



Film
Program

AMERICAN CENTER

BLACK HISTORY
~ MONTH ~

In the Heat of the Night (1967)

Running Time: 109 mins

Feb 7 1:00 p.m.
Feb 9 1:00 p.m.

Detective Virgil Tibbs is caught up in the racial tension of the US South when he is arrested after the murder of a prominent businessman. Tibbs was simply waiting for his next train at the station in Sparta, Mississippi and the confusion is soon resolved but when local police chief Gillespie learns that Tibbs is the Philadelphia PD's number one homicide expert, he reluctantly asks for his assistance.

The murdered man, Mr. Colbert, had come to Sparta from the North to build a new factory and his wife and business associates immediately point the finger at Endicott, the most powerful man in the county and the one who had the most to lose if a major new employer comes to the area. Tibbs' life is clearly in danger but he perseveres in a highly charged and racially explosive environment until the killer is found.

Director: Norman Jewison
Starring: Sidney Poitier, Scott Wilson,
Phil Adams
Genre: Drama/Thriller



Remember the Titans (2000)

Running Time: 113 mins

Feb 14 1:00 p.m.

Feb 16 1:00 p.m.

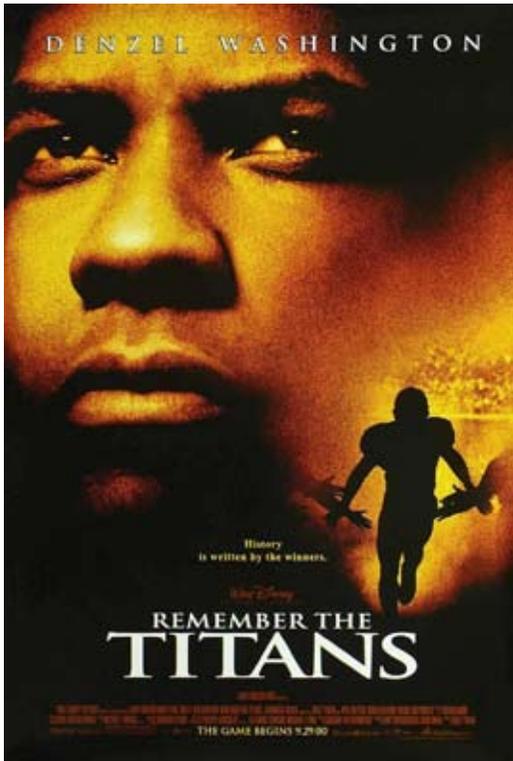
Based on the true story of the explosive events that took place in Alexandria, Virginia in 1971 when African-American football coach Herman Boone was hired to guide an integrated but racially polarized high school team--the T.C. Williams Titans. Angry, stubborn and a rigid taskmaster, Boone

faces a cool reception from the team's players as well as an awkward relationship with assistant coach Bill Yoast, a local white man. It's made clear that Bill has feelings of animosity for having to be an assistant under a black man. As the two men learn to overcome their ignorance and bigotry and realize that they have much in common--integrity, honor, and a strong work ethic--they work together to transform a group of angry, unfocused players into a dynamic winning team of responsible young men.

Director: Boaz Yakin

Starring: Denzel Washington,
Will Patton, Wood Harris

Genre: Drama/Sports



Invictus (2009)

Running Time: 134 mins

Feb 21 1:00 p.m.

Feb 23 1:00 p.m.

The true story of how Nelson Mandela joined forces with the captain of South Africa's rugby team, Francois Pienaar, to help unite their country. Newly elected President Mandela knows his nation remains racially and economically divided in the wake of apartheid. Believing he can bring his people together through the universal language of sport, Mandela rallies South Africa's underdog rugby team as they make an unlikely run to the 1995 World Cup Championship match.

Director: Clint Eastwood

Starring: Morgan Freeman,
Matt Damon,
Tony Kgoroge

Genre: Biopic/Adaptation



Malcolm X (1992)

Running Time: 201 mins

Feb 28 1:00 p.m.

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Biography of Malcolm X, the famous African American leader. Born Malcolm Little, his father (a minister) was killed by the Ku Klux Klan. He became a gangster, and while in jail discovered the Nation of Islam writings of Elijah Muhammad. He preaches the teachings when let out of jail, but later on goes on a pilgrimage to the city of Mecca, there he converts to the original Islamic religion and becomes a Sunni Muslim.

He changes his name to El-Hajj Malik Al-Shabazz and stops his anti-white teachings, as he realises the error of his mistakes. He is later on assassinated and dies a Muslim Martyr.

Director: Spike Lee

Starring: Denzel Washington,
Angela Bassett, Albert Hall

Genre: Drama/Biopic

