The library will be closed Monday, February 17, for Presidents’ Day.

Obsessions by Jaleel Campbell

Throughout February

Syracuse native and multidisciplinary artist, Jaleel Campbell will display his work at Paine Branch Library throughout February in honor of Black History Month. He will showcase select pieces of his work spanning the last five years including illustrations, photographs and cloth dolls. Jaleel attained his BFA in Visual Communications with a specialization in graphic design from Cazenovia College and is now pursuing his MFA in Media Arts & Culture at SUNY Purchase in Westchester County. His work has been featured at the Community Folk Art Center, Redhouse Theater, the Everson Museum, the Neuberger Museum and many other art/cultural facilities.

Library Lovers’ Month

Throughout February

In honor of Library Lovers’ Month, we’re inviting our patrons to express their love for Paine and/or all libraries. Red, pink and purple heart cutouts will be available at the front desk. Write a note telling us why you love libraries.

For Children:

Drop-in Craft

Every day | 9:00 a.m. – Close

Come get crafty with us all day, every day! Each Monday there will be a new DIY craft available in the children’s area for the entire week. Some of this month’s projects include a heart tree and winter wreath. For ages 5-12.

Black History Month Fact Find

Every day | 9:00 a.m. - Close

Celebrate and learn about the contributions of Black Americans throughout February with our month-long Black History Month Fact Find. Try to find the answers to all 10 questions about Black history and historical figures. The answers will be hidden on hearts in the children’s area. If you can find all the answers you can pick a prize from our treasure chest. Each child can play once a week for a prize. For ages 5-12.

Paws at Paine

Saturday, February 1 | 10:30 a.m.

Our furry friend Windsor is back to help us celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day and World Read Aloud Day! Ms. Lauren will share her favorite puppy story, then you will have a chance to share your favorite books with Windsor. Stay to complete a craft, enjoy snacks and take home a gift bag. For ages 4-12.

For All Ages:

Artist Reception: Jaleel Campbell

Saturday, February 15 | 2:00 p.m.

Experience Black culture with all of your senses at our Black History Month celebration. Get to know our featured artist of the month, Jaleel Campbell and view his artwork and video project, Feel That Funk. Children can look forward to meeting Jaleel’s newest creations, the Jalethal dolls and design their own Jalethal dolls with crayons and markers. All are invited to try soul fusion cuisine prepared by local chef, Venus Likulimbi of Yard Greens Catering.

Winter Bird Feeder

Saturday, February 8 | 2:00 p.m.

Did you know it’s National Bird Feeding Month? Bring beautiful winter birds to your yard with a heart shaped bird feeder made from pipe cleaners and cereal. First come, first served while supplies last. For ages 5-12.

Valentine’s Day Story Time

Monday, February 10 | 6:00 p.m.

Join us on the second Monday of each month for our new evening story time. This month we will be celebrating Valentine’s Day with stories, songs, crafts and more to help prepare your child for kindergarten. For ages 1-4.

Winter Recess Raffle

Friday, February 14-22 | 9:00 a.m. – Close

Pick up an activity packet anytime during winter recess. Earn a raffle ticket for each activity you complete throughout the week. The winner will be announced on Saturday, February 22 at 4:30 p.m. For ages 5-18.

Snowman Stress Balls

Tuesday, February 18 | 2:00 p.m.

Squeeze all your winter worries away with your own stress ball. We will decorate balloons with permanent markers and filling them with beans, rice, or flour. For ages 5-18.
For Children - continued

Indoor Ice Skating  
Wednesday, February 19 | 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Join us for a day of winter fun! Try out our ice skating rink or have a snowball fight inside the library. We will also be making giant snowflakes from Popsicle sticks. For ages 5-18.

Taste Test: Cookies  
Thursday, February 20 | 2:00 p.m.
Test your taste buds and see if you can match 7 different chocolate chip cookies with the correct brand. Earn a point for each correct guess and those with the most points at the end can pick a prize from our treasure chest. For ages 5-18.

Flashback Friday Story Time with Barbara Hildenbrand  
Friday, February 21 | 2:00 p.m.
The legendary Barbara Hildenbrand, retired OCPL children’s librarian and lifetime Eastwood resident returns to Paine Branch Library for a very special story time. Enjoy a few classic story time books read by Ms. Hildenbrand and then make a fun wintry craft with our current children’s librarian, Ms. Lauren! For ages 1-12.

Fun with Science: Brilliant Black Scientists  
Saturday, February 22 | 11:00 a.m.
Our science friends are back again. In honor of Black History Month, we will be learning about some African American scientists who have contributed to science and medicine as we know them today. For ages 5-12.

Salem Hyde Story Time  
Saturday, February 29 | 11:00 a.m.
Paine Branch Library invites you to celebrate the students of Salem Hyde! Ms. Oliver, Salem Hyde’s librarian, will share her favorite stories. Light refreshments will provided. For ages 5-12.

For Teens & Tweens:

Teen Table: String Art Heart  
Every day | 9:00 a.m.- Close
Stop by the Teen Table and help us complete our string art heart. It’s easy! Just wrap some of the string provided around the pins to fill in the heart. For ages 12-18.

D.I.Y. Mardi Gras Masks  
Saturday, February 22 | 2:00 p.m.
Get ready for Mardi Gras by creating your own mask from glitter, feathers, jewels and more. Mardi Gras is traditionally celebrated on “Fat Tuesday,” however, it has evolved into a week-long festival including parades with elaborate costumes and masks. For ages 12-18.

Movie Monday  
Monday, February 24 | 5:00 p.m.
Join us for our new Movie Monday on the fourth Monday of each month for a free movie and popcorn. This month we will watch Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (MPAA rated PG). For ages 12-18.

For Adults:

Delicious Reads Book Club: Chocolate  
Tuesday, February 4 | 6:00 p.m.
Join us on the first Tuesday of each month for Delicious Reads, a tasty kind of book club! This month’s theme is chocolate. Bring a store bought dish inspired by them and we’ll provide the plates, utensils and beverage. Share your thoughts about who or what your dish is inspired by and enjoy the various treats.

Paine Book Club  
Friday, February 28 | 10:00 a.m.
February’s title is David and Goliath: underdogs, misfits, and the art of battling giants by Malcolm Gladwell, which "looks at the complex and surprising ways the weak can defeat the strong, the small can match up against the giant, and how our goals (often culturally determined) can make a huge difference in our ultimate sense of success."