



NYC Lifestyle

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Celebrate Black History

February is Black History Month, a time to honor and celebrate the contributions of Black Americans in our country. For our New York residents, we've curated a list of upcoming events and destinations to experience Black art, music, food, and culture all month long.

The Rock and Roll Playhouse

[The Rock and Roll Playhouse](#) hosts events across the country to expose kids to classic rock music. On February 4, the Playhouse arrives at [Brooklyn Bowl](#) in Williamsburg, where they'll be joined by The Brooklyners, an NYC-based reggae band. Tickets start at an easy \$16.

Black History Month Concert

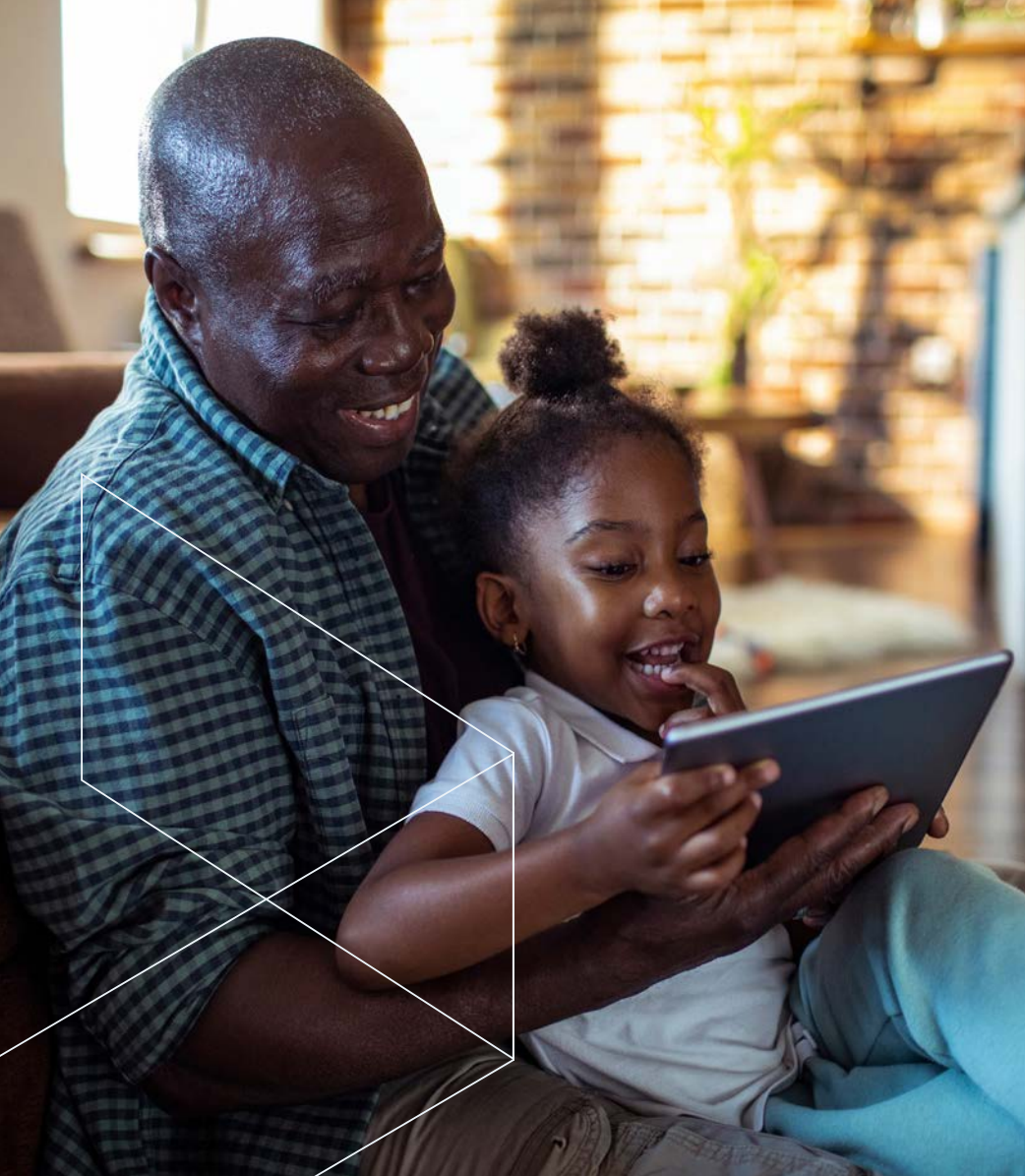
The Brooklyn Public Library in Prospect Heights will host a free [Black History Month concert](#) on February 24! The 90-minute showcase will feature a live string quartet with a setlist of songs by Black and African American composers.

Best Caribbean Food in NYC

Caribbean cuisine is known for its pairing of spice and soulful flavors. If you need a little help, [this guide from The Infatuation](#) features local hotspots across the boroughs. The selections range from fast casual to high-end dining, and guaranteed deliciousness wherever you might be.

28 Films for Black History Month

[28 Days, 28 Films for Black History Month](#) is a timeless collection of films selected by *The New York Times*. The list spans the 20th century to present and includes a mix of history, fiction, and experimental films that illustrate the life and experiences of African Americans.



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Gbedu Galore Afrobeats Party

For a late night soiree, check out the [Gbedu Galore Afrobeats Party](#) at [Lot45](#) in Bushwick on February 10. The dimly lit nightclub lounge will host a fresh lineup of DJs playing hip-hop, R&B, and of course, plenty of Afrobeats. We recommend going early to enjoy a delicious meal from the venue's courtyard food truck.

Anime & Manga Club

Calling all anime fans! For the month of February, the Washington Heights Library's [Anime & Manga Club](#) invites you to watch and read new and upcoming titles that feature BIPOC representation. The event series is tailored for youth ages 12 to 18 and is free to attend. Assistive listening devices and ASL interpreters will be available.

Endea Owens and The Cookout

Prefer live jazz on your night out? Head over to Lincoln Center for [Endea Owens and The Cookout!](#) Owens, a long-time bassist on [The Late Show with Stephen Colbert](#), will perform original compositions and big-name favorites on February 10 and 11 with her traveling ensemble of musicians.

Jelly's Last Jam

[Jelly's Last Jam](#) returns to [New York City Center](#) in Midtown. The nine-time Tony-awarded story tells the tale of Jelly Roll Morton, the self-declared "inventor of jazz" who finds himself in the afterlife on the wrong side of the stage. The show begins February 21 with a cast that includes Tony winners Billy Porter, Joaquina Kalukango, and Leslie Uggams, among other talents.