Black History Month events in Central New York
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Celebrate Black History Month and learn about African-American history by checking out these scheduled events throughout Central New York:

**Harlem Globetrotters**
In its 84 year history, the team has played more than 25,000 games. Tonight at 7 p.m. at the Carrier Dome, the Harlem Globetrotters make basketball history with "the 4-point shot." Tickets are $22 to $100 for all ages.

**Black History Event at Crouse Hospital**
The Crouse Black History Month committee presents a performance by the Dominique Dance Creation and storyteller Jackie Grace Rasheed in the hospital's Clocktower Cafe on Wednesday, February 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**African Drums**
Also on February 9, local musician Herb Levens and friends perform on African drums with audience participation at 4 p.m. at Onondaga County Public Library Mundy Branch.

**Black Syracuse and Beyond: The Richard Breland Photograph Collection**
On display through March 3 in the Panasci Lounge at Syracuse University's Schine Student Center, "Black Syracuse and Beyond" features the work of Richard Breland, local community activist and life-long Syracuse resident.

**Ode to My City Readings: Poetry and Reflections**
The Community Folk Art Center hosts students, faculty, and staff who will present original letters and poems about the city they grew up in and love. This evening of poetry and refreshments takes place from 7 to 10 p.m. on February 10 at the CFAC.

**African American Read-In**
The Beauchamp Library on South Salina Street is hosting this community event co-sponsored by the Lit for Life Literacy Project from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 12. Books by and about African-Americans and
African-American history will be read aloud by Syracuse University's African Students Union and Literacy Corps Volunteers.

"Movies of Color: Black Southern Cinema"
This documentary by Tom Thurman explores films by African-Americans with non-stereotypical portraits of life between 1915 and 1945. The film will be shown at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 12 at the ArtRage Gallery at 505 Hawley Avenue, Syracuse.

Black History Month Cabaret
Held in the Grand Ballroom at Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel, this Black History Month Cabaret featuring Antoinette Montague performs Sunday, February 13 at 5 p.m.

Community Collections by the Black History Preservation Project
All month, the Onondaga Historical Association Museum is exhibiting photographs, documents and oral histories collected by the Black History Preservation Project, which is a community-wide project involving OHA, the Syracuse University Southside Initiative, the Dunbar Center, the City of Syracuse and local community members.

J Project
If you're interested in hearing contemporary R&B sounds, J Project performs Wednesday, February 16 at 11 a.m. in the Clocktower Cafe at Crouse Hospital. Organized by Crouse Black History Month committee members.

Rap Sessions
This free community event at Syracuse University features debate and discussion between six renowned faculty and intellectual scholars at 7 p.m., Feb. 17 in the Joyce Hergenhan Auditorium in Newhouse III. "Rap Sessions," the first national tour of its kind, brings difficult dialogues facing the hip-hop generation to scores of cities across the country.
It is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP), the Black Communications Society and the National Association of Black Journalists.

All Power to the People: Graphics of the Black Panther Party
Through February 19, the ArtRage Gallery at 505 Hawley Ave is featuring posters and newspaper graphics produced in the 1960s and 1970s. The exhibition highlights the artistry of Emory Douglas, and documents the Panthers' involvement with a broad array of causes, including opposition to the Vietnam War.

Black History Jeopardy
Test your black history knowledge with this interactive game, including prizes for winners. Black History Jeopardy takes place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22 at the Beauchamp Library.

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