

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

February 2022

THE CITY OF PASADENA WILL CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH,

also known as National African American History Month, by recognizing the achievements and contributions of Black Americans and their central role in our nation's history with virtual programs, events, and activities for all ages. Pasadena Public Library, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and the Pasadena Black History Committee are offering a month-long series of programs in February. All events comply with Pasadena Public Health Department COVID-19 protocols.

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FOR CHILDREN

Telling Tales with Nick Smith

Join library staffer and storyteller Nick Smith as he shares a mix of folktales and historical pieces about African Americans. Find these stories, and more on the Library's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/pasadenalibrary>). Perfect for school age kids and their families. Available 24/7 on demand. Presented in partnership with Pasadena Media.

Family Stories in celebration of Black History Month

Children will hear joyful stories about family and make a special African craft. *For ages 3-5 and their caregivers.*

Thursday, Feb 10 • 10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch Library

Faith Ringold Story Quilts

Come hear the story "Tar Beach," artist Faith Ringold's first children's book based upon her beautiful quilt of the same name. Then design your own paper story quilt masterpiece!



Saturday, Feb. 19 • 11:30 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch Library

More than the Peanut

Join us as we learn about George Washington Carver and complete nature-focused STEAM activities inspired by his life. *For ages 6 and up.* To attend this program sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5384>.

Thursday, Feb. 24 • 4:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch Library

Special Chocolate Storytime in honor of Black History Month

Join us for an afternoon of storytelling and village building, featuring stories authored by and/or about African Americans, read by Ayesha Randall. Kids will have fun, listening to stories, making crafts and new friends.

Friday, Feb. 25 • 4 p.m. • La Pintaresca Branch Library

FOR TEENS

Out of the Pantry Cooking Class for Teens

Cook up a tasty dish with ingredients from the pantry. To celebrate Black History Month, we'll be learning about and making calas, Creole rice fritters. Cooking supplies available. Please refer to the equipment, ingredients list and confirmation email for further instructions to ensure you're prepared for the lesson. For teens only. To attend the cooking class, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5180>.

Monday, Feb. 7 • 4 p.m. • Zoom



CRAFTS

Enjoy fun, free take-and-make crafts that are simple and easy to make! Follow the instructions below to reserve your craft kit. Kits are limited to one per participant. You will be notified by email where and when your kit is available for pickup. Kits contain the necessary craft materials and instructions to help guide you in creating the craft. Additional household items may be needed. Kits not picked up by a certain date will be released to those on the waiting list. *For all ages unless specified.*

Take and Make: Craft Inspired by Artist Jean-Michael Basquiat

Let the inspiration of Jean-Michel Basquiat's graffiti street art inspire you to paint a self-portrait in the same style. Sign up for your kit at <https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/PPLSelfPortrait> while supplies last. Sign-ups begin at Feb. 1. Kits can be picked up at San Rafael Branch Library.

Tuesday, Feb. 1
While supplies last

Take & Make: 3D Paper Rockets

Take inspiration from an African American STEM pioneer and build a launchable paper rocket! Rocket supplies and a short bio of an African American trailblazer are included. Sign up for your kit at https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/rocket_ship3D while supplies last. Sign-ups begin Monday, Feb. 14. Kits can be picked up at Hastings Branch Library. *For ages 5-12.*

Monday, Feb. 14 • While supplies last

Crafting with Tiff & Tosh

Join us on Instagram Live at [@pasadenalibrary](https://www.instagram.com/pasadenalibrary) and learn how to make special crafts in honor of Black History Month. **Mondays, Feb. 7 & 21 • 3 p.m. Instagram Live**

FOR ADULTS

Beyond the Book – PPL's Book Groups

Our book groups are now being offered in-person and virtually, two different formats that allow you to keep in contact with your fellow book lovers as you discuss new books together.

