Monday, head to the Metreon for panel discussions, cosplay, a grand expo and much more.

Saturday, Jan. 19, Main Library, The Mix, 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Sunday, Jan. 20, Main Library, Lower Level, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday, Jan. 21, City View at Metreon, 11 AM - 6:00 PM
135 Fourth St., Fourth Floor, San Francisco

Open Books: Kimberly Marshall

Kimberly Marshall reads from her father’s memoir Just Another Nigger, where her father, Field Marshal Don Cox, tells of his years in the Black Panther Party. A book sale follows the event.

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Main Library, Latino Room

Black History in Visitacion Valley

The Visitacion Valley History group will do a presentation on black history and the changing landscape of the neighborhood.

Saturday, Feb. 23, 4 - 5:00 PM, Visitacion Valley
Events for Children

Black History Buttons
Make and wear your own images and icons of African American history using our button machine. We’ll supply everything you need, including images, or you can bring your own.

Friday, Jan. 18, 4 - 5:00 PM, Merced

Drag Queen Story Hour & Motown & Disco Family Dance Party
Drag Queen Story Hour and SFPL are teaming up for a special More Than a Month storytime featuring Black Benatar followed by a soulful, groovy dance party celebrating the sounds of black artists from the days of Motown and Disco. There will be cookies too.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 1 - 2:00 PM, Sunset
For more information call 415-355-2818

Saturday, Feb. 9, 3 - 4:00 PM, West Portal
For more information call 415-355-2886

Make a Treasure Box
Tyree Guyton is the Detroit artist who started decorating abandoned homes in his neighborhood with polka dots, doll heads, stuffed toys and other salvaged items. Learn about his artwork, and decorate a treasure box to take home and keep! All materials provided, bring your own box to decorate if you like. Ages 5 and up.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 5 - 6:30 PM, Mission Bay
Limited to 20 people; call 415-355-2838 to sign up.

Saturday, Feb. 16, 11 - 12:30 PM, Western Addition
Space is limited; call 415-355-5727 to sign up.

Toddler Tales Celebrates Black History
Stories will highlight Black authors and artists, songs and small movement too. Ages 16 months through 2 years with caregiver.

Thursday, Feb. 7 10:15 - 10:45 AM, Noe Valley

Thursday, Feb. 7, 11 - 11:30 AM, Noe Valley

Black History Month Celebration of Garrett’s Gift
Learn the story of Garrett Morgan and the invention that made our world a safer place in the film, Garrett’s Gift. A game and creative project to follow. Best for ages 5 - 9.

Monday, Feb. 4, 1 - 2:00 PM, Richmond
Events for Children—Cont’d

George Washington Carver Peanut People
Join Sophie's Stress Free Soirees and make "peanut people" in honor of George Washington Carver and his contribution to science and American life. All materials provided.

*Wednesday, Jan. 30, 3 - 4:00 PM, Golden Gate Valley*

Children's More Than a Month Film Festival - Featuring 16 MM Films
Children's African American interest films on 16 MM film from our collection. All ages welcome. Refreshments provided.

*Wednesday, Feb. 6, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Merced*

Gee's Bend Quilts
Using odds and ends of old work shirts, dress tails, and aprons, the women of Gee's Bend, Alabama - descendants of plantation slaves - have been making boldly-geometric quilts for generations. Fashion your own version of a Gee's Bend quilt using found materials.

*Thursday, Feb. 21, 4 - 5:00 PM, North Beach*

Collage Art for Kids
In honor of Black History Month, learn about famous African American collage artist Romare Bearden then create your own collage with his work as inspiration.

*Saturday, Feb. 23, 2 - 3:00 PM, Bernal Heights*

African Paper Plate Necklaces
Use the outer rim of a paper plate to draw a colorful African necklace. Materials provided. For teens & tweens, ages 8 to 18 years old. For information, contact Jewel at 415-355-2888.

*Thursday, Feb. 21, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Chinatown*

Black History Month Storytime
Celebrate Black History Month with a special Family Storytime featuring noteworthy stories written or illustrated by African Americans. Stories, songs, fingerplays and more for children 0-5 yrs. Limited to first 42 participants, in line, day of storytime. Tickets for this storytime are handed out at the Children's Room Entrance (entering from playground) only.

*Thursday, Feb. 7, 10 - 10:30 AM, Bernal Heights*
**Events for the Family**

**West African Guitarist, Jesse Sahbi**

Take a musical journey to the Ivory Coast. Sit back and enjoy smooth West African jazz sounds.

