

# Black History Month 2017



**HONORING THE JOURNEY  
WITH EAST ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
AND THE CITY OF EAST ORANGE**



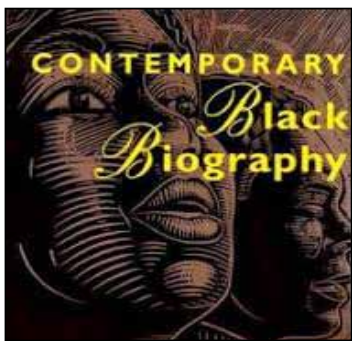
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## Continuing Education and Enrichment



### CONTEMPORARY BLACK BIOGRAPHIES

The Contemporary Black Biography on-line database provides informative biographical profiles of the important and influential persons of African American and black heritage. It covers persons of various nationalities in a wide variety of fields, including architecture, art, business, dance, education, fashion, film industry, journalism, law, literature, medicine, music, politics and government, publishing, religion, science and technology, social issues, sports, television, theater, and many more.



### OXFORD AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER

The Oxford African American Studies Center combines the authority of carefully edited reference works with sophisticated technology to create the most comprehensive collection of scholarship available online to focus on the lives and events which have shaped African American and African history and culture.



*The definitive electronic research tool for African American history and culture.*

Developed with the guidance of African American librarians and subject specialists, The African American Experience is the widest ranging and easiest-to-use online database collection on African American history and culture. Organized by era, it covers the topic of African American history and its relation to U.S. history through published articles, essays, objects and artifacts, ideas and movements, images, documents and other historical and culturally-valuable sources.



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#### Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Thursdays  
January 12  
February 9  
7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Main Library  
East Orange Room

#### Meeting of the Friends of the Library

Tuesdays  
January 3  
February 7  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Main Library  
Administrative  
Meeting Room

#### Directory

Administration Office  
973-266-5607  
Circulation Desk  
973-266-5601  
Information Desk  
973-266-7049  
Junior Department  
973-266-5627

**21 South Arlington Avenue  
East Orange, NJ 07018  
973-266-5600**

Monday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Tuesday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Wednesday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### Our Mission

The East Orange Public Library helps people of all ages meet their informational, educational, and recreational needs by acquiring, organizing, and assisting in the use of print and non-print resources.





**EAST ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE CITY OF EAST ORANGE**  
**CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2017**  
**21 SOUTH ARLINGTON AVENUE • EAST ORANGE • 973-266-7049**



**MAYA ANGELOU:  
REFLECTIONS OF  
A BLESSED SOUL**

**ADULTS & TEENS**



**Wednesday • February 1  
6:00–8:30 pm  
Main Library  
East Orange Room**

REFLECTIONS OF A BLESSED SOUL is a tribute to the beloved Dr. Maya Angelou and offers an intimate portrait of one of the greatest artists/poets/activists/teachers and humanitarians of our time. Dr. Angelou shares insights and stories of her rich and colorful life which included the most dynamic people in the world. With a razor sharp memory Dr. Angelou reflects on her unforgettable experiences with such notables as jazz musician, Max Roach, Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Malcolm X, Dr. Martin Luther King, Reverend Eric Butterworth, Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates, and Amiri Baraka.

The interview was conducted by Foremost Productions, an independent New Jersey film company. Their award-winning team includes director/executive producer/co-writer, Hafiz Farid; executive producer/co-writer, Shelley Grodner Seidenstein; and editor/videographer, also, EOPL's own, Richard A. Woods.

*Discussion and Q&A with Foremost Productions' team will follow the film.*



**FAMILY PROGRAM**

**Saturday  
January 28  
1:00–3:30 pm  
Main Library  
East Orange Room**

Celebrate reading! Join us at this free event for book readings from special, prominent community guests, book give-aways, snacks, face painting. *Family Zumba Class at 2:30 pm!*

*Being Offered in Partnership with East Orange Department of Child Protection and Permanency*

**DREAMWEAVER:  
THE WORKS OF LANGSTON HUGHES**

**ADULTS & TEENS**



**Monday  
February 6  
6:00–7:15 pm  
Main Library  
East Orange Room**

Join actor and writer David Mills and celebrate Harlem Renaissance writer Langston Hughes, affectionately known as Shakespeare in Harlem, in this one-person-dramatic rendition of Hughes' poems and short stories. Listen as Mills' performance takes the audience on an odyssey spanning five decades, from the 1920s through the 1960s, of Hughes' writings. Watch as Mills portrays Hughes' notable characters, such as Madam Alberta K. Johnson and Jessie B. Simple.

