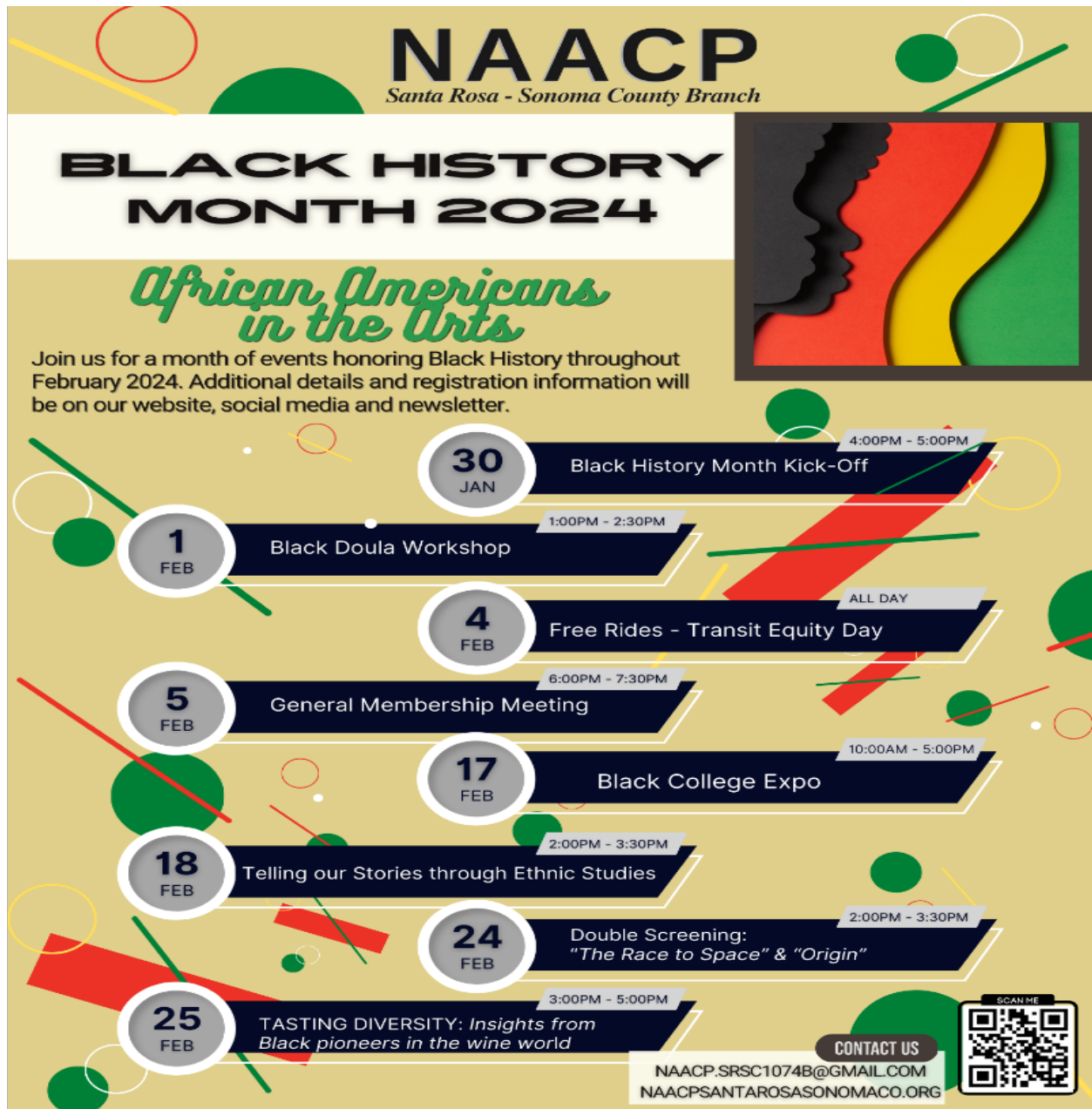


# BLACK HISTORY THROUGHOUT SONOMA COUNTY

The poster features a gold background with abstract geometric shapes in green, red, and yellow. At the top, the NAACP logo is displayed in large black letters, with 'Santa Rosa - Sonoma County Branch' in a smaller font below it. The main title 'BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024' is in bold black text. Below this, the subtitle 'African Americans in the Arts' is written in a green script font. A paragraph invites people to join a month of events honoring Black History throughout February 2024, with details on the website, social media, and newsletter. A central timeline lists eight events with their dates and times. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner, labeled 'SCAN ME'. Contact information is provided in the bottom right, including an email address and a website URL.