*Wednesday, Feb. 27, 6 - 7:00 PM, Mission Bay*

**A brief History of Pan with Fauna Solomon**

Join us for this interactive performance on the history and music of the steelpan, a traditional instrument of the Caribbean. For all ages.

*Saturday, Feb. 23, 4 - 4:30 PM, Potrero*

**Collaborative Crochet**

Create your own sculptural piece using recycled fabrics. Be inspired by the art of Ramekon O’Arwisters and his use of the Southern rag rug tradition in a social context, combining older fabrics using crochet techniques.

*Saturday, Feb. 16, 12:30 - 2:00 PM, Visitacion Valley*

**Music with Keenan Webster**

Hear the beautiful West African harp (kora) and other instruments of African origin and play some too!

*Saturday, Feb. 9, 2 - 3:30 PM, Portola*

**Kirk Waller's African American Stories**

Master storyteller, Kirk Waller mixes spoken word, rhythm, music and movement. Join us for an unforgettable storytelling experience.

*Sunday, Feb. 3, 1:30 - 2:15 PM, Marina Branch*

*Sunday, Feb. 3, 3:30 - 4:15 PM, Parkside Branch*

*Sunday, Feb. 17, 1 - 2:00 PM, Park Branch*

*Sunday, Feb. 17, 3 - 3:30 PM, Main Library, Children’s*

**Movie and a Meal -- Crooklyn**

In partnership with the Potrero Hill Family Support Center, view a family-friendly film and share a meal. Spike Lee’s *Crooklyn* is a portrait of a close-knit black family living in 1970s Brooklyn as they deal with money woes, eccentric neighbors and the sons' troublemaking. 1994, Rated PG-13, 114 min.

*Friday, Feb. 15, 3 - 5:00 PM, Potrero*

**Exhibit: Unsung Heroes**

*Main Library, African American Center, Jan. 15 - April 11*

World War II was a major catalyst for the Second Great Migration of African Americans between 1940 and 1970, a migration of more than 5 million African Americans from the South to the North, East, Midwest and West. This exhibit, produced by the San Francisco African American Historical and Cultural Society in partnership with SFPL, celebrates the contributions and sacrifices that African American shipyard workers made during World War II and the 2019 national Black History Month theme, Black Migrations.
Events for Teens

Hand-lettered History

Learn hand-lettering techniques with pen, brush and scratchboard and transcribe words of justice and contemporary African American quotes and poetry into your own unique framed artwork. Alternate and adaptive lettering methods will be available. Space is limited. To register, email yuet.ly@sfpl.org or call (415) 355-5757.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 3 - 5:00 PM, Bayview

More than a Month Snack and Social Hour

Take your time and relax, catch up with friends. Try out some special snacks to kick off SFPL’s More than a Month Black History Month.

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 4:30 - 5:30 PM, Ingleside

Teen Film: Loving

The story of Richard and Mildred Loving, a couple whose arrest for interracial marriage in 1960s Virginia began a legal battle that would end with the Supreme Court’s historic 1967 decision. 2016, Rated PG-13, 123 min.

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, North Beach

Teen Movie: Akeelah and the Bee

An inner-city 11 year-old girl strives to be a national spelling champ. Snacks provided. 2006, Rated PG, 122 mins.

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 4 - 6:00 PM, Excelsior

Special Exhibit

The Port Chicago Story:
Lighting the Fuse to Civil Rights

Treasure Island Museum, Jan. 26 - Feb. 28
1 Avenue of the Palms, Building One, Treasure Island

During the 75th Anniversary of the Port Chicago disaster and trial, view an exhibit which tells the story of the explosions, the trial and their impact. Presented by the National Park Service, in partnership with the Treasure Island Museum and the San Francisco Public Library.

Lighting the Fuse to Civil Rights – The Port Chicago Trial

A panel of experts discuss how the Port Chicago disaster and ensuing mutiny trial contributed to the birth of the Civil Rights movement as well as pivotal racial and equity issues still being discussed today.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 1 – 4 p.m., Treasure Island Museum
1 Avenue of the Palms, Building One, Treasure Island
Events for Adults

African American Quilts with Peopleologie
Learn how quilt designs were used during slavery along the Underground Railroad, handle artifacts, and help make a quilt. Use fabric scraps, glue, cardboard, and your imagination to contribute to our cooperative no-sew quilt and wall-hanging. Limited to 20 people; call (415) 355-5615 to register.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Ocean View

Raceball: Race & the National Pastime
Join award winning documentary filmmaker Jon Leonoudakis for a presentation of films and stories about race and baseball in America. Jon will present a trio of films from his award winning series The Sweet Spot: A Treasury of Baseball Stories. A book sale follows the event.

