

THE NEW ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**



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Saturday, February 1
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**Bokandeye African
Dance Workshops**

Saturdays, February 1, 8 and 15
3:30 - 4:30 PM
February 22, 1:00 - 2:30 PM



**Sunday Afternoon Concert
Series: Tenor Brandon
Hornsby-Selvin**

Sunday, February 2
3:00 PM



**Friday Night Concert Series:
The Ray Blue Ensemble**

Friday, February 7
7:00 PM



**Groundbreaking Black
Comedians (Virtual)**

Tuesday, February 11
7:00 PM



**Spin a Soft African Story,
Sing a Soft African Song***

Wednesday, February 19
2:00 PM



**Black History Month
Storytime & Unity Bracelets***

Wednesday, February 19
4:00 PM



**Bokandeye African
Dance Performance**

Saturday, February 22
3:30 PM



**Motown Records and
Berry Gordy (Virtual)**

Tuesday, February 25
6:30 PM

**Children's program*



**Turn over for
details and
registration**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In honor of Black History Month, the New Rochelle Public Library is pleased to present these historical perspectives, dance, and music programs celebrating African American leaders and culture.

NRPL "VROOM" Film Series:

Greased Lightning (1977)

Saturday, February 1, 12:00 PM

The true story of Wendell Scott, a World War II veteran and moonshine runner who became the first African-American driver to compete in NASCAR and win the Grand National Series.

Bokandeye African Dance Workshops

Saturdays, February 1, 8, and 15, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Saturday, February 22, 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Children (ages 4 and up), teens and adults are invited to join in this 6-week African Dance workshop where participants will learn basic traditional West African dance movements.

Sunday Afternoon Concert Series:

Celebrating Black History Month with

Tenor Brandon Hornsby-Selvin

Sunday, February 2, 3:00 PM

Tenor Brandon Hornsby-Selvin celebrates Black History Month with a recital of songs including classical, spirituals, and Broadway favorites. Join us for this uplifting program by a gifted young artist, presented in collaboration with Young Musicians of Westchester.

Friday Night Concert Series:

The Ray Blue Ensemble

Friday, February 7, 7:00 PM

Celebrate Black History Month at New Rochelle Public Library with a mesmerizing evening of jazz performed by The Ray Blue Ensemble filled with authenticity, sincerity, and a lively swing. Ray Blue, a charismatic saxophonist and composer, is a celebrated performer who, along with his ensemble of talented musicians, captures the hearts of minds of his listeners.

Groundbreaking Black Comedians (Virtual)

Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 PM

Godfrey Cambridge, Redd Foxx, Dick Gregory, Flip Wilson, Nipsey Russell, Richard Pryor, Bill Cosby, and Eddie Murphy! In honor of Black History Month, this very unique presentation will celebrate the incredible contributions these eight comedians brought to the world of comedy.

Spin a Soft African Story, Sing a Soft African Song*

Wednesday, February 19, 2:00 PM

International Storyteller/Singer, Therese Folkes Plair celebrates Black History Month with stories from the African diaspora with tributes to award-winning authors of children's literature: Nikki Giovanni, Ella Jenkins & Efua Sutherland.

Black History Month Storytime & Unity Bracelets*

Wednesday, February 19, 4:00 PM

Celebrate Black History Month with a special story time and art activity from our friends at the New Rochelle Youth Bureau. Kids will hear stories centered around black heritage that are sure to entertain and inspire. Then we'll create "Unity" bracelets to proudly wear and share. Ages 4 - 12.

Bokandeye African Dance Performance

Saturday, February 22, 3:30 PM

Celebrate Black History Month with an incredible performance by the participants of the Bokandeye African Dance six-week workshop! Watch as they showcase their newly acquired dance skills, bringing the vibrant traditions and rhythms of African culture to life on stage.

Motown Records and Berry Gordy (Virtual)

Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 PM

Celebrate Black History Month with a captivating look at the legendary Motown record label, founded by Berry Gordy in 1959. In this virtual program, historian Rick Feingold will share fascinating stories and classic video footage of Motown's early years.

To register visit:
bit.ly/NewNRPLCalendar
or scan the QR Code!



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