**AFRICAN STORY TELLING & DRUMS  
FAMILY PROGRAM**



**Wednesday  
February 8  
6:00–7:30 pm  
Main Library  
East Orange Room**

Join Master Storyteller Shirley Johnson and her drummer Chris from Sankofa Stories for tales from Africa. These enchanting and entertaining stories are not only inspiring and captivating but educational as well.

**BOOKS ON THE MOVE:  
LITERARY TOUR**

**JUNIORS  
GRADES K–7**



**Saturday  
February 11  
3:00–4:00 pm  
Main Library  
East Orange Room**

Learn about salsa and the life of Celia Cruz through the reading of "Celia Cruz, Queen of Salsa," by Victoria Chambers. The book will be read by a New Jersey Performing Arts Center Arts Education Teaching Artist.

*The first 25 children to attend the event will receive a free book as a thank you from NJPAC.*



**DISCOVER THE  
HISTORY OF YOU**

**ADULTS**

**Tuesday  
February 14  
4:30–6:00 pm  
Main Library  
CIT Lab**

Did you know you can explore your family tree at EOPL for free? As part of the services offered through the EOPL Local History Room, Ancestry Library Edition brings the world's most popular genealogy resource to you. Whether you are a professional or hobbyist, attend this workshop to learn how to search the ancestry.com network and find out how to unlock the story of you.

**BE A STAR!  
FAMILY PROGRAM**

**Saturday  
February 18  
2:00–4:30 pm  
Main Library  
East Orange Room**



Be Inspired and celebrate the youth in the community with two wonderful performances. Be dazzled by a dance group from Whitney Houston School and listen to inspiring speeches from The NJ Orators at this exciting event.

*Activities for Adults, Ages 18 and over, throughout February will include: a "Fact of the Day" and Weekly Quizzes.*



**BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH  
BOOK BINGO  
JUNIORS  
GRADES K–7**

**Friday  
February 3  
4:00 - 5:00 pm  
Main Library  
Junior Department**

Celebrate Black History Month with Book Cover BINGO.

**JUMP-START INTO  
COMIC ART  
JUNIORS  
GRADES 4–7**

**Wednesday  
February 8  
4:00–5:00 pm  
Main Library  
East Orange Room**

Join artist Sherritta Allen and learn how to create your own comic!



**LET'S GET  
COOKIN'  
Wednesdays  
6:00–7:30 pm  
Main Library  
East Orange Room**

**February 15  
TEENS**

**February 22  
ADULTS**

Join professional nutritionist and chef from ShopRite, Ms. Sally, and learn how to whip up heart healthy recipes from the African Heritage Diet. All ingredients and cooking supplies will be provided.

*Space is limited. First come first served.*

**EOPL CULTURAL CAFE  
ADULTS & TEENS**

**Thursday • February 16  
6:00 - 8:30 pm  
Main Library  
East Orange Room**

**JOIN US AS WE REMEMBER  
MALCOLM X AND AMIRI BARAKA**

*featured performers*



**Zayid Muhammad Antoinette Ellis Williams**

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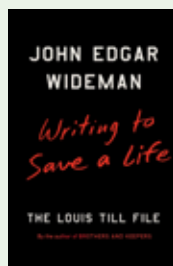
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**FICTION/NON-FICTION  
ADULTS**

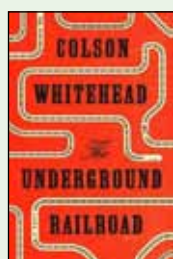
**Mondays  
6:00–7:30 pm  
Main Library**

**2nd Fl Conference Room**  
Explore recently published fiction and non-fiction titles and discuss your observations and opinions.



**January 30**

**"Writing to Save a Life"  
by John Edgar Wideman**



**February 27**

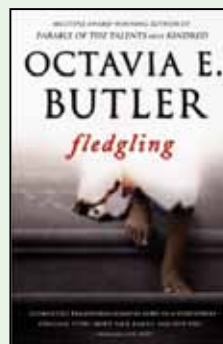
**"Underground Railroad"  
by Colson Whitehead**

**BOOK CLUBS**

**GENRE  
ADULTS**

**Thursday  
February 9  
6:00–7:30 pm  
Main Library**

**2nd Fl Adult Services Office**  
Celebrate your love of reading books from across the broad and beautiful spectrum of genres.



**Fantasy Genre  
"Fledgling"  
by Octavia Butler**

**EAGER READERS  
JUNIORS: GRADES K-3**

**Tuesdays  
4:00–5:00 pm  
Main Library  
2nd Fl Conference Room**



**January 17**

**"A Lesson for Martin Luther King Jr."  
by Denise Lewis Patrick**



**February 21**

**"The Snowy Day"  
by Ezra Jack Keats**