



CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF BLACK HISTORY COMMEMORATIONS

Dear BPAG Community,

Below is a curated list of Black History Month events taking place throughout the NYC and Northern New Jersey area. As we gather and engage, we do so during a milestone year; 2026 marks 100 years since the establishment of Negro History Week, first launched in February 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson and later expanded into what we now honor as Black History Month.

This centennial offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect, celebrate, and participate together. We hope that these events provide options for family outings as well as opportunities to connect with fellow BPAG families and friends.

We encourage you to reach out to one another to coordinate and share in this historic moment



Newark Museum of Art (NMOA) — Multiple events throughout February, including *Art After Dark: College Night* (featuring live music and a Black History Month tribute speech), *Family First Saturday* with performances by the *New Jersey Tap Dance Ensemble*, and *Harlem Renaissance Family Drop-In* activities highlighting relief printmaking.

Maplewood Arts & Culture — Features cooking demonstrations with Chef Jesse, Newark Museum artist programs, an *African Fashion Show*, and family movie screenings

Brooklyn Children's Museum - Brooklyn's boldest celebration of Black imagination, invention, and joy, shaped by Black creators. Create art, learn dances, make music, and imagine a future that celebrates Black culture and the African Diaspora.

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (Harlem)

Multiple free events, including the 15th Annual Black History Month Celebration (February 16) and exhibitions such as *Subversion & The Art of Slavery Abolition*.

Ten ways to celebrate Black History Month in NYC—

<https://www.theknickerbocker.com/10-ways-to-celebrate-black-history-month-in-new-york-city/>

Harlem Chamber Players

Free concerts at Third Street Music Settlement (February 10) and the Brooklyn Public Library (February 12), along with the 18th Annual Black History Month Celebration, *American Landscapes* at City College's Aaron Davis Hall (February 5 at 7:00 PM), featuring conductor Tania León and dancers from the Harlem School of the Arts.

First Presbyterian Church of Englewood's 2026 Black History Month theme invites us into BlackWorld a sacred space where stories, songs, ancestors, and future generations meet.

 **Learn More:**

Event titles throughout this newsletter are linked. Simply click the event name to access dates, details, and registration information.

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Black History Month at NMOA — The Newark Museum of Art

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Black Future Festival

A place of firsts—providing formative cultural experiences since 1899

 Brooklyn Children's Museum /

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Library

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10 Ways To Celebrate Black History Month In NYC

Here are some ways to pay tribute to the strength, resilience, and spirit of New York's Black communities over the years and honor Black History Month in NYC.

◆ The Knickerbocker / Jun 5, 2024



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THE HARLEM CHAMBER PLAYERS AND THE
LEONARD DAVIS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS PRESENT

AMERICAN LANDSCAPES

18TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

THURSDAY **FEB. 5, 2026**
7:00 PM

The Harlem Chamber Players
at Aaron Davis Hall at City College of NY [Click here to learn more.](#)

 The Harlem Chamber Players / Feb 6



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THE SACRED JOURNEY OF BONES AND BELONGING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLEWOOD **FEB EVENT SCHEDULE**



MIGRATION – WORSHIP AT “OLD FIRST”

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church of Newark
Historical Landmark - Underground Railroad
820 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey



PROGRESSION – THE CROSSING & THE CALL

1:00 PM A *Story of Bones*: Film & Discussion

FPCE 150 East Palisade Avenue
Englewood, New Jersey



JOY IN THE JOURNEY – CELEBRATIONS & STORYTELLING

10:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast & Drumming
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Storytelling thru the Arts: Quilting,
Crafting, Book Discussion of *Black World*, Cartooning
FPCE 150 East Palisade Avenue
Englewood, New Jersey



RECLAMATION – THE BONES & THE BREATH

1:00 PM National African Burial Ground
National Monument
290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007
Ted Weiss Federal Building - First Floor

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<https://www.Englewoodpres.org/bhm>

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- ☐ Host a Black Film Marathon
 - ☐ Visit Black History or Civil Rights Museum
 - ☐ Attend a Black culture event
 - ☐ Mentor a Black child in your neighborhood
 - ☐ Talk with Black elders about the past
 - ☐ Learn about unsung hero of Black history
 - ☐ Host a "read a Black author book" discussion group
 - ☐ Host a "soul food" cooking class



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The Black History Month resource pack at D-E offers educational tools to celebrate the month. It includes articles, interactive activities, and biographies showcasing the achievements of Black individuals. The pack promotes understanding and appreciation of Black culture, encouraging families to engage in discussions and activities like art projects and storytelling, while reflecting on the impact of Black history on the world.



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Reading List for Families

Children's and Young Adult Books:

Hey You! – A poignant and heartwarming tribute capturing the essence of Black childhood.

Eliza's Freedom Road – An audacious and fearless journey toward liberation.

Elijah of Buxton – An insightful exploration by a young boy, unraveling the complex layers of slavery.

March Trilogy – An immersive and powerful dive into the transformative Civil Rights era.

The Black Friend – Eye-opening and illuminating stories that cast a spotlight on the pervasive issue of racism.

Hidden Figures – Celebrating the brilliant minds whose genius redefined the course of history.

For Adults:

Josephine – The dazzling and extraordinary odyssey of the legendary Josephine Baker.

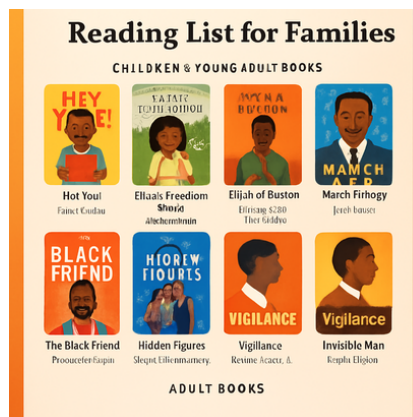
Brown Girl Dreaming – A soul-stirring and evocative memoir, beautifully rendered in poetic verse.

Four Hundred Souls – An expansive and sweeping narrative chronicling the journey of Black America.

The Garretts of Columbia – A compelling portrayal of a family's steadfast and unwavering beacon of hope.

Vigilance – The riveting chronicle of a determined and relentless freedom crusader.

Invisible Man – A groundbreaking and profound novel exploring themes of self-discovery and identity.



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Let's dive into the treasure chest of family tales, celebrating the storytelling magic that keeps Black history alive and kicking!

- Spill the beans on a family saga of migration, grit, or victory—like, “What hurdles did our ancestors leap over to carve out a brighter future?”
- Chat about our local legacy: “How has our family left its mark on our community?”
- Shine a light on family mentors: “Who in our clan was a beacon of strength or activism, and what golden nuggets of wisdom did they leave us?”

Centennial spin: “How has Black History Month morphed throughout our lives, and what new traditions are we brewing up?”

Record responses via audio, video, or written journals to create family archives.

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Englewood and nearby areas offer accessible sites for hands-on learning

New Jersey Black Heritage Trail – Self-guided tour of 30+ sites from slavery to Civil Rights, including Underground Railroad stops in Montclair and Jersey City.

Bergen County Historical Society (River Edge) – Exhibits on local African American history, including 19th-century communities near Dwight-Englewood.

Englewood Public Library – Black History Month programs, author talks, and youth workshops; check for family story hours.

Teaneck's Black Heritage Festival (annual February event) – Cultural performances, food, and history booths highlighting northern NJ stories.