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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2023

The City of Pasadena will commemorate Black History Month by recognizing the achievements and contributions of African Americans and their central role in our nation's history. Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena Black History Committee, and The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library are offering a month-long series of in-person and virtual programs, events, and activities for all ages in the month of February. All programs and events are free.



EVENTS

Black History Breakfast hosted by N.O.B.L.E. Black Fire Fighters Association and Pasadena Black Employee Association

All are welcome to join the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the Black Fire Fighters Association and the Pasadena Black Municipal Employees Association (PBMEA) as they kick off Black History Month by recognizing the accomplishments of African Americans, both locally and nationally, who continue to shape our society for generations of the future. This event will feature pancakes made by Pasadena Firefighters Association, entertainment, raffles, and will include keynote speaker Phyllis E. Currie, Former General Manager at Pasadena Water and Power. Pre-registration is required, please email noblesgvscholars@gmail.com.

Thursday, Feb 2 · 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. · Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

Black History Parade and Festival - Celebrating our Excellence "The Legacy of Councilmember John J. Kennedy"

Southern California's largest and longest-running Black History parade begins at Fair Oaks Ave. and Mountain View St. and ends at Robinson Park. Enjoy the pomp and circumstance of bands, drill and drum teams, community organizations, dignitaries, celebrity Grand Marshal and award-winning sportscaster Jim Hill, and many other parade performers. The festival features live bands, dance performances, community booths, guest speakers, food for purchase, and tons of fun!

Saturday, Feb. 18 · 10 a.m.-4 p.m. · Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.



African Talking Drums Exhibit

Listen, learn and participate in Chazz's world of African Drums, the "heart-beat of all music." Presented by Chazz Ross. **For all ages.**

Thursday, Feb. 23 • 4 p.m. • La Pintesca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave.



Black History Movie Night

Free family-friendly movie showing in celebration of Black History Month. Bring your lawn chair or picnic blanket to sit back and watch **Black Panther 2: Wakanda Forever**. Live music begins at 5 p.m. and food will be available for purchase. The movie begins at dusk at Centennial Square in front of City Hall. Pre-registration is recommended at www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve.

Friday, Feb. 24 • 5 p.m. • City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.



Support Black-Owned Businesses in Pasadena and Altadena

During February and all year long, please support local Black-owned businesses. View a [list of businesses in the Pasadena and Altadena](#) area with African American owners created in collaboration with [Hood Liberation](#). If you wish to add your business to the list, please [fill out the online form](#).

Feb. 1-28 • City Website

"Celebrating Diversity Through Photography" Exhibit

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

Feb. 1-28 • Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.

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 of interest impacted by Black Pasadenans. The virtual tour begins on Wednesday, February 1 at

www.cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec.

Feb. 1-28 • City Website

Alkebu-lan Cultural Center Black History Celebrations

Join the Alkebu-lan Cultural Center as they celebrate African American History Month. The programming for the month includes featured artist Kenneth Gatewood, a genealogy workshop, Capoeira lecture, book talks, Pfamily Steppers senior dance performance, the first annual Black Arts Festival, and more! Please contact the Alkebu-lan Cultural Center at (626) 807-4006 to get information on specific activities, dates, and times.

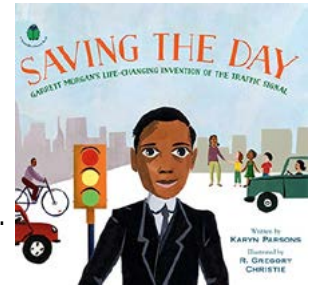
Feb. 5-26 • Alkebu-lan Cultural Center, 1435 N. Raymond Ave.



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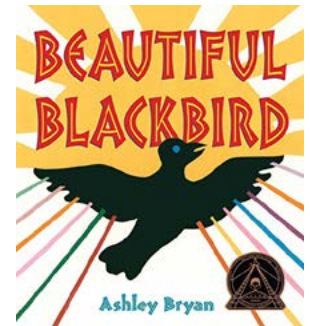
Garrett Morgan, the American Inventor of the Traffic Signal

In celebration of Black History Month, we are highlighting Garrett Morgan. Join us as we read Karyn Parsons' book *Saving the Day: Garrett Morgan's Life-Changing Invention of the Traffic Signal* and share the impact this man made around the world. We will highlight his life, play a game of red-light green-light and then make a traffic light craft to take home. **For ages 5 - 12.** Thursday, Feb. 9 • 2:30 p.m. • San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Rd.



Beautiful Blackbird

Celebrate Black History Month by listening to the story *Beautiful Blackbird* written by Ashley Bryan. Then make a special craft to take home. **For ages 3-5 years.** Thursday, Feb. 16 • 10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 N. Altadena Dr.



