

FEBRUARY 2023

WATERBURY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | |
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| 29 1 p.m. BLACK HISTORY MONTH KICK-OFF | 30 | 31 | 1 10 a.m. WEDNESDAY STORIES | 2 6 p.m. SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB | 3 | 4 | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 10 a.m. WEDNESDAY STORIES 6 p.m. THEY ARE NOT DISPOSABLE | 9 6 p.m. HENRIETTA LACKS | 10 7 p.m. 2ND ACT: DEBRA KHAN-BEY | 11 2 p.m. TABLE READING: DEBRA KHAN-BEY | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 10 a.m. WEDNESDAY STORIES 10 a.m. MAYOR FOR THE DAY | 16 6 p.m. DARK HISTORY | 17 | 18 2 p.m. BOOK DRIVE 3 p.m. COMMON THREADS | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 10 a.m. WEDNESDAY STORIES | 23 6 p.m. TRIVIA NIGHT | 24 | 25 1 p.m. FAMILY FUN DAYZ 1 p.m. ANTHONY HOFLER 5 p.m. PAINT PARTY | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | Black History Month Art Exhibits: "They Are Not Disposable" at the Silas Bronson Library Jaii Marc Renee at the Afro Caribbean Cultural Center | | | | |



Please join us for a city-wide, month-long celebration of Black History Month.

Participating Groups and Organizations

- Afro Caribbean Cultural Center
- City of Waterbury
- Greater Waterbury NAACP
- Mattatuck Museum
- Palace Theater
- RACCE
- Silas Bronson Library
- Staywell Health Network
- The UnGroup Society
- Waterbury Black Democratic Club

Calendar prepared by the Silas Bronson Library
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH KICK-OFF

Sunday, January 29, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Veterans' Memorial Hall, City Hall, 235 Grand Street
Celebrate the 25th anniversary of *Common Threads: The Power of the African American Experience*, a documentary about Waterbury's Black history. Presented by the Greater Waterbury NAACP and the Waterbury Black Democratic Club.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STORIES

Wednesday, February 1, 10 a.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street
(203) 574-8225 *bronsonlibrary.org*
Bring the kids to the library for a Black History Month storytime. For ages 2-5.

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, February 2, 6 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street
(203) 574-8225 *bronsonlibrary.org*
The Sisters to Sisters Book Club will be discussing *White Fear* by Roland Martin. All are welcome to join.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STORIES

Wednesday, February 8, 10 a.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street
(203) 574-8225 *bronsonlibrary.org*
Bring the kids to the library for a Black History Month storytime. For ages 2-5.

THEY ARE NOT DISPOSABLE

Wednesday, February 8, 6 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street
(203) 574-8225 *bronsonlibrary.org*
Artist Steven Parlato will discuss his collages honoring African Americans who have suffered tragedies due to racial injustice. He will also read poetry related to the collages.

THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS

Thursday, February 9, 6 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street
(203) 574-8225 *bronsonlibrary.org*
Come watch the HBO movie on the library's big screen in the auditorium. Told through the eyes of Lack's daughter Deborah and a journalist, the film chronicles Deborah's search to learn about the mother she never knew, and how the unauthorized harvesting of Lacks' cancerous cells in 1951 led to medical breakthroughs.

2ND ACT: DEBRA KHAN-BEY

Friday, February 10, 7 p.m.

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street
(203) 346-2000 *palacetheaterct.org*
Actress Debra Khan-Bey shares her story about persistence and perseverance. Debra's mission in revealing her truth is to inspire those with self-doubt and give a helping hand for those who need to be lifted.
Tickets: \$20

TABLE READING: DEBRA KHAN-BEY

Saturday, February 11, 2 p.m.

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street
(203) 346-2000 *palacetheaterct.org*
Actress Debra Khan-Bey shares her play about the highs and lows of Nina Simone: the music, the mental illness, the loneliness, the revolutionary, the racism, the abuse. How much can a person take before she breaks?
Tickets: Call for details

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STORIES

Wednesday, February 15, 10 a.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street
(203) 574-8225 *bronsonlibrary.org*
Bring the kids to the library for a Black History Month storytime. For ages 2-5.

MAYOR FOR THE DAY CEREMONY

Wednesday, February 15, 10 a.m.

Snow Date: February 22, 10 a.m.
City Hall, 235 Grand Street
Pastor Kristopher S. Reese, Waterbury's Black Mayor for the Day, will be honored with a ceremony at City Hall.

DARK HISTORY: BLACK LIVES DO MATTER!

Thursday, February 16, 6 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street
(203) 574-8225 *bronsonlibrary.org*
Experience a powerful display of artifacts and images from the Ruby and Calvin Fletcher African American History Museum. See what motivated Civil Rights trail-blazers and pioneers who forged the way for equality. The program will be presented by Jeffrey A. Fletcher.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOK DRIVE

Saturday, February 18, 2 p.m.

Afro Caribbean Cultural Center, 174 Grand Street
(203) 437-8058 *t.fernandeswrenn@racce.net*
RACCE will be collecting and handing out children's books for ages 6-10. Book donations are accepted, especially children's books on Black History, biographies, or self-pride.

COMMON THREADS: THE POWER OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

Saturday, February 18, 3 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street
(203) 574-8225 *bronsonlibrary.org*
Come watch a documentary about Waterbury's African American history, followed by a Q&A session. Presented by the Greater Waterbury NAACP and the Waterbury Black Democratic Club. Program will be held in the Main Reading Room of the library.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STORIES

Wednesday, February 22, 10 a.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street
(203) 574-8225 *bronsonlibrary.org*
Bring the kids to the library for a Black History Month storytime. For ages 2-5.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, February 23, 6 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street
(203) 574-8225 *bronsonlibrary.org*
Bring the whole family for a fun trivia night celebrating Black History Month and the accomplishments of African Americans.

FAMILY FUN DAYZ

Saturday, February 25, 1 - 5 p.m.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main Street
(203) 753-0381 *mattatuckmuseum.org*
Celebrate Black History Month at The MATT with a scavenger hunt to find art pieces from Black Artists, collages inspired by Alma Thomas, and a meet and greet with The Masters of the Bee, the first all-black Ultimate Frisbee Team in the United States, recently inducted into the Ultimate Hall of Fame.
Tickets: Included with admission.

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC TRIBUTE WITH ANTHONY HOFLER

Saturday, February 25, 1 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street
(203) 574-8225 *bronsonlibrary.org*
Anthony Hofler will perform African American music from the last half century. Hofler has performed with the Five Satins and other bands at Madison Square Garden, the Oakdale Theater, and at the High Desert Concert in California. Sponsored by the Philip V. Benevento Fund for Cultural Programs for Adults.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PAINT PARTY

Saturday, February 25, 5 - 8 p.m.

Afro Caribbean Cultural Center, 174 Grand Street
(203) 437-8058 *theungroupsociety.org*
The Ungroup Society, Staywell Health Network, and the Afro Caribbean Cultural Center celebrate Black History month with 2 great wood pieces to paint. Additionally enjoy some great music and guest speakers. Tickets: \$30

ART EXHIBIT—"THEY ARE NOT DISPOSABLE"

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street
(203) 574-8225 *bronsonlibrary.org*
Collages honoring Black Americans killed as a result of racial violence.

ART EXHIBIT—JAII MARC RENEE

Afro Caribbean Cultural Center, 174 Grand Street
(203) 437-8058 *taino-nation.org*
Paintings by Connecticut artist Jaii Marc Renee.