

# Freedom Riders for Civil Rights

Multicultural  
film festival  
presents  
documentary

Freedom to travel without threat of harm or death for people of color was hard earned through constant struggles that peaked in the 1960s with brutally raging across America.

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m., the Jefferson High School Multicultural Film Festival presents Freedom Riders at the North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St. The audiovisual journal from PBS' American Experience tells the story of several of the most chilling accounts from 1961 freedom rides through the Deep South.

The documentary will be followed by a facilitated discussion led by Dr. Carmen Thompson, instructor of history at Portland Community College, and Ms. Karen Haberman Trusty who in 1963 journeyed, as an exchange student to Spelman College and participated in Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee sit-ins challenging Jim Crow laws.

The community is invited to join the screening and discussion.

## African American Read-In

Local celebrities and community leaders will read from works by their favorite African American writers at the 18th annual African American Read-In on Sunday, Feb. 9 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the North Portland Library, 512 N Killingsworth St.

Fiction and nonfiction for children and adults will be featured in an afternoon of good words from great works. This Black History Month event is cosponsored by the Portland Reading Council, Oregon Alliance of Black School Educators and Multnomah County Library.

In addition to the stories, there will be music, refreshments, and fun activities for the whole family.

A Greyhound bus that had carried Freedom Riders burns beside the highway on May 14, 1961 — Mother's Day — in Anniston, Ala.



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