TEENS & ADULTS

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

Reverend Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, Sr. and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were inseparable and together helped to establish what would become the modern American Civil Rights Movement. They preached, marched and were frequently jailed together. 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. This document captures in words and pictures how the dream of two visionaries changed the course of American history.

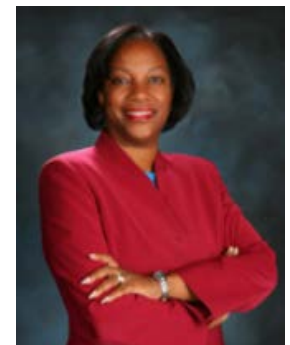
Saturday, Feb. 4 • 2 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 S. Altadena Dr.



Discover Pasadena's Sister City, Dakar, Senegal

Take a journey with us to Dakar-Plateau, Senegal, with our guide, Pasadena City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris, who visited our Sister City on a recent trip focused on reconnecting Africans in the Diaspora with African Americans, specifically in Pasadena. Michele will share stories, photos and videos of her trip to Dakar-Plateau, along with other interesting areas in Senegal. Join us in-person or on Zoom. To attend, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=7309>.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 • 5 p.m. • Zoom & Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.



Pasadena Rose Poets Celebrate Black History Month

We create and share stories of Black lives, even when life takes a deep dive. We are connected to our heritage along a pathway, which strengthens our voices again and again over centuries, years, months, weeks, days, minutes and seconds. This session features poetry by Pasadena Rose Poets Teresa Mei Chuc, Damian, Kate Gale, Hazel Clayton Harrison, Gerda Govine Ituarte, Shahé Mankerian, Toni Mosley, Carla Sameth and Annette Wong. To attend, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=7378>.
Thursday, Feb. 9 • 5 p.m. • Zoom

Notable Black Scientist Buttons and Bookmarks

Celebrate the contributions that Black American scientists have made by collecting three commemorative buttons and bookmarks. While supplies last.
Tuesday, Feb. 14 • 10 a.m. • La Pintoresca Branch Library,
1355 N. Raymond Ave.

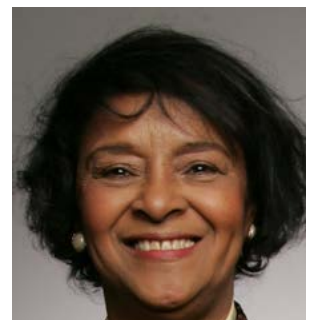
Dr. Alaina Roberts: *I've Been Here All the While*, Black Freedom on Native Land

Perhaps no other symbol has more resonance in African American history than that of "40 acres and a mule" - the lost promise of Black reparations for slavery after the Civil War. In *I've Been Here All the While*, we meet the Black people who received this mythic 40 acres, the American settlers who coveted this land, and the Native Americans whose holdings it originated from. To attend, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=7286>.
Thursday, Feb. 16 • 4 p.m. • Zoom



Lift Every Voice: An Evening with Angeline Butler, a Powerful Voice of the Civil Rights Movement

Join us for a conversation about resistance with Angeline Butler, the celebrated singer, actress, playwright, producer, instructor and student organizer for Civil Rights during her teens. She was one of the first students to be jailed for their nonviolent resistance. Jackie Robinson called her "one of the first 'sit-in' leaders of the Nashville Movement." In 1960, Butler helped organize the Nashville Student Nonviolent Central Committee along with Marion Barry, Jr. and John Lewis. She was also a student advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr. and an organizer of the 1963 March on Washington. Beyond her work as an activist, Butler's career as a singer and actor spanned many decades, and over seven countries. She is currently a lecturer in Africana Studies at the John Jay College for Criminal Justice in New York. She will be joining us on Zoom, but you can view her talk on a big screen at Hastings Branch Library. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions. To attend on Zoom, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=7298>.
Thursday, Feb. 16 • 6 p.m. • Zoom & Hastings Branch Library,
3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.



Quilt Block Portraits

In honor of Black History Month, make a quilt block portrait in celebration of the Quilting Women of Gee's Bend Alabama. Fabric, fusible web and other materials will be utilized. For inspiration, bring a reference photo of your favorite pet, person or subject. Materials provided by REMAINDERS Creative Reuse, an upcycle depot focused on sustainability and reuse of creative materials. **For ages 13+**. To sign up call (626) 744-7272.

Saturday, Feb. 18 • 2:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch Library, 999 E. Washington Blvd.