Sunday, Feb. 10, 1 PM, Main Library, Koret

Frederick Douglass & Martin Luther King Jr.
Christopher L. Webber, a Sunset resident, is the author of Give Me Liberty: Speakers and Speeches that Shaped American History. He discusses what these two famous Americans had to say about their country and why they are remembered.

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Sunset

Book Clubs

A Mysterious Book Club

Sunday, Jan. 20, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Eureka Valley

Eureka Valley Book Club
Our February selection is the novel Another Country by James Baldwin.

Sunday, Feb. 3, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Eureka Valley

World Literature Book Club
Join our discussion of Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, the searing 1845 autobiography and treatise on United States slavery, written by the escaped slave and eloquent abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

Thursday, Feb. 7, 6 - 7:30 PM, Main Library, African American Center

A Conversation on Blackness
A curated discussion pondering: What is blackness? What does it mean to be black in the Bay? blackness & love; and blackness in the media. Sponsored by the State of the Black Relationship, a monthly gathering for black professionals, in partnership with the African American Center.

Thursday, Feb. 28, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, Main Library, Koret
Fagen: An African American Renegade in the Philippine-American War

Author Michael Morey, discusses his book about David Fagen, a twenty-year-old private in the Twenty-Fourth Infantry of the Buffalo Soldiers, who deserted to join the Filipino guerrillas in their war for independence.

Sunday, Feb. 17, 1 - 3:00 PM, Main Library, Latino Room

Six Roses Jazz Performance

Enjoy a pleasant evening of jazz with Six Roses duo David Boyce and David Cavaseno.

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 7 - 8:00 PM, Parkside

The Four Hundredth Anniversary of Slavery: 1619-2019 "I've Been In the Storm So Long"

Historian Bill Doggett commemorates the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first slave ship to the Colonies. He includes an art narrative presentation, film about the middle passage thru 1858 and concludes with a discussion of slavery in the United States.

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 6 - 7:30 PM, Main Library, Latino Room

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7 - 8:30 PM, Merced Branch Library

San Francisco During the Antebellum and Civil War Eras

Monika Trobits, author of Antebellum and Civil War San Francisco: A Western Theater for Northern & Southern Politics, will discuss the daily dramas, power struggles and political rivalries that developed in San Francisco during the years leading up to the Civil War and the impact of the war on the city and its residents.

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2 - 3:30 PM, Golden Gate Valley

Courage Under Fire: The Story of Elroy

Thomas Robert Simpson, traces four generations of his family to understand his father’s remarkable story of transcendence from Jim Crow’s insanity towards personal fulfillment through a revolutionary act. Simpson is the founder and artistic director of the award-winning AfroSolo Arts Festival.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 6 - 8:00 PM, Main Library, Koret
Films

**Been Rich All My Life**

Classy Hoofers of Harlem’s Golden Age: Meet the age-defying Silver Belles, still “bustin’ a move.”

2006, Not Rated, 127 min.

*Tuesday, Jan. 22, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, West Portal*

**Ida B. Wells: Passion for Justice**

The dramatic life and turbulent times of African American journalist and anti-lynching crusader.

1989, Not Rated, 55 min.

*Friday Feb. 1, 4:30 - 5:30 PM, Visitacion Valley*

*Thursday, Feb. 7, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Ingleside*

**Am I Too African to be American? Too American to be African?**

Explores the identity of African women living in America and West Africa who identify bi-culturally.

2014, Not Rated, 64 min.

*Friday, Feb. 15, 4 - 5:30 PM, Visitacion Valley*

**Whose Streets?**

A look at how the killing of 18-year-old Mike Brown inspired a community to fight back.

2017, Rated R, 100 min.

*Sunday, Feb. 17, 2 - 3:30 PM, Western Addition*

**Out of the Shadows**

A detective and his pregnant wife move into their dream home unaware of its dark history.

2017, TV14, 88 min.

