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Program

AMERICAN CENTER

BLACK HISTORY
~ MONTH ~

The Great Debaters (2007)

Running Time: 124 min

Feb 1 – 4 1:00 p.m.

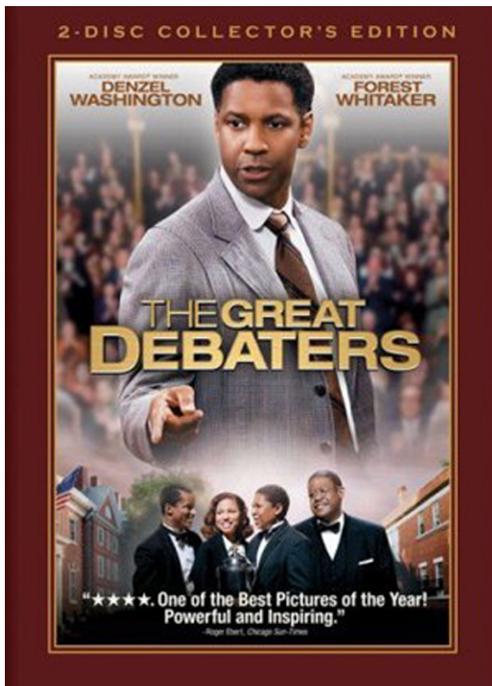
Feb 5 9:00 a.m.

Inspired by a true story, *The Great Debaters* chronicles the journey of Professor Melvin Tolson, a brilliant but volatile debate team coach who uses the power of words to shape a group of underdog students from a small African American college in the deep south into a historically elite debate team. A controversial figure, Professor Tolson challenged the social mores of the time and was under constant fire for his unconventional and ferocious teaching methods as well as his radical political views.

Director: Denzel Washington

Starring: Denzel Washington,
Forest Whitaker, Damien
Leake, Gregory Nicotero,
Brian Smiar

Genre: Drama



Historic Civil Rights & Black History Films

Running Time: 102 min

Feb 8 – 11

1:00 p.m.

Feb 12

9:00 a.m.

This is an essential collection of rare black history and civil rights movement films, digitized and preserved for history. The footage includes appearances by Martin Luther King Jr., Maya Angelou, Jackie Robinson and Bayard Rustin. Whether you're interested in learning more about the history of the black civil rights movement, Martin Luther King, black history month or African American history and culture, this DVD is an entertaining and educational visual resource, and a key component of any African American history collection.



Starring: Robert Graham
Brown, Maya Angelou,
Lillian Hayman, James
Bartow, Loften
Mitchell

Director: Lee R. Bobker

Genre: Documentary

Muhammad Ali: Made in Miami (2008)

Running Time: 60 min

Feb 15 1:00 p.m.

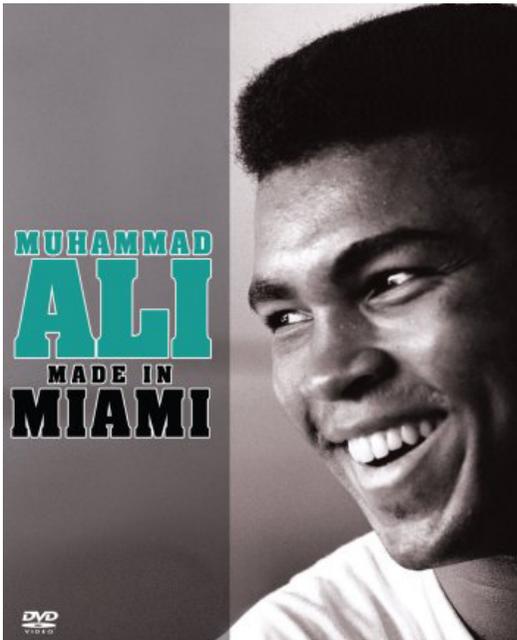
Feb 19 9:00 a.m.

The film chronicles Cassius Clay's arrival in Miami in the fall of 1960 (fresh from earning an Olympic gold medal in the Rome Olympics), his life in Overtown when that neighborhood was still considered Harlem South, a vibrant center of black entertainment and commerce and his affiliation with the famed Fifth Street Gym on Miami Beach. Over the course of the next few years coinciding with the height of the national civil rights movement Clay evolved both

professionally and politically, piling up victories in the ring and adopting the black separatist teachings of the Nation of Islam. As Muhammad Ali: Made in Miami makes clear, it was in this period that Cassius Clay, in essence, became Muhammad Ali.

Starring: Muhammad Ali

Director: Alan Tomlinson



Something the Lord Made (2004)

Running Time: 110 min

Feb 22 – 25

1:00 p.m.

Feb 26

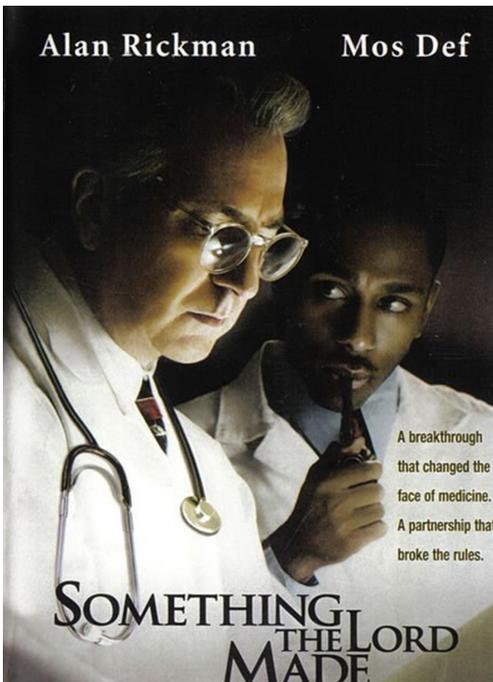
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Something the Lord Made tells the emotional true story of two men who defied the rules of their time to launch a medical revolution, set against the backdrop of the Jim Crow south. Working in 1940s Baltimore on an unprecedented technique for performing heart surgery on “blue

babies,” Dr. Alfred Blalock (Alan Rickman) and lab technician Vivien Thomas (Mos Def) form an impressive team. As Blalock and Thomas invent a new field of medicine, saving thousands of lives in the process, social pressures threaten to undermine their collaboration and tear their friendship apart.

Alan Rickman

Mos Def



Starring: Alan Rickman, Mos Def, Kyra Sedgwick, Gabrielle Union, Merritt Wever

Director: Joseph Sargent