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Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System’s Caribbean American Heritage Month
Events at the Central Library

Scene from Fire in Babylon

Atlanta – This June, the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library, in collaboration with the Georgia Caribbean-American Heritage Coalition (GCAHC), will present the 5th annual Caribbean Film Festival in celebration of Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

The film screenings will be held at the Central Library on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., with a reception and meet and greet at 5:00 p.m., featuring refreshments from the country being showcased that evening. After each screening, there will be a question-and-answer session.

The films this year will be:
- *Fire in Babylon* which celebrates the dominant West Indies cricket teams of the 1970s and 1980s. Screening date will be June 6.
- *Calypso Dreams* (Trinidad and Tobago): a history of calypso music to be screened on June 13.
- *Troubled Waters* (St. Lucia) which tackles a very tough subject and brings it out into the open. Screening date is June 20.
- *Africa Unite* (Jamaica) which follows the family of the iconic Bob Marley as they celebrate what would have been his 60th birthday by traveling to Ethiopia for a series of concerts and gathering of youth from all over the continent. This will be screened on June 27.

Each year the GCAHC chooses a country focus for the month of June, and this year the countries will be Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago in honor of the 50th anniversary of independence of both countries.

The programs are free and open to the public. The purpose of the film festival is to showcase the diversity of peoples and cultures that make up the Caribbean. In previous years, films have been screened from Haiti, Martinique, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua and Barbuda and Barbados, and include a mix of documentaries and feature films.

On Saturday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m., the Central Library will also host a Caribbean Storytelling Festival, with storytellers representing different Caribbean countries, and young members of the Caribbean American community in Atlanta presenting and reading their favorite Caribbean children’s book. Audience members will be treated to traditional anansi stories and poems of Louise Bennett, and experience the costumed Pierrot Grenade character from Trinidad and Tobago. This program is open to children and adults.

For more information please visit [www.afpls.org](http://www.afpls.org) or call 404-730-1808.