



NEW BEDFORD
Historical Society

Black History Month Events
sponsored by the New Bedford Historical Society

From Slavery to Freedom: African Americans in Maritime History

A panel exhibit that highlights the important role of African Americans and Cape Verdeans In New Bedford's maritime history.

Exhibit dates January 17 – March 7

Library 3rd Floor

Saturday, February 2, 2019 2:30- 4:30 PM

Author Skip Finely presents excerpts from his new book,

Whaling Captains of Color-America's First Meritocracy

Talk and presentation. Light refreshments to follow.

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Saturday, February 23, 2019 2:30 – 4:40 PM

Professor Timothy Walker presents

African Americans and the Maritime Trades

Talk and Presentation. Light refreshments to follow.

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Sunday, February 10 from 2 – 6 PM

19th Annual Frederick Douglass Community Read-a-thon

First Unitarian Church

71 Eighth Street

New Bedford, MA

Join the community in a reading of Douglass's Narrative of his life.

Light refreshments.

Programs for Young Readers

Thursday, February 14, 2019 5:30 – 7 PM

Happy Birthday, Frederick Douglass

Enter the Douglass birthday card contest at any one of the branch libraries. Prizes given for most original cards.

Join Doodles in a kid's workshop to make birthday cards to celebrate the 201st birthday of this great American. Handouts and materials provided.

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Tuesday, February 19, 2019 1:30 – 3:30

Sgt. William H. Carney - short film

Carl Cruz highlights the life of William H. Carney and reads about Carney's heroics during the U.S. Civil War in, **Hold the Flag High**. Handouts and materials provided.

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Thursday, February 21 1:30 – 3:30

New Bedford and the Underground Railroad

The Journey of Henry Box Brown – short film

Reading from **Voices from the Underground Railroad**. Brother and sister, Jeb and Mattie escape from enslavement in Maryland and travel on the Underground Railroad to find their brother in New Bedford. Handouts and materials provided.

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