Event Calendar: Black history, dystopian film and helping wildlife

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Celebrate Black History
Lovett Memorial Library will highlight the legacy of abolitionist, author and social reformer Frederick Douglass in a weeklong celebration beginning with showings of the 1994 PBS documentary “When the Lion Wrote History.” The film will be shown at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 13, and at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16. Kevin Douglass Greene, the great great grandson of Frederick Douglass will discuss the legacy of his famed ancestor at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15. Singer Hazelita Fauntroy Hayes also will perform and Lest We Forget Slavery Museum will exhibit artifacts from the Civil War era. For information, visit freibrary.org/lovett. The library is at 6945 Germantown Avenue.

Reaching beyond prison walls

Forum on the Hill presents a discussion with Eric Corson who will talk about his 2021 book “Reaching Beyond Prison Walls: Stories of Volunteer Visitors and the Prisoners They See.” Corson, of Germantown, spent decades running the nonprofit organization, Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS), and visiting 110 of the nation’s 122 federal prisons. PVS is a volunteer visitation program for people incarcerated in federal and military prisons throughout the U.S. The event is 12:30 p.m., Feb. 9, in Widener Hall at the church. The discussion will also be posted online on the church website (chestnuthillpres.org) after 5 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and light refreshments will be served. $5 donation. The church is at 8855 Germantown Ave.

Dystopian Film Festival

Join your fellow film buffs for a different version of reality. Lovett-Memorial Library in Mt. Airy will screen films that explore an imagined society on Fridays in February. “Waterworld” is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10; Upcoming schedule includes “The Russians are Coming. The Russians are Coming,” “Dr. Strangelove,” and “Fahrenheit 451.” For information, visit freibrary.org/lovett. The library is at 6945 Germantown Avenue.

Be a wildlife rehabber

Think you have what it takes to be a wildlife rehabilitator? Grab your little ones and join that clinic staff at the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education (https://chestnuthilllocal.com/events/#!show?search=Schuylkill+Center+for+Environmental+Education&format=all) in Roxborough for an afternoon of interactive activities. Get hands-on practice wrapping up injuries and performing exams on our very willing participants: cute
stuffed animals. Learn about the patient intake process, treatments, healing, and eventual release that each of our wild animals go through at the clinic. Noon to 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11. Free. To register, visit schuylkillcenter.org (https://www.schuylkillcenter.org). The center is at 8480 Hagy's Mill Rd.
Join the congregation at the Presbyterian Church in Chestnut Hill and the PCCH preschoolers in Widener Hall where the group will make beautiful Valentine's Day cards to celebrate the day. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served. Free, but registration is required and materials will be provided. 11 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Feb. 14. For info, visit chestnuthillpres.org. The church is at 8855 Germantown Ave.

**Woodmere Jazz**

Woodmere Art Museum continues its popular jazz series, a partnership with the LifeLine Music Coalition, and presents a tribute to classic R&B, featuring vocalist Roy Richardson and the Arpeggio Jazz Ensemble. Expect to hear the music of artists including Otis Redding, Aretha Franklin, and Smokey Robinson & Miracles. Friday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m. Tickets are $25 ($15 for members). Jazz concerts continue on Fridays through the spring. The museum is at 9201 Germantown Ave. For information visit woodmereaartmuseum.org.

**Black Unitarian Universalist History**

Unitarian Universalists of Mt. Airy will present “From Controversy to Sea Change: Black Unitarian Universalist History,” a special Sunday service on Feb. 26. The event will feature the music of Actual Proof featuring Greg Moore and Bobby Zankel along with presentations by various speakers addressing the history of African Americans in the denomination. The presentation also will be available via online streaming. For information visit uumtairy.org (http://uumtairy.org/). The congregation is at 6900 Stenton Ave.