

July, 2022

Occasionally we are asked "what is the Anti-Racism Affinity Group of Greater Newburyport?" and "can I join?" We are a small group that has been meeting for years to support, discuss, and learn about systemic racism and intersectional issues generally, as well as mentor others beginning their journeys of anti-racism.

We support and challenge one another in our own education through books, movies, articles, podcasts, workshops, etc., and look at ways to share these ideas and information with the community, with individuals, and with others who wish to begin their own learning pods.

We stand in solidarity with all those working to end racism, inequality, war and imperialism, while also supporting efforts to build power in working class communities of color. Collective and individual liberation for all!

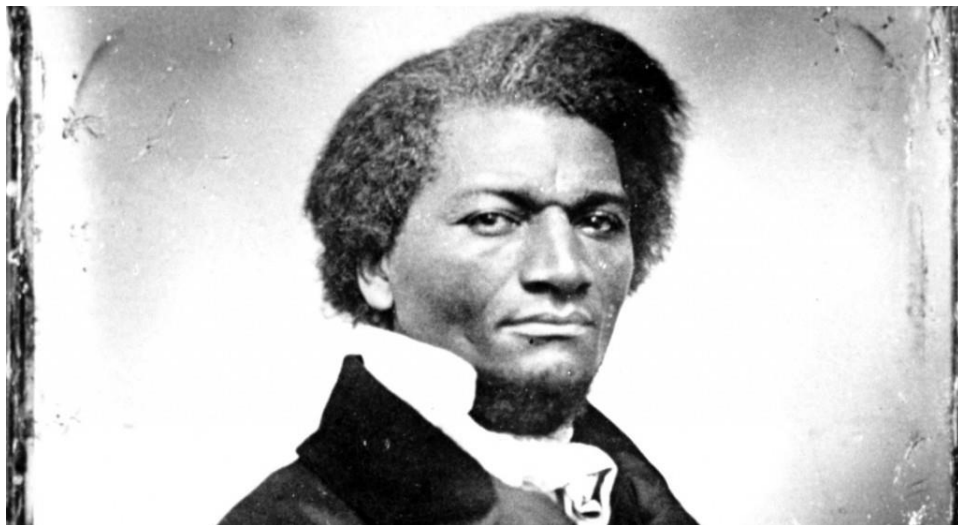
This is our Facebook page, [Anti-Racism Affinity Group of Greater Newburyport](#)

Please feel free to share this email, or give others my email address (mentalchatter@yahoo.com) so they can get on the (blind carbon copy) mailing list.

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY POTENTIAL ADDITIONS BY THE 25th of EACH MONTH.

There is not a man beneath the canopy of heaven, that does not know that slavery is wrong for him.

-Frederick Douglass



Mass Humanities is proud to support these organizations as they host Reading Frederick Douglass Together events in Massachusetts this summer. **June 12th-July 5th**

Click here for more information on the program. <https://masshumanities.org/programs/douglass/>

Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire

[Meet Jack Stains, a "Black Jack" in Old Portsmouth: A Living History Tour](#)

July 2 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Black Heritage Trail of NH Main Office, 222 Court Street

Portsmouth, NH 03801 United States [+ Google Map](#)



Sankofa Scholar & Tour Guide: Kevin Wade Mitchel as Jack Staines Seafaring was one of the most significant occupations among both enslaved and free Black men between 1740 and 1865. Black seamen sailed on whalers, warships, and privateers. Some were enslaved and forced to work at sea, but by 1800 most seamen were free to seek adventure and economic opportunity aboard ship. On this tour, you will meet Jack Staines, husband to Ona Judge Staines, the President, and Martha Washington's...

[Find out more »](#)

[The Lies We Were Taught: The Black Family](#)

July 3 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Sankofa Tour Guide: Daniel Comly At the turn of the 19th century, Black abolitionists are changing public attitudes about slavery and challenging racial bias in the courts. In Portsmouth, never enslaved and newly freed Black adults share households with still enslaved children and elders. It is a time of possibilities, hope, and tension. True stories about these families will describe how a community of African refugees were claiming their place as Americans.

[Find out more »](#)

[Port of Entry: Boys and Girls for Sale](#)

July 9 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Tour Guides: Rekha Mahadevan or Laramie Wilson Local newspapers carried merchants' ads for ships returning to the port of Portsmouth laden with cargo from trade ports on the West Coast of Africa, the West Indies, and the middle Atlantic coastal cities of Colonial America. Visit local wharves and auction sites related to the Atlantic Slave Trade, where a captive could be exchanged for "cash or good lumber" to serve in the master's house or work on the docks or aboard...

[Find out more »](#)

[Black Soldiers and the American Revolution](#)

July 10 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Sankofa Tour Guide: Angela Matthews Enslaved Africans fought for freedom from tyranny alongside the Western European Patriots of Portsmouth - the Sons of Liberty, as they call themselves. It was a fight that did not necessarily guarantee an African his own liberty. Called to arms by their enslavers, some Africans used their war bounty to buy their freedom, while others self-emancipated to fight with the British for the promise of independence. This tour of 18th century Portsmouth is experienced from...