**NAACP**  
Santa Rosa - Sonoma County Branch

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024**

*African Americans in the Arts*

Join us for a month of events honoring Black History throughout February 2024. Additional details and registration information will be on our website, social media and newsletter.

**30 JAN** Black History Month Kick-Off 4:00PM - 5:00PM

**1 FEB** Black Doula Workshop 1:00PM - 2:30PM

**4 FEB** Free Rides - Transit Equity Day ALL DAY

**5 FEB** General Membership Meeting 6:00PM - 7:30PM

**17 FEB** Black College Expo 10:00AM - 5:00PM

**18 FEB** Telling our Stories through Ethnic Studies 2:00PM - 3:30PM

**24 FEB** Double Screening: "The Race to Space" & "Origin" 2:00PM - 3:30PM

**25 FEB** TASTING DIVERSITY: Insights from Black pioneers in the wine world 3:00PM - 5:00PM

**CONTACT US**  
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# SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024**



**[Black History Month Lunch & Opening Ceremony](#)**

12:00pm to 1:00pm

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024**



**[True Black History Museum](#)**

3:00pm to 7:00pm

Join us for the True Black History Museum on February 8th.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024**



**[Umoja Queens: Guided Meditation](#)**

10:00am to 11:30am

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024**



### [Black Joy Celebration 2024](#)

12:00pm to 1:00pm

Seawolf Plaza

Resilience, resistance, and perseverance have been focal points of Black liberation, but there's a more positive side, too: Black liberation is about Black folks experiencing...

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024**



### [Engaging Men: Social Justice Embodied](#)

1:00pm to 2:00pm

Join us on February 19th for the Engaging Men Panel in Ballroom B (In the Student Center) where the panel will discuss about masculine norms in...

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024**



### [Social Justice In Action: The Artistry of Nipsey Hussle](#)

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Join us on February for the Social Justice In Action: The Artistry of Nipsey Hussle.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024**



### [What's Your Purpose Workshop](#)

3:30pm to 4:30pm

Join us on February 7th at the CAASE Lounge or the What's Your Purpose.

## Celebrate at your library

We celebrate now and throughout the year by hosting events at our libraries and highlighting books, movies, music, and resources available through your Sonoma County Library. The national theme for Black History Month 2024, established by the [Association for the Study of African American Life and History](#), is African Americans and the Arts. This year we honor the theme by featuring music, literary, and culinary arts.



Books and More!



Check out these recommended books and movies our librarians have created for you:

- Adults: [Fiction](#), [Non-Fiction](#), [local History](#)
- Teens: [\(English\)](#)
- Children: [ages 8-12](#)
- Children: [ages 0-7](#)