Need a copy of the book? Place a hold on a physical copy using our Library catalog (https://pasadena.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default) and pick it up at any of our branch libraries. You can also download an eBook version using your Pasadena Public Library card one of two ways: Via Cloud Library (<https://ebook.yourcloudlibrary.com/library/PasadenaPublicLibrary>) or Via Overdrive (<https://pasadena.overdrive.com/>)

Great Literature Discussion Group

In celebration of Black History Month in February we will read *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison. Call (626) 744-7266 for the reading schedule.

Mondays (except Feb. 21) • 10 a.m.
Lamanda Park Branch Library

Hastings Branch Book Chit Chat

Call (626) 744-7262 for meeting dates and book titles.

Allendale Book Discussion

In celebration of Black History Month we will discuss *Beloved* by Toni Morrison.

Saturday, Feb. 5 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch Library

iBook Club

"New Adult" readers in their 20s and 30s, including participants using speech-generating devices. Sign up for the February iBook Club at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5309>.

Mondays, Feb. 14 • 3-4 p.m. • Zoom

Hill Avenue Book Club

In celebration of Black History Month we will discuss *Libertie* by Kaitlyn Greenidge Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5382>.

Saturday, Feb. 19 • 10:30 a.m. • Zoom

West Pasadena Book Discussion Group

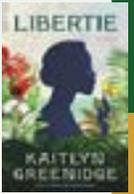
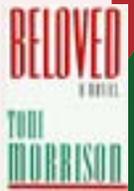
Linda Vista and San Rafael branches joint book group Will discuss *Vanishing Half* by Britt Bennett. Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5447>.

Saturday, Feb. 19 • 11 a.m. • Zoom

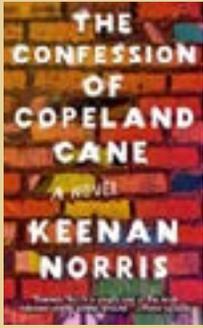
Pasadena Readers

In celebration of Black History Month we will discuss *Beloved* by Toni Morrison.

Monday, Feb. 28 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch Library



EVENTS



Keenan Norris: *The Confession of Copeland Cane*

A significant new voice in fiction, Keenan Norris has written what may be one of the defining novels of the intersection between Black Lives Matter and COVID-19. Set in East Oakland, California in a very near future, the book introduces us to a prescient and contemporary voice, one whose take on coming of age in America becomes a startling reflection of our present moment. To attend the program

on Zoom sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5375>.

Thursday, Feb. 3 • 5 p.m. • Zoom



Donzaleigh Abernathy: *Partners to History: Martin Luther King Jr., Ralph David Abernathy, and the Civil Rights Movement*

Ralph David Abernathy and Martin Luther King, Jr. were inseparable and together

helped to establish what would become the modern American Civil Rights Movement. Donzaleigh Abernathy, Ralph's youngest daughter, has written *Partners to History* as a testament to the courage, strength and endurance of these men who stirred a nation with their moral fortitude. She also pays tribute to the thousands of unsung heroes—the other partners to this history—who were foot soldiers in the endless struggle for freedom, justice and equality. To attend the program on Zoom sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5121>.

Saturday, Feb. 5 • 2 p.m. • Zoom

Favorite Poems from the Pasadena Rose Poets

The Pasadena Rose Poets celebrate Black History Month reading from a selection of their work as well as poems from favorite poets past and present. To attend the program on Zoom sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5376>.

Monday, Feb. 7 • 5 p.m. • Zoom

A Century of Black Pioneers in Pasadena and Los Angeles

Many people don't realize how deep the roots the African American community has in Southern California. This talk explores the stories of pioneering local Black individuals and communities from the past century, presented by Dave Nufer and Steven McCall. To attend the program on Zoom sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5381>.

Wednesday, Feb. 16 • 5 p.m. • Zoom

African American Firefighters Museum Tour

Join museum historian Brent Burton for a virtual tour of the Los Angeles Firefighters Museum, the first and only free-standing museum dedicated to the African American firefighter experience in the United States. To attend the program on Zoom sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5452>.

