

## **Black History Month in Hampton Roads**

### **All Month Long & Multi-Day Events**

#### **Black History Now 2023 (Portsmouth)**

Dates: January 1-March 31, 2023

Description: Join the Portsmouth Museums and the Portsmouth Public Libraries as we celebrate Black History Now through a series of events, programs, lectures, family friendly activities, and more. Topics relate to current museum exhibitions and highlight local people and history.

#### **Buildings and Business: The Landscape of African Americans in the East End of Newport News at Newsome House Museum and Cultural Center (Newport News)**

Dates: February 2 – 25, 2023. Thursday – Saturday 10am-5pm.

Description: In celebration of Black History Month, the Newsome House presents the historical exhibit “Buildings and Business: The Landscape of African Americans in the East End of Newport News.” The exhibit explores the important role of African Americans in the physical and cultural development of the East End of Newport News as business leaders, labor organizers, and workers in key industries as well as builders of landmarks including First Baptist Church Newport News, Whittaker Hospital, and the Moton Theater.

#### **Free Admission to Norfolk Botanical Garden (Norfolk)**

Dates: Thursdays in February 2023: February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2023

Description: Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) celebrates Black History Month by offering Free Admission Thursdays in February.

#### **Rooting for the Home Team: Portsmouth’s Black Baseball Players, Promoters & Parks (Portsmouth)**

Date: Fridays & Saturdays in 2023 from 12-4pm

#### **Hampton Black History Driving Tour (Hampton)**

Description: Celebrate Black History Month by taking a driving tour that highlights more than 400 years of rich African American history in Hampton. The 400 Years Forward Driving Tour explores heritage sites throughout the city, including Fort Monroe National Monument, the Emancipation Oak, Aberdeen Gardens, the Little England Chapel, the Tucker family cemetery, and the Hampton History Museum.

#### **The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity (Online)**

Description: Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans. The cultures and experiences of Americans of African descent are vital to the nation’s history. This history provides powerful insight into the diversity, identity and representation of the Black family. These stories can be found at Virginia State Parks.

#### **Black History Month with Chesapeake Public Library (Online)**

Description: Be inspired to dream and win this year as you reflect on the contributions of

resilient African American visionaries. Take part in celebratory events or use our recommended resources to accomplish your personal and professional goals.

**Black History Month with Virginia Beach Public Library (Virginia Beach & Online)**

Description: Scavenger Hunt (Princess Anne) and to-go kit for digital program to be held all month online.

**Creative Corner: African Paper Beads at Suffolk Public Libraries (Suffolk)**

Date: All February long

Description: Paper beads made from recycled materials are one of the oldest crafts done on the African continent. In Celebration of Black History Month, make your own colorful African paper beads made from magazines. The African paper bead-making stations are located at the Morgan Memorial and North Suffolk locations. Drop in and make your own anytime during the Library's regular hours. All supplies provided. For all ages.

**Afrofuturism Film Festival at Bayside & Special Services Library (Virginia Beach)**

Dates: Tuesdays, February 7, 21 & 28, 2023 from 3-5:30pm

**African American History Bus Tour (Chesapeake)**

Date: February 18, 2023 at 9am

Spend a Saturday morning with Parks, Recreation, and Tourism staff learning about African American history in Chesapeake. Together we will explore local sites and discuss legendary heroes such as the Cornland School, Billy Flora, and more. (Free) Registration required

**STEAM Studio Black Scientists & Artists Series at Children's Museum of Virginia (Portsmouth)**

Date: Saturdays & Sundays thru February 26, 2023 from 10am-12pm & 2-3pm

Description: Discover African American scientists and their significant contributions during the month of February. Their profiles will be featured throughout the 2nd floor and experiments related to their work will be highlighted in S.T.E.M. Studio each weekend.

**Black Girl Magic with Hurrah Players (Norfolk)**

Date: February 17-19, 2023

**Single Day Events**

**Dance, Ngoma, Baile (Norfolk)**

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 4:30pm

**Author Talk: Dr. Martha M. Williams – African Americans and the Norfolk Botanical Gardens at Major Hillard Library (Chesapeake)**

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 7pm

**Snapshots in Black History – A TRS Production at Slover Library (Norfolk)**

Date: Friday, February 17, 2023 from 7-9pm

**Black and Super: A Celebration of Black Heroes and Comic Creators** at Morgan Memorial Library (Suffolk)

Date: February 18, 2023 from 10am-1pm

**The Real John Henry: Lecture and Activities** at Lee Hall Depot (Newport News)

Date: February 18, 2023 from 10am-4pm. Lecture at 2pm.

**Essential African Threads** at Hampton History Museum (Hampton)

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 11am

**Africa's Kingdoms and Maritime Cultures: Ancient Mali** at the Mariner's Museum (Newport News)

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 11am

**Andalo's Library** at the Children's Museum (Portsmouth)

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

**Cupcakes and Lemonade** at Portsmouth Public Library (Portsmouth)

Date: February 18, 2023 from 11am-4pm

**Annual Black History Month Program** at Buffalow Community Pantry (Chesapeake)

Date: February 18, 2023 from 12-2pm

**Talking Drums** at Richard A. Tucker Memorial Library (Norfolk)

Date: February 18, 2023 from 1-3pm

**Black Artists Tour** (Norfolk)

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 2-3pm

**Black Spies During the Civil War** at Newport News Park (Newport News)

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 2-3pm

**Black History Expo** at Portsmouth Main Library (Portsmouth)

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 2-4pm

**I. Sherman Greene Chorale presents "Salute to Black Composers"** (Norfolk)

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 6-8pm

**Sunday Makebreak: Black Heritage Art** (Hampton Roads)

Date: Sunday, February 19, 2023 from 2-4pm

**Cuffeytown 13: A Buffalo Soldiers' Tale** at South Norfolk Memorial Library (Chesapeake)

Date: February 19, 2023 at 2pm

**Teen Trivia Night: Black History Month at Princess Anne Library (Virginia Beach)**

Date: February 20, 2023 at 530pm Registration required

**Pride in Black Voices: A Tribute to Frederick Douglass (Portsmouth)**

Date: February 21, 2023 from 11am & 7pm

**Celebrate Black History with a Movie: Green Book at MEO Central Library (Virginia Beach)**

Date: February 21, 2023 at 5:30pm Registration required

**Black History Program at the Y. H. Thomas Community Center (Hampton)**

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 from 6-8pm

**Dylan Pritchett – Essential African Threads at Indian River Library (Chesapeake)**

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 12-1pm

**Black History Month – Ruby Heart at Painting with a Twist (Chesapeake)**

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 2-4pm

**Cornland School Open House (Chesapeake)**

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 from 10am-12pm

**The Women Behind the Women (Online)**

Date: February 28, 2023 at 11am

**African American Genealogy at Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch Library (Norfolk)**

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 12pm

**Crystal Sessoms – A Musical Tribute to Our Ancestors at Major Hillard Library (Chesapeake)**

Date: February 28, 2023 at 7pm