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Maribel de Jesús, 233-2600

Palm Beach County Library System Celebrates Black History Month

The Palm Beach County Library System invites you to a monthlong celebration. We will be offering events that honor the heritage, contributions and achievements of our African American community. Enjoy book discussions, musical performances, the celebration of our #1000blackgirlbooks collection, art, films and more. View the list of events in Happenings, our monthly calendar of special events and the Library's website, www.pbclibrary.org, for additional Black History Month activities.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Palm Beach County Library System.

WEST BOYNTON BRANCH | Phone: 734-5556

Tue, Feb 04, 2:00 pm

Black History Month Kickoff: Jazz Concert - Samm & Joshua Youers

Delight your senses and relax while listening to smooth jazz vocals and cool acoustic bass. (60 min.) Preregister.

GREENACRES BRANCH | Phone: 641-9100

Wed, Feb 05, 2:30 pm

Kara Walker Inspired Silhouette Art

Learn about celebrated artist Kara Walker. Artist Barbara Freiberg will teach you how to draw outlines of full-length silhouette figures based on Kara Walker's style. Limit 25. (90 min.) Preregister.

MAIN LIBRARY | Phone: 233-2600

Thu, Feb 06, 2:00 pm

Black History Month Documentary Series

"First Person Singular: John Hope Franklin." ©PBS. (60 min.) Shown with permission. Not rated.

TEQUESTA BRANCH | Phone: 746-5970

Fri, Feb 07, 2:30 pm

Black History Month Documentary Series: Slavery by Another Name

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HAGEN RANCH ROAD BRANCH | Phone: 894-7500

Mon, Feb 10, 2:00 pm

Black History Month Documentary Series

"Boss, the Black Experience in Business." ©PBS. (120 min.) Shown with permission. Not rated.

GLADES ROAD BRANCH | Phone: 482-4554

Mon, Feb 10, 2:00 pm

Horace Pippin Inspired Colored Pencil Art

Learn about folk artist Horace Pippin. Artist Barbara Freiberg will teach you how to draw a forest scene, based on Horace Pippin's painting Maple Sugar Season. Limit 25. (90 min.) Preregister.

Thu, Feb 13, 2:00 pm

A History of African American Literature

Dr. Sika Dagbovie-Mullins, Department of English professor at FAU, presents a brief history of African American literature and provides recommendations. (60 min.) Preregister.

CLARENCE E. ANTHONY BRANCH | Phone: 992-8393

Sat, Feb 15, 12:00 pm

Book Discussion: "The Fire Next Time," by James Baldwin

Book discussion led by Dr. Esther Berry. Refreshments provided. (2 hr.)

GREENACRES BRANCH | Phone: 641-9100

Sat, Feb 15, 2:00 pm

Movie Matinee

"Southside With You." ©Miramax. (84 min.) In recognition of Black History Month. Preregister. PG-13

OKEECHOBEE BOULEVARD BRANCH | Phone: 233-1800

Sat, Feb 15, 2:30 pm

Writers LIVE! Presents: Walter Naegle

Author Walter Naegle discusses the historically overlooked civil rights hero, Bayard Rustin, in "Troublemaker for Justice: The Story of Bayard Rustin, the Man Behind the March on Washington." Books available for purchase. A book signing will follow. Preregister in person, by phone or online at www.pbclibrary.org/writers-live-2020 beginning Wed, Jan 22. (60 min.)

WELLINGTON BRANCH | Phone: 790-6070

Tue, Feb 18, 6:30 pm

A History of African American Literature

Dr. Sika Dagbovie-Mullins, Department of English professor at FAU presents a brief history of African American Literature and provides recommendations. Limit 25. (90 min.) Preregister.

LANTANA ROAD BRANCH | Phone: 304-4500

Sun, Feb 23, 3:00 pm

LGBTQIA Book Discussion: "Don't Call Us Dead: Poems," by Danez Smith

Copies available at the member services desk. Limit 20. (60 min.) Preregister.

Mon, Feb 24, 2:00 pm

Black History Month: Zora's Roots

"Zora's Roots: The Life of Zora Neale Hurston." ©PBS Production. (60 min.) First come, first served. Preregister. Shown with permission. PG

MAIN LIBRARY | Phone: 233-2600

Tue, Feb 25, 2:00 pm 🕒

Jacob Lawrence Inspired Watercolor Art

Learn about acclaimed artist and educator Jacob Lawrence. Artist Barbara Freiberg will teach you how to use watercolor paints to create an indoor library scene, based on his famous painting, *The Libraries Are Appreciated*. Limit 25. (90 min.) Preregister.

GARDENS BRANCH | Phone: 626-6133

Tue, Feb 25, 6:00 pm

Black History Discussion: "The 1619 Project," by The New York Times Magazine

Ronald Glass will lead a discussion of the article "Sugar," by Khalil Gibran Muhammad (pages 70-77). Print copies of the article are available at the research services desk and a PDF version is available at <http://pulitzercenter.org/1619>. A collection of essays published in *The New York Times Magazine*, the series examines the ways the legacy of slavery continues to shape America and "aims to reframe American history" to place "the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans at the very center of the story we tell ourselves about who we are." (90 min.) Preregister.

HAGEN RANCH ROAD BRANCH | Phone: 894-7500

Thu, Feb 27, 2:00 pm 🕒

The Legacy of Margaret Garner: Lessons of Survival & Empowerment for Today

Dr. Delores Walters discusses Garner's life and the resistance and survival of other black women in various settings during the enslavement era. (60 min.) Preregister.

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LANTANA ROAD BRANCH | Phone: 304-4500

Sat, Feb 29, 2:00 pm

Black History Discussion: "The 1619 Project," by The New York Times Magazine

Ronald Glass will lead a discussion of the article "Traffic," by Kevin M. Kruse (pages 48-49) and "The Wealth Gap," by Trymain Lee (pages 82-83). Print copies of the articles available at the research services desk and a PDF version is available at <http://pulitzercenter.org/1619>. A collection of essays published in *The New York Times Magazine*, the series examines the ways the legacy of slavery continues to shape America and "aims to reframe American history" to place "the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans at the very center of the story we tell ourselves about who we are." (90 min.) Preregister.

FAMILY EVENTS

LOULA V. YORK BRANCH | Phone: 924-5928

Wed, Feb 05, 5:30 pm 🕒

Sail Away: A Black History Month Celebration!

Be inspired by the lyrical poems of Langston Hughes and the vibrant art of Ashley Bryan, at this celebration of their collaborative work, "Sail Away." Refreshments provided. Ages 5 & up. (60 min.) Preregister.

BELLE GLADE BRANCH | Phone: 996-3453

Wed, Feb 12, 11:00 am 🕒

Mamma Griot & Her Rocking Story Bag!

An engaging joyous celebration of music, the universal bonding that occurs through storytelling and the beauty of diversity. (45 min.) Preregister.

ACREAGE BRANCH | Phone: 681-4100

Thu, Feb 13, 3:30 pm

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MAIN LIBRARY | Phone: 233-2600

Fri, Feb 14, 10:30 am

#1000blackgirlbooks: A Celebration!

The Library did it! We curated over 1,000 books featuring black girl protagonists! Come celebrate with a special story time and a performance by Orisirisi. All ages. (60 min.) Preregister.

MULTIPLE BRANCHES

Orisirisi African Folklore Presents: Moonlight Stories

Orisirisi shares the beauty of African life and culture through storytelling. With African drumming, spirited call and response songs and fun-filled audience participation, Moonlight Stories will appeal to the child's heart in everyone. All ages. (45 min.) Preregister.

Wed, Feb 12, 10:30 am

West Boca Branch | Phone: 470-1600

Fri, Feb 14, 4:00 pm

Lantana Road Branch | Phone: 304-4500

Wed, Feb 12, 3:30 pm

Glades Road Branch | Phone: 482-4554

Tue, Feb 25, 11:00 am

Belle Glade Branch | Phone: 996-3453

Fri, Feb 14, 10:30 am

Main Library | Phone: 233-2600

Tue, Feb 25, 3:00 pm

Wellington Branch | Phone: 790-6070

Positively Africa!

Experience the music and culture of Africa with Julius and Julia Sanna from Positively Africa. Children will enjoy playing African instruments and learning simple Swahili songs. All ages. (45 min.)

Fri, Feb 14, 10:00 am

Jupiter Branch | Phone: 744-2301

Fri, Feb 28, 10:30 am

Greenacres Branch | Phone: 641-9100

Sat, Feb 15, 2:00 pm

Mangonia Town Hall, Mangonia Park 33407

Sat, Feb 29, 3:00 pm

Royal Palm Beach Branch | Phone: 790-6030

Mon, Feb 24, 11:00 am

Gardens Branch | Phone: 626-9100

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