Tuesday, Feb. 22 • 5 p.m. • Zoom



Jasmine Elizabeth Smith: *South Flight*

Poet Jasmine Elizabeth Smith presents her poetry collection *South Flight*, a eulogy and unabashed love letter to the history of Black sovereignty, community and resistance in Oklahoma. *South Flight* is set in Boley, Oklahoma in the wake of the Tulsa Race Riots, the worst race riot in U.S. history, and escalating violence toward African Americans across the South in what historians would later call the Red Summer. To attend

the program on Zoom sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5385>.

Thursday, Feb. 24 • 5 p.m. • Zoom



Conversation about *Passing*

Join us for a discussion of Nella Larsen's book, *Passing*, led by Denise McIver, research librarian from the California African American Museum, and Pasadena Public Library librarians Diane Walker and Christine Reeder. *Passing* is the story of Irene Redfield, a Black woman living an affluent, comfortable life with her husband and children in the thriving neighborhood of Harlem in the 1920s. When she reconnects with her childhood friend Clare Kendry, who is similarly light-skinned, Irene discovers that Clare has

been passing for a white woman after severing ties to her past—even hiding the truth from her racist husband. To attend the program on Zoom sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5386>.

Saturday, Feb. 26 • 2 p.m. • Zoom

EXHIBITS

Celebrating Diversity Through Photography Exhibit

Artist Alfred Haymond is a self-taught yet accomplished photographer whose approach is described simply as, "observational photographer, the art of finding those mundane occurrences happening all around us and visually documenting them."

Hastings Branch Library

Reflections

The premise for artist Dr. Patricia Woodlin's exhibition is to share or "reflect" on the unique point of view from a Woman of Color on contemporary and historical topics (Blacks Lives Matter, social and political injustice and mental health) as seen through her creatively diverse artistic perspective (photomontage, collage, mixed-media and assemblage).

Artist, Dr. Patricia Woodlin is a retired art education professor at California State University, Los Angeles. Dr. Woodlin's art is a reflection of her inner journey after years of teaching students. Through her endless manipulation of found images, she creates artworks that reflect her personal experiences and richness of her diverse ancestry.

Hastings and Linda Vista Branch Libraries



The City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and the Pasadena Black History Committee will host the following events in celebration of Black History Month and in lieu of Pasadena's 2022 Annual Black History Month Parade and Festival.

Support Black-Owned Businesses

We encourage everyone to support local Black-owned businesses during the month of February and always. Please visit <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec/community-event/black-history-celebrations/> for a list of businesses.

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Pasadena People, Places, and Events Shaped by African Americans

Take a virtual tour with local community members as they provide information on landmarks, educational institutions, sports, businesses, and other areas impacted by Black Pasadenans. For more information and to sign up, visit <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec/community-event/black-history-celebrations/>.

Monday, Feb. 14-Saturday, Feb. 19

Drive-In Movie

Free, family-friendly drive-in movie at Brookside Park's Area H in celebration of Black History Month. Live music begins at 5 p.m., and free individually wrapped snacks will be provided to the first 100 cars in attendance. Pre-registration recommended at <https://cityofpasadena.net/reserve>.

Saturday, Feb. 26 • 5-10 p.m. • Brookside Park Area H, 360 N. Arroyo Blvd.

Library Locations & Hours

Allendale Branch Library

1130 S. Marengo Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91106
(626) 744-7260

Hastings Branch Library

3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 744-7262

Hill Avenue Branch Library

55 S. Hill Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91106
(626) 744-7264

La Pintoresca Branch Library

1355 N. Raymond Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 744-7268

Lamanda Park Branch Library

140 S. Altadena Dr.
Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 744-7266

Linda Vista Branch Library

1281 Bryant St.
Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 744-7278

San Rafael Branch Library

1240 Nithsdale Rd.
Pasadena, CA 91105
(626) 744-7270

Santa Catalina Branch Library

999 E. Washington Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91104
(626) 744-7272

Villa Parke Branch Library

363 E. Villa St.
Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 744-6510

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All programs and events listed in this brochure are free and open to the public.

Our programs and events are extremely popular. Registration may be required. Check program and event listings for details.

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<https://www.cityofpasadena.net/library/branches/>.