

Celebrate Black History Month this February at The Public Library of New London

The 5th Annual Black History Month Film Festival

African American Film Historian Lonnie Braxton will screen films every Friday in February,

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. February 7- *Midnight Ramble* February 14- *Stormy Weather* February 21- *Intruder in the Dust* February 28- *The Butler* Light Refreshments will be served. For Children the Library will show the movie *Ruby Bridges* on Wednesday, February 12 5:00 pm -7:00 pm.

FREE LECTURE on Connecticut African American Soldiers

Saturday, February 8, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

David Koch, Assistant Professor of History at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, will discuss the role of Connecticut's African American soldiers in the Civil War.

Black History Month Book Clubs

<u>The Invention of Wings: A Novel by Sue Monk Kidd - Tuesday February 25, 2:00 pm</u> Oprah chose this title as her book club pick for 2014! The story is based on the lives of two real women, a young black slave and her young white mistress. Ten copies are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. Light refreshments will be served at the meeting.

<u>Trouble Don't Last by Shelley Pearsall - Thursday, February 27, 4:00 pm</u> The children's book about an 11-year old escaped slave and his journey north on the Underground Railroad. This book is recommended for children age 8-12.