

CELEBRATE AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE



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and when this
happens, when we
allow freedom to ring,
when we let
it ring from every
village and every hamlet,
from every
state and every
city, we will be able
to speed up that
day when all of
God's children,
black men
and white men,
Jews and Gentiles,
Protestants and
Catholics,
will be able to
join hands
and sing in the
words
of the old
Negro spiritual,
"Free at last!
Free at last!
Thank God Almighty,
we are free at last!"

Monday, January 26

■ **Rice, Slavery and Gullah: We's Free!** for adults

Join Gullah expert Donald Sweeper to experience the West African culture brought to SC's coastal region by enslaved workers. Learn Gullah phrases, taste the region's "Carolina gold," and enjoy the music of Pine Grove AME Church's "Thundering Voices" men's choir.

6 p.m., North Main Branch

Tuesday, February 3

■ **From Guinea to Gullah: Folkways of Lowcountry Culture** for adults *

Spend an hour with researcher and author Vennie Deas Moore as she makes the connection between the historic Lowcountry culture and the peoples of West Africa. Book sale and signing will follow. To register or for more information, please call 772-6675.

7 p.m., St. Andrews Regional

Wednesday, February 4

■ **An Evening with Jerry Pinkney** for all ages

Legendary children's book illustrator Jerry Pinkney will give a presentation co-sponsored by The Ponder Fine Arts Gallery of Benedict College, USC Department of English, the Columbia Museum of Art and Richland School District One. A book signing will follow.

4:30 p.m., Bostick Auditorium, Main

Saturday, February 7

■ **An Afternoon with Blythewood High School Gospel Choir and Unspoken Word** for all ages

Enjoy the music of the Blythewood High School's Mighty Voices of Praise and the gospel miming of Hope Interdenominational Church's Unspoken Word.

2 p.m., Bostick Auditorium, Main

■ **Voices of Our People** for children

Celebrate Black History Month and African-American culture through songs, poetry and speeches by famous African Americans.

1 p.m., North Main Branch

Monday, February 9

■ **Voices of Our People** for teens and adults
Join us as we celebrate Black History Month and African-American culture through songs, poetry and dance.

7 p.m., Southeast Regional



Sunday, February 15

- **A Man Named Pearl** for all ages
Enjoy a special screening of this inspiring documentary and meet the celebrated South Carolina topiary artist Pearl Fryar.
3 p.m., Bostick Auditorium, Main

Thursday, February 19

- **Lunch & Listen** for all ages
Bring your lunch and join us for the smooth jazz sounds of Clear Vision with Willie Wilson and Tyrone Mack. Coffee's on us!
12:30 p.m., 1431, Main

Saturday, February 21

- **Griot Gathering** for all ages
Join Darion McCloud for a morning of storytelling and music in the African tradition.
10:30 a.m., Children's Room, Main
- **Island Close By** for all ages *
Learn about the history and origin of the Caribbean steel drum at a special performance and discussion by Dr. Chris Lee of the Island Close By steel drum group. Please register.
3 p.m., Northeast Regional
- **Representing Our Yesterday's, Today's, and Tomorrow's** for all ages
Join Samuel Blessed Bears Day Care Center for loads of fun as they creatively portray famous African Americans from the past, present and future.
11 a.m., North Main Branch

Sunday, February 22

- **African-American Women and Church Hats** for all ages
Enjoy a special screening of a new documentary with Christopher Davis, author of *We Too Shall Wear a Crown*.
3 p.m., Bostick Auditorium, Main

Monday, February 23

- **Journey to the Past: All that Jazz** for ages 6 to 12
Join us as we explore the exciting world of jazz through stories, music and activities.
6:30 p.m., Children's Room, Main

Saturday, March 21

- **March Madness on the Silver Screen** for adults
Join us for a special showing of **Glory Road**, the inspiring true story of coach Don Haskins and NCAA basketball's first all African-American starting lineup. To register or for more information, please call 736-6575.
3 p.m., Northeast Regional



Trivia Contests

■ **Black History Month Trivia** for teens

Test your knowledge of African-American history and enter to win cool prizes.

Monday, February 2 through Saturday, February 28

Eastover Branch, Main and Southeast Regional

On Display

■ **A People of the Land: Lowcountry Portraits**

Get inspired by Vennie Deas Moore's photographic essay as she captures the dramatic transformation of South Carolina's coast and the people of the Lowcountry.

Through January 15, Wachovia Gallery, Main

□ **Meet the Artist** for adults

Meet Vennie Deas Moore, a photo documentarian, who has captured the spirit of the multigenerational families in the coastal region in her South Carolina Traveling Exhibit: A People of the Land: Lowcountry Portraits on display in the Wachovia Gallery through January 15.

7 p.m., Tuesday, January 13, Bostick Auditorium, Main

■ **Unity in Sepia II: A Showcase of Local African-American Artists**

In celebration of Black History Month, enjoy the work of several local African-American artists.

January 21-March 10, Wachovia Gallery, Main

□ **Meet the Artists** for adults

Meet some of the participating artists and learn more about their work. Enjoy a special collection by Tyrone Geter on permanent display in the Baker and Baker Conference Room.

7 p.m., February 12, Bostick Auditorium, Main

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