Toni Ann Johnson: *Light Skin Gone to Waste: Stories*

Winner of the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction, author Toni Ann Johnson draws from experiences with racism and bad parenting in a new short story collection, *Light Skin Gone to Waste*. This is Johnson's third publication. Her novella *Homegoing* was a semi-finalist for the William Faulkner Wisdom Award in fiction. *Remedy For a Broken Angel* earned Johnson a 2015 NAACP Image Award nomination for Outstanding Literary Work by a Debut Author. To attend, sign up at

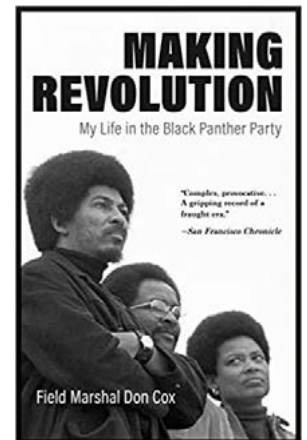
<https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=7124>.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 • 5 p.m. • Zoom

Kimberly Cox Marshall: *Making Revolution: My Life In the Black Panther Party*

Making Revolution is Don Cox's revelatory, even incendiary account of his years in the Black Panther Party. He participated in many peaceful Bay Area civil rights protests but hungered for more militant action. His book tells the story of his work as the party's field marshal in charge of gunrunning to planning armed attacks—tales which are told for the first time in this remarkable memoir. Cox wrote these unrepentant recollections in the early 1980s while living in exile in France, enjoining his daughter, Kimberly to promise him that she would do everything she could to have them published. Kimberly will join us in-person to talk about her father and his life in the Black Panther Party. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Friday, Feb. 24 • 5 p.m. • Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.



BEYOND THE BOOK — PPL'S BOOK GROUPS

We offer in-person and virtual formats that allow you to keep in contact with fellow book lovers as you discuss new books together.

Hill Avenue Book Club

In February, we will celebrate Black History Month by discussing two books about Belle da Costa Green: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and *Belle Greene* by Alexandra LaPierre. To attend, sign up at

<https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=7311>.

Saturday, Feb. 11 • 10:30 a.m. • Zoom

Allendale Book Discussion Group

In celebration of Black History Month will discuss *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward.

**Saturday, Feb. 18 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch Library,
1130 S. Marengo Ave.**

West Pasadena Book Discussion Group

Linda Vista and San Rafael branches joint book group.

We will meet to discuss *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row* by Anthony Ray Hinton in celebration of Black History Month.

Saturday, Feb. 18 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch Library

FILMS

We invite you to join our movie series anytime you wish at home, available through hoopla. To access it go to <https://hoopladigital.com>. Create your own login complete with email and password. Then select "Pasadena Public Library." Finally, enter your 14-digit library card number. Selected by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library.

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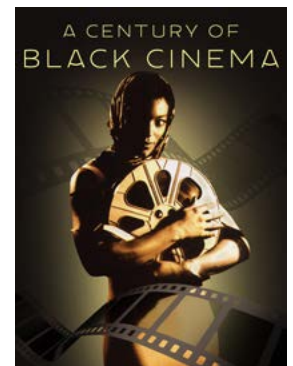
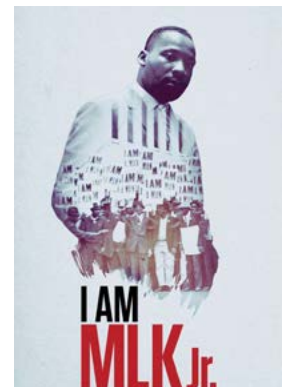
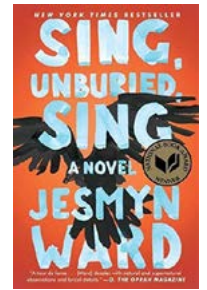
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I Am MLK, Jr. (2018) NR CC Documentary (Commemorating Martin Luther King Day)

I Am MLK Jr. celebrates the life and explores the character of American icon Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Following his journey across the mountaintops and valleys while capturing the Civil Rights Movement at large, the film provides intimate, first-hand insights on Dr. King, exploring moments of personal challenge and elation, and an ongoing movement that is as important today as when Dr. King first shone a light on the plight of his fellow African Americans.

A Century of Black Cinema (2003) NR CC Documentary (Commemorating Black History Month)

African Americans have made huge leaps in the film industry, both in front of the camera and behind it, and are finally being recognized for their work. This film explores the journey African Americans had to take within cinema to get to where they are now. This film touches upon topics of racially insensitive films that perpetuated racial myths, unjust representation on screen, African American films vanishing into obscurity despite their merit, and more.



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023



10 A.M. – NOON

Parade begins at North Fair Oaks Avenue and Mountain View Street

NOON – 4 P.M.

Festival at Robinson Park
1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit CityOfPasadena.net/parks-and-rec or call (626) 744-7300