



EVERYTHING *Black!*

BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

Director's Reflections

What's UP 2025!

Yes, With the year already forging ahead with a myriad of opportunities (and challenges), The Roosevelt Public Library has always been ready with an unwavering passion for this, our, Community and has laid the groundwork for many meaningful endeavors for your future-selves. As a matter of fact, the Board of Trustees, the Library's Team and many other vested folks have crafted discussions, workshops and even an anticipated podcast to deliver REAL TALK (YESSS, we are making vital use of the Library's hidden gems – The VELT, our very own Recording Studio). And there's plenty to talk about! With the push back on teaching anything BLACK, we'll delve into hot topics like DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion), along with CRT (Critical Race Theory) and All the hot topics affecting World views of our past, present and future and how impactful federally funded programs will hit schools and libraries! Yes, Everything Black is REAL TALK!

READ On Roosevelt! NJoy!

Joy L. Rankin - Library Director

Gele Magic! The Beginners' Guide to the Art of African Head Wrapping



Saturday, February 11 | 2:00 PM-3:30 PM

This is a workshop and demonstration in which participants will learn about the art of headwrapping, adornment and Afro-Fusion hairstyles. Everyone leaves with their own headwrap.

Move It Drum It! Shake It! Series

Saturdays at 11:00 AM

- West African Dance with N-Dack!
- Belly Dancing with Cashel!
- Djembe Drumming with Fred!

- February 1**
- February 8**
- February 15 & 22**



Haitian Macaroni Au Gratin

With Chef Maritiza Desroches

Wednesday, February 5 | 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Patrons will have the opportunity to learn how to make Haitian Macaroni au Gratin. Patrons do not have to bring anything, just themselves.



The 'EVERYTHING BLACK' Conversations & Concert

The True History of Black Humanity

Led by Ryan Cuffee Caston, Africana Studies Mentee at Nassau Community College

Wednesdays | 6:00 PM-7:30 PM | February 5, 12 & 19

The 'EVERYTHING BLACK' Concert

Featuring the Sounds of the Bartlett Contemporaries with DJ Marvin Inniss

Saturday, February 22 | 5:00 PM-8:00 PM

'EVERYTHING BLACK'

Gonna Be All 'WRITE' Author Forum

Thursdays at 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Javaka Steptoe! February 6

"Radiant Child"

Constance White! February 20

"How To Slay"

Tamara Payne! February 27

*"The Dead Are Arising
The Life of Malcolm X"*

Piano Essentials

Saturdays: February 8 or 15

Children ages 10 and up - **3:00 PM**

Adults - **4:00 PM**

Only 4 students per class session. \$10 fee for all registrants. Registration limited to one session.



Jumping For Joy

Double Dutch with Coach Bukun

Wednesdays | 6:00PM-7:30 PM

January 29; February 12 & 26; March 12 & 26



**Check Out
'EVERYTHING BLACK'**



ADULT ZONE...



Join us Super Bowl Sunday

February 9 | 6:00 PM
Come watch the SUPER BOWL game at the Roosevelt Public Library on the BIG screen! Bring friends! Bring your own refreshments!

Tax Season Tips

With Nassau County Executive Bruce A. Blakeman and the Nassau County Office of Minority Affairs, Women's Center for Business and Leadership, and NYS Department of Taxation and Finance

Tuesday, February 11 | 5:30 AM-6:45 PM

What you need to know about filing your taxes...All are welcome! Please join us at the Roosevelt Public Library. RSVP with QR Code.



VITA Program-Tax Preparation

(In Person only)

Starts Tuesday, February 25 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

VITA is by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment call Mrs. Bridgers or Ms. Cardwell at (516) 378-0222.