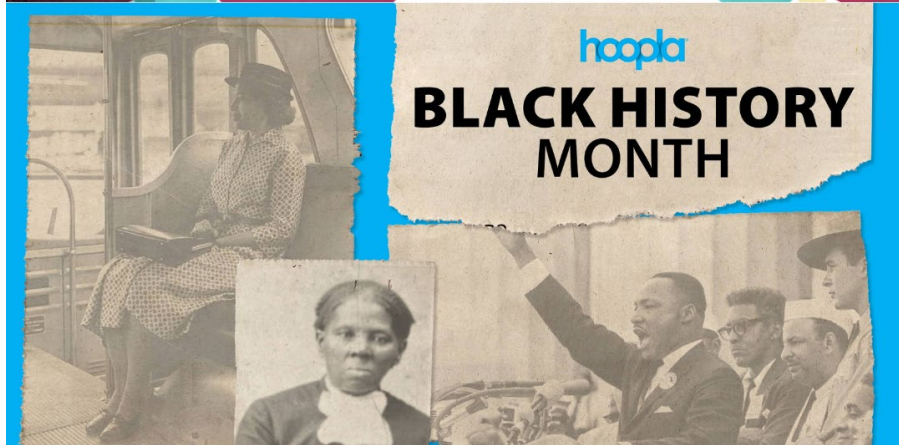


## Celebrate Black Authors



**Libby.**

The one-tap reading app  
from our library.



Black Stories and Experiences in eBooks, Streaming Media, and more:

- Audiobooks ([Libby](#)) ([Hoopla](#))
- eBooks ([Libby](#)) ([Hoopla](#)) ([Picture books on Libby](#))
- Black Cinema ([Hoopla](#)) ([Kanopy](#))
- Comics ([Libby](#), [Hoopla](#), Black Panther on [Hoopla](#))

## Library Events

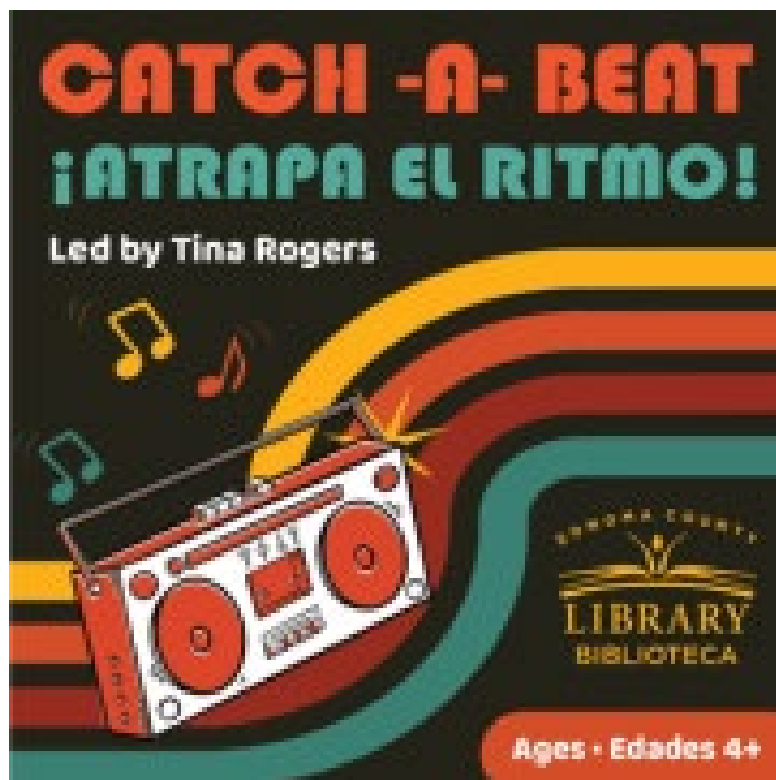
Everyone is invited to attend free library events and workshops.

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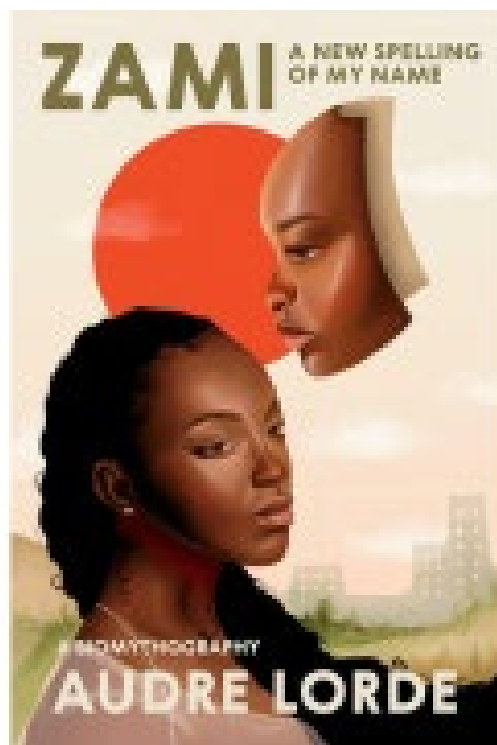
### **The African Music and Arts Village**

This family-friendly, interactive program, led by Baba Shibambo, introduces the cultural traditions of South Africa through indigenous music and story-telling.



### Catch-a-Beat

This fun-filled interactive program that shares music, dance, culture, and stories. Led by Tina Rogers.





### **Virtual Queer Book Club\***

*Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 6:00pm*

Join librarians virtually to discuss books centering on LGBTQ+ voices.



### **Talking Wood: African Music with Keenan Webster**

*Petaluma Regional Library - Saturday, February 17 at 10:30am*

Co-sponsored with Petaluma Blacks for Community Development, Keenan Webster demonstrates and entertains with instruments of the Mandinka and Mende speaking peoples of West Africa.



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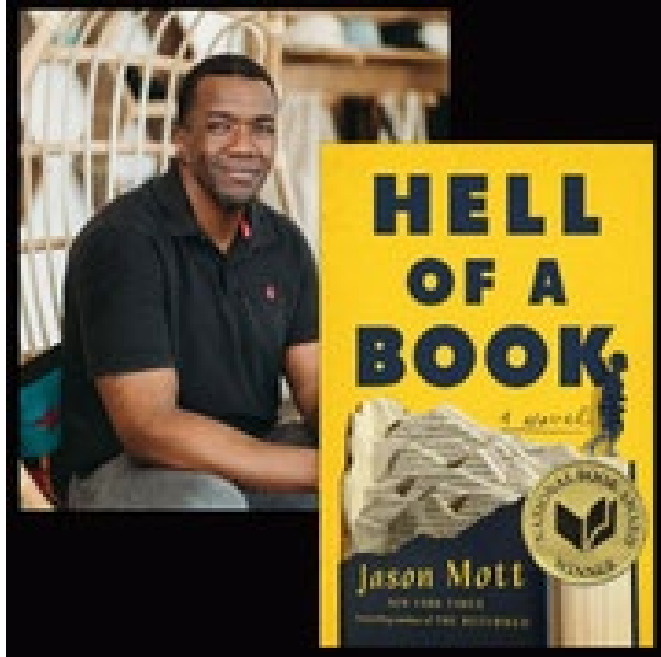


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### **Telling our Stories through Ethnic Studies**

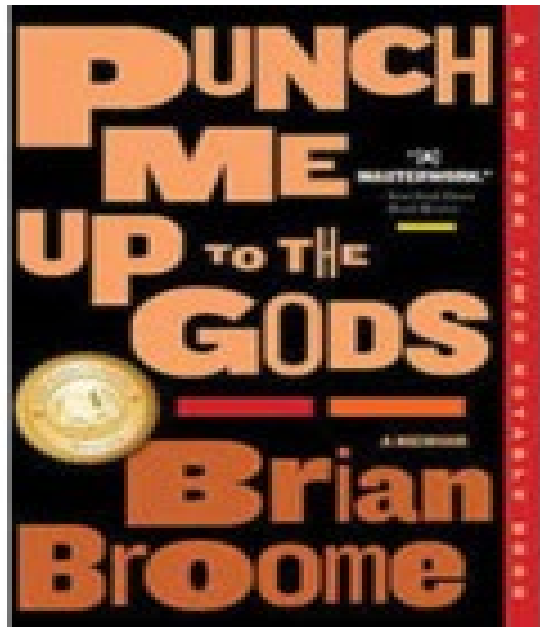
*Rohnert Park Cotati Library - Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 pm*

Panel discussion in collaboration with the Sonoma County Office of Education and the NAACP Santa Rosa/Sonoma County branch.



### **Virtual Author Talk with Award-Winning Author Jason Mott \***

You're invited to join us as we talk to *New York Times* bestselling author Jason Mott about his recent novel *Hell of a Book* on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 from 1:00pm - 2:00pm.