*Friday, Feb. 8, 4:30 - 5:30 PM, Visitacion Valley*

**I Am Not Your Negro**

A radical, up-to-the-minute examination of race in America, using James Baldwin's original words.

2016, Rated PG 13, 95 mins.

*Sunday, Feb. 10, 2 – 3:30 PM, Anza*

**Queen of Katwe**

A Ugandan girl sees her world rapidly change after being introduced to the game of chess.

2016, Rated PG, 124 min.

*Saturday, Feb. 9, 2 - 5:00 PM, Ingleside (Craft before film)*

*Wednesday, Feb. 13, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Eureka Valley*

*Sunday, Feb. 24, 2 - 4:00 PM, Bernal Heights (Chess after film)*

**The Princess and the Frog**

A waitress, desperate to own a restaurant, is set on turning a frog prince back into a human being.

2009, Rated G, 97 min.

*Thursday, Feb. 7, Visitacion Valley, 5:30 - 7:30 PM*

**Black Panther**

Black Panther defends Wakanda, a technologically advanced country in Africa.

2018, Rated PG-13, 135 mins

*Friday, Feb. 8, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Noe Valley*

**Emancipation Road 1968-Today**

This film looks at some groundbreaking African American heroes.

2014, Not Rated, 52 min.

*Friday, Feb. 22, 4:00 - 4:30 PM, Visitacion Valley*

**BlacKkKlansman**

An African American police officer successfully infiltrates the local Ku Klux Klan branch.

2018, Rated R, 135 min.

*Sunday, Feb. 10, 2- 4:30 PM, Western Addition*

*Wednesday, Feb. 13, 6 - 8:00 PM, Ortega*

**Thursday at Noon Films: Main Library**

*Thursday, Feb. 7: Crooklyn, Noon, Koret Auditorium*

*Thursday, Feb. 14: Black Panther, Noon, Koret Auditorium*

*Thursday, Feb 21: Blindsighting, Noon, Koret Auditorium*

*Thursday, Feb. 28: Hidden Figures, Noon, Koret Auditorium*
LIBRARY LOCATIONS

ANZA
(415) 355-5717
550 37th Ave. (near Anza)

BAYVIEW/LINDA BROOKS-BURTON
(415) 355-5757
5075 Third St. (at Revere)

BERNAL HEIGHTS
(415) 355-2810
500 Cortland Ave. (at Moultrie)

CHINATOWN/HIM MARK LAI
(415) 355-2888
1135 Powell St. (near Jackson)

EUREKA VALLEY/HARVEY MILK MEMORIAL
(415) 355-5616
1 José Sarria Court (16th Street near Market)

EXCELSIOR
(415) 355-2868
4400 Mission St. (at Cotter)

GLEN PARK
(415) 355-2858
2825 Diamond St. (near Bosworth)

GOLDEN GATE VALLEY
(415) 355-5666
1801 Green St. (at Octavia)

INGLESIDE
(415) 355-2898
1298 Ocean Ave. (at Plymouth)

MAIN LIBRARY
(415) 557-4400
100 Larkin St. (at Grove)

MARINA
(415) 355-2823
1890 Chestnut St. (near Webster)

MERCED
(415) 355-2825
155 Winston Dr. (at 19th Ave.)

MISSION
(415) 355-2800
300 Bartlett St. (at 24th St.)

MISSION BAY
(415) 355-2838
960 Fourth St. (at Berry)

NOE VALLEY/SALLY BRUNN
(415) 355-5707
451 Jersey St. (near Castro)

NORTH BEACH
(415) 355-5626
850 Columbus Ave. (at Lombard)

OCEAN VIEW
(415) 355-5615
345 Randolph St. (at Ransell)

ORTEGA
(415) 355-5700
3223 Ortega St. (at 39th Ave.)

PARK
(415) 355-5656
1833 Page St. (at Cole)

PARKSIDE
(415) 355-5770
1200 Taraval St. (at 22nd Ave.)

PORTOLA
(415) 355-5660
380 Bacon St. (at Goettingen)

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(415) 355-2822
1616 20th St. (near Connecticut)

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(415) 355-2880
3150 Sacramento St. (near Baker)

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(415) 355-5600
351 9th Ave. (near Clement)

SUNSET
(415) 355-2808
1305 18th Ave. (at Irving)

VISITACION VALLEY
(415) 355-2848
201 Leland Ave. (at Rutland)

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(415) 355-2886
190 Lenox Way (at Ulloa)

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(415) 355-5727
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