1st Annual Kern County Library Black History Film Festival

Celebrating the lives of Black Americans, their culture and contributions!

**Beale Memorial Library  661.868.0701**

*The Black Church – Part I*  Thursday February 17 3pm
Explore the 400-year-old story of the black church in America, the changing nature of worship spaces, and the men and women who shepherded them from the pulpit, the choir loft, and church pews. Special Presentation by Stéfan Lambert, President and Former Secretary of the African American Film Association.

*The Black Church – Part II*  Thursday February 24 3pm
Special Presentation by Grandma Whoopie on History of Kern County Black Churches & Songs.

**Kern River Valley Library Branch  760.549.2083**

*Jackie Robinson Story - Part I*  Wednesday Feb 23 3:30pm
*Jackie Robinson Story - Part II*  February 24 3:30pm
Examines the life and times of baseball legend Jack Roosevelt Robinson.

**Frazier Park Library Branch  661.245.1267**

*Hollywood Architect: The Paul R. Williams Story*  Tuesday February 15 5pm and Tuesday, February 22 5pm
From shoeshine business to one of the largest black-owned construction companies in the US.

*I Am Not Your Negro*  Thursday February 17 4pm
Master filmmaker Raoul Peck envisions the book James Baldwin never finished, Remember This House. The result is a radical, up-to-the-minute examination of race in America, using Baldwin’s original words and flood of rich archival material.

**Ridgecrest Library Branch  760.384.5870**

*Hollywood Architect: The Paul R Williams Story*  Tuesday February 22 3:30pm
From shoeshine business to one of the largest black-owned construction companies in the US.

*Ella Fitzgerald: Just One of Those Things*  Monday February 28 3:30pm
Experience the six-decade journey of the extraordinary performer.

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*Building Atlanta: The Story of Herman Russell*  Wednesday, February 2 3pm
From shoeshine business to one of the largest black-owned construction companies in the US.

*Ella Fitzgerald: Just One of Those Things*  Wednesday, February 9 3pm
Experience the six-decade journey of the extraordinary performer.

*Underground Railroad: The William Still Story*  Wednesday, February 16 3pm
True story of a humble Philadelphia clerk who risked his life shepherding runaway slaves to freedom in the tumultuous years leading up to Americas Civil War.

*A Ballerina's Tale*  Wednesday, February 23 3pm
A rare, behind-the-scenes look at the struggles and triumphs in the career of Misty Copeland, the first African-American named principal dancer of the prestigious American Ballet Theatre.

**Southwest Library Branch  661.664.7716**

*Jackie Robinson Story*  Thursday, February 3 4pm
Jack Roosevelt Robinson rose from humble origins to cross baseball’s color line and become one of the most beloved men in America.

*Driving While Black: Race, Space & Mobility in America*  Thursday, February 10 4pm
Discover how the advent of the car brought African Americans new freedom but also dangers.

*The Central Park Five*  Wednesday, February 16 4pm
The story of five teenagers who were wrongly convicted in the Central Park Jogger case.

*Muhammad Ali-Round One The Greatest*  Wednesday, February 23 4pm
Cassius Clay rises from boastful amateur boxer to contender for the heavyweight title.

**All film screenings are FREE!**
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