[Find out more »](#)

[Lives Bound Together: The Washingtons & Ona Marie Judge in NH](#)

July 16 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Sankofa Scholar & Tour Guide: Sonya Martino During the Spring of 1796, George Washington's final months in office, Ona Judge, an enslaved woman owned by the First Family, escaped the Executive Mansion in Philadelphia with the aid of that city's free Black community and made her way to Portsmouth. On this tour, you will hear the true story of Ona's quest for freedom and the President's relentless efforts to get her back. See the waterfront where she lands and visit...

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[**Lives Bound Together: The Washingtons & Ona Marie Judge in NH**](#)

July 24 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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[**Not a Slave, yet not Free: Harriet E. Wilson and the Abolition Movement**](#)

July 24 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm



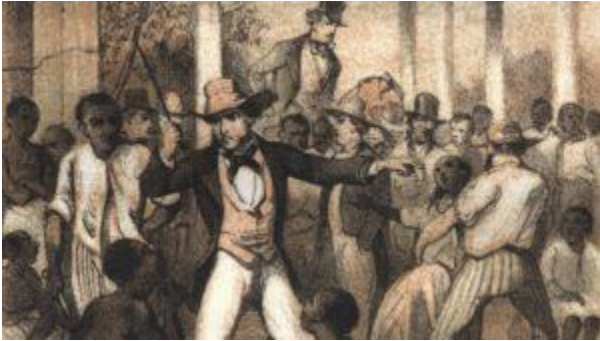
Tour Guide: David Nelson Harriet E. Wilson was the first African American of any gender to publish a novel on the North American continent. Her novel *Our Nig, or Sketches from the Life of a Free Black* was published in 1859. Born a free person of color in New Hampshire, Wilson was orphaned when young and bound until the age of 18 as an indentured servant. She struggled to make a living after that, marrying twice; her only son George...

[Find out more >](#)

Thirst for Freedom: From NH's Slave Trade to its Civil Rights Movement

July 30 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Sankofa Scholar & Tour Guide: Nur Shoop Colonial Portsmouth newspapers testify to the local slave trade, runaways, abolitionists, and anti-abolitionist activities, followed by conflicting opinions of the Civil War. In the 20th century, the legacy of that early history was reflected in news about de facto segregation in housing and public places. This tour includes many of those historic landmarks from the early nineteenth through the twentieth centuries.

[Find out more >](#)

Ain't She A Woman: Let Me Tell You Her Story

July 31 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Sankofa Tour Guide: Valerie Fagin Can you imagine the hustle and bustle of a prosperous colonial seaport town? This tour invites you to discover the world of early Portsmouth from the perspective of African American women. In spite of enslavement and hardship, these women fought for freedom, defied a sitting president, and educated generations of children to follow. Hear their stories about love and faith and struggle, as you walk past the homes of the families who enslaved them.

[Find out more >](#)

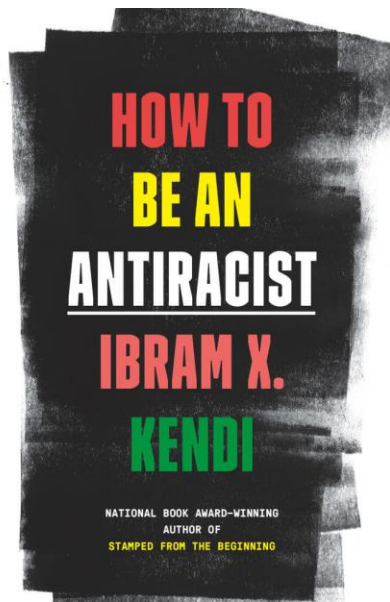
Marblehead Racial Justice Team Presents: Conversations on Race – What Does it Mean to be Anti-Racist?

July 18 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

To attend in person, please register in advance for this meeting [here](#)

To attend via Zoom, please register in advance for this meeting [here](#)

Our next Conversations on Race meeting features a short Stephen Colbert and Ibram X. Kendi video about anti-racism. If you have heard the term “anti-racism” and wonder what it means, here is your chance to find out from the man who created the term.



Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, historian and author of the books *How to be Antiracist* and *Antiracist Baby* talks with Stephen Colbert about his concept. They also discuss the advantages of a more equitable society for both white Americans as well as for persons of color. Following the 12-minute video, attendees online and at the Abbot Library will have the opportunity to speak and to listen to each other's responses to the presentation.

These ongoing Marblehead Racial Justice Team conversations offer a safe and welcoming place in which we explore privilege, biases, and questions. This is a place for listening, conversation, and engagement. We hope we can continue to learn and grow together so that we can make a difference.