**Read BIPOC – Virtual Book club \***

*Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:00 pm*

Join librarians virtually to discuss books by authors who are Black, Indigenous or People of Color.

**More Special Events!**



**POWERSOUL: Music Performance**

Petaluma Library - Saturday, March 2 at 2:00 pm

Join Erica Ambrin, Kayatta, and Eki'Shola as they weave a soulful tapestry of music and conversation about amplifying Black artists in Sonoma County.



### **Food Justice with Bryant Terry \***

*Central Downtown Santa Rosa Library - Sunday, April 14 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm*

A Talk on the Intersections of Food, Politics, Poverty, Health, and the Environment. The keynote is followed by a Q&A, cooking demonstration, and book signing!

## **Petaluma Blacks for Community Development**

**Friday, February 2 – Opening Jazz Concert with Dorian Mode.** A performance of jazz, blues & R&B at the museum. Refreshments with downstairs seating (\$35) and champagne, and a wonderful view, upstairs (\$40) 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

**Sunday, February 4 – Art in Conversation: Denise Ward with Orin Carpenter.** “I have the power to bring others into the world I experience through the lens of my creations,” says artist [Orin Carpenter](#). “I have the power to educate, elevate and challenge anyone who encounters my works of art. My art invites everyone to see

the world through my eyes and hopefully change their perception with a new vision and offer them the opportunity to share in the journey ... my journey." Petaluma Arts Center, 230 Lakeville St., 1-2 p.m. \$10/free for Arts Center members.

**Friday, February 9, 2024 – Opening of Black History Exhibit with Makeda**

**Kumasic** – The exhibit “African American and the Arts” will include many familiar names and their work, along with some historical and lesser known Black artists. Makeda Kumasic, from San Bernardino, is a dancer, storyteller and much more. Petaluma Historical Library and Museum, 20 4th Street. \$10 (no one will be turned away). The exhibit runs from Feb. 9 - March 31. The museum is open Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Saturday, February 17 – Keenan Webster** - Join musician Keenan Webster as he shares the vibrant music of the banjo related instruments of West Africa, in a free musical demonstration for children of all ages. Petaluma Library, 100 Fair Grounds. 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, February 18 – Art in Conversation: Denise Ward with Rose Hill** - Rose Hill’s work captures Black Americana, holds onto it and turns it around as something positive that reminds the viewer of their love of family, respect for their history, and the universal touch points that invite discourse and community. Museum of Sonoma County, 425 7th Street, Santa Rosa. 1- 2 p.m.

**Saturday, February 24 – Annual Black History Program** - A program of music, dance, education and fun at New Life Christian Church, 1310 Clegg St. 5:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

For more information about these events and Petaluma Blacks for Community Development, please visit [pbcd4us.com](http://pbcd4us.com).

## Performances

*American Rhapsody, Feb. 12-14*

The **Santa Rosa Symphony** will host award-winning pianist Michelle Cann for a three-day concert covering the works of notable composers, including William Grant Still and Florence Price, both esteemed African-American composers whose work comprised many “firsts.” The concert will be held Feb. 12-14 in Weill Hall of Sonoma State University’s Green Music

Center. Learn more and buy tickets [here](#). 1801 E. Cotati Ave., Rohnert Park, 707-664-4246, [gmc.sonoma.edu](http://gmc.sonoma.edu)

Fire Shut Up in My Bones, Feb. 12, 16

**Rialto Cinemas** is celebrating Black History Month with two encore screenings of award-winning composer Terence Blanchard's "Fire Shut Up in My Bones." The opera is an adaptation of Charles M.

Blow's memoir of the same name and follows the poignant, coming-of-age story of a young Black man from the south. It's the first opera by a Black composer presented at The Met. The two encore showings will be held on Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. and on Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. Learn more and purchase tickets [here](#). 6868 McKinley St., Sebastopol, 707-525-4840, [rialtocinemas.com](http://rialtocinemas.com)