Defensive Driving Class

With It is Well Driving School

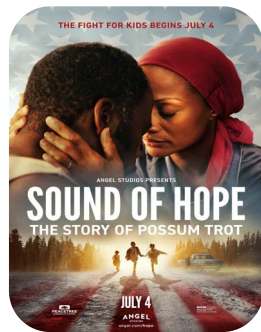
Saturday, February 22 | 9:30 AM-4:00 PM

This is a defensive driving class geared for all drivers. The fee for the class is \$30.00, a check or money order only, made out to "It is Well Driving School." Registration is at the Reference Desk. For more information contact the Reference Desk on 516-378-0222, ext 3.

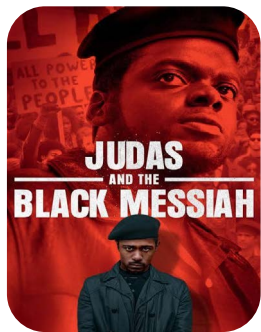


MOVIES ON THE ROOF

Wednesdays | 4PM



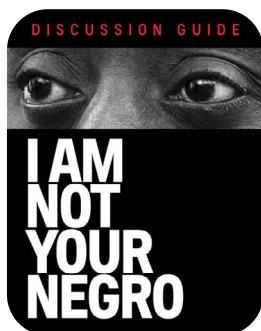
February 5
SOUND OF HOPE
PG-13 | 129 Min.



February 12
JUDAS AND THE BLACK MESSIAH
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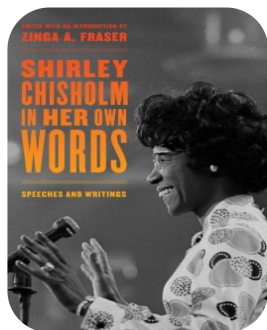


February 19
MARSHALL
PG-13 | 119 Min.

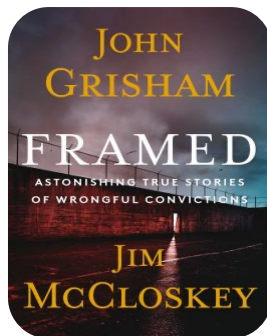


February 26
I'M NOT YOUR NEGRO
PG-13 | 94 Min.

NEW BOOKS



Shirley Chisholm In Her Own Words: Speeches and Writings
2024 [BH 305.4889 C]
Shirley Chisholm & Zinga A. Fraser.



Framed
2024 [345.0122 G]
John Grisham and Jim McCloskey.

CHILDREN'S

AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN HERE

February program registration begins Now
March program registration begins February 27.
April program registration begins March 24.

Baby & Me

Ages birth-23 months
Mondays: February 3, 10 | 10:30 AM-11:30 AM
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Mondays: April 7, 14, 21 | 10:30 AM-11:30 AM
Share stories, songs, and playtime together.

Tots & Tales

Ages 2-5
Thursdays: February 6, 13, 20 | 10:30 AM-11:30 AM
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Thursdays: April 3, 10, 17 | 10:30 AM-11:30 AM
Enjoy stories, songs and a simple art activity with your child.

Winter Storytime

Ages 2-5
Monday, February 24 | 10:30 AM-11:30 AM
Listen to stories, sing songs, and participate in a fun winter activity!

Black History Trivia Challenge

All Ages
Tuesdays, February 4 & 11 | 4:00 PM
An exciting and interactive way to explore the rich history, achievements, and contributions of African Americans. Test your knowledge, learn new facts, and celebrate the individuals and events that have shaped history and culture.

Black History Storytime and Crafts

Grades: K to 2nd Grade
February 5 | 4:00 PM
A vibrant and educational experience that brings African American history to life through engaging stories and hands-on creativity. Children and families can celebrate Black heritage by learning about influential figures, events, and traditions while creating meaningful crafts inspired by the culture.

WINTER BREAK EVENTS

Black History Scavenger Hunt

Grades: K to 2nd Grade
Available each day, beginning February 18-22 | 12:00 PM-1:00 PM
Embark on a week-long Black History Scavenger Hunt! Explore inspiring stories, historical landmarks, and notable achievements from Black history while completing fun, interactive challenges. Celebrate the richness of Black culture and legacy as you uncover hidden clues and learn something new each day. Perfect for individuals, families, or groups—let's honor history together!

Self Portraits influenced by Jean-Michel Basquiat

Grades: 2nd Grade to 5th Grade
February 19 | 3:00 PM
Unleash your creativity with a program inspired by the bold, dynamic style of Jean-Michel Basquiat, a groundbreaking African American artist. Participants will explore his iconic techniques and themes while creating expressive, graffiti-style artworks that celebrate individuality and cultural storytelling.

TEEN CORNER

IT'S YOURS

HS Students

Earn community service hours and make a difference by attending our library programs! From assisting with events to helping younger students, you'll gain valuable experience while supporting your community.

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Drop-In: Black History Month Heart Tree Craft

Age group: 7-14
Saturday, February 15 | 2:00 PM-4:00 PM
Celebrate Black History Month by creating your own Heart Tree. This easy craft will add a special touch to your room or locker!
Registration for this event will be open from Tuesday, January 28 to February 15.

WINTER BREAK EVENTS

Vacation Special: Cultural Cooking

Age: 5-13 With Parent/Guardian
Tuesday, February 18 | 6:00 PM
Chef Andrea Massop-Ramos from Healthy Friendz will instruct kids in making a healthy and delicious cultural meal. Sign-up begins January 30.
Information on allergies and sensitivities are required.

Black History Scavenger Hunt

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Available each day beginning February 18-22 | 12:00 PM-1:00 PM
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Learn How to DJ with DJ Gully

Grades: 6 and up
February 18 | 4:00 PM
African American culture offers a powerful connection to the roots of hip-hop, funk, soul, and house music—genres born from the creativity and resilience of Black communities. Join us and learn the art of mixing these genres together.

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February 19 | 5:00 PM
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COLLEGE PLANNING...FAFSA

Wednesday, February 26 | 6:00 PM-7:00 PM
Sign-Up begins January 28.
Come this evening to learn more about your child's FAFSA Application for college. The Library is here to provide support and clear information about Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and New York State's Tuition Assistance Program (NYS TAP).

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Tuesday
9:00 AM-8:00 PM

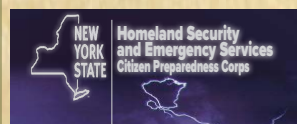
Wednesday
12:00 PM-8:00 PM

Thursday
9:00 AM-8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday
9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Sunday
CLOSED

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POSTAL CUSTOMER



SIGN UP FOR A FREE CLASS TO LEARN ABOUT PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. **The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program** teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to normal conditions. This training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Each family that attends will receive one preparedness kit.

Roosevelt Public Library
Thursday, March 6
6:00 PM-8:00 PM



Registration is required to attend the event. To register visit www.prepare.ny.gov or the QR code



This event is brought to you by Governor Hochul in conjunction with:



Roosevelt Public Library
Annual Women's Tea
Celebration

Saturday, March 22, 2025



Kanopy is an excellent streaming platform for exploring Black history documentaries, offering a wide selection of films that delve into African American culture, history, and experiences. It's completely free to access with a library card from the Roosevelt Public Library. Simply create an account, link your library card, and start streaming to discover stories that inspire and educate.



While the Wildlife Conservation Society does NOT offer passes to public libraries, Roosevelt Public Library is happy to announce that we have been selected as a WCS Affiliate Partner, enabling us to provide Roosevelt Library cardholders with a 20% discount on admission to the Bronx Zoo, Central Park Zoo, New York Aquarium, Queens Zoo and the Prospect Park Zoo.

To purchase tickets, enter the promo code **Roosevelt** at:

<https://ticketing.wcs.org/WebStore/shop/PromotionCode.aspx?PromotionID=1&CG=AFFSALES&C=AFFTIXWCS>

OR



SCAN TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS!