This program will be offered in person and online via Zoom. To attend in person, please register in advance for this meeting [here](#). To attend via Zoom, please register in advance for this meeting [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

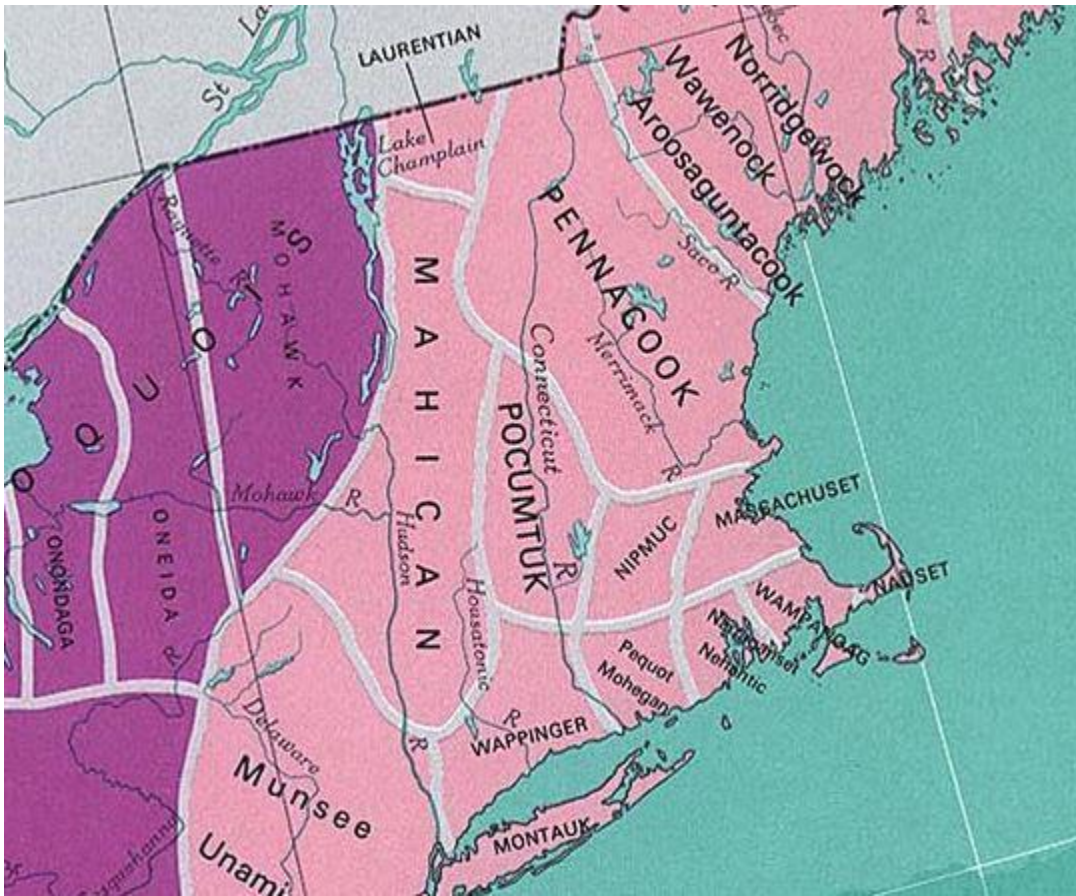
This program is co-sponsored by Abbot Public Library and the Marblehead Racial Justice Team.



Saturday July 30 – 12:00 – 1:00. *Newburyport and the Triangular Trade.

Nbpt. Public Library Program Room.

Join Susan McGregor Harvey is a direct descendant of the Morse family, first settlers of Newbury in 1635. The research she conducted at the Newburyport Public Library Archival Center represents the core material used for her master's thesis in history from Fitchburg State University: *Slavery in Massachusetts: A descendant of early settlers investigates the connections in Newburyport, Massachusetts.* Mrs. Harvey believes we have been asking the wrong questions about slavery in New England because we had no slave plantations here as existed in the southern states. It is our economic ties to the transatlantic slave trade that implicates New England in the monumental tragedy that took the lives of millions of human beings and, in doing so, formed the basis of America's economy. As Susan approached the topic of northern slavery, her initial questions were: was my family in Newburyport involved in the slave trade, and if so, how? These are questions that people all over New England are beginning to ask themselves as new information comes to light and new scholarship on the topic of northern slavery is published. Seats fill up fast!



Thursday August 4th, 10 to 11:00 am.

*Uncommon Ground- Pawtucket Spaces and Colonized Places on the Molodemak River Frontier.

Firehouse Center for The Arts in Market Square, Nbpt. Join Kristine Malpica on this walking tour that explores local and regional history of Pawtucket-Pennacook spaces and colonized places on the *Molodemak* (Merrimack in English) River frontier. The river served as a vital intratribal conduit of socio-economic and political interaction for Native groups, as well as cross-cultural exchange and conflict with English colonists.



ROYALL HOUSE & SLAVE QUARTERS

15 George Street in Medford, Massachusetts, just outside of Medford Square, near the intersection with Main Street and next to Royall Park.

In the eighteenth century, the Royall House and Slave Quarters was home to the largest slaveholding family in Massachusetts and the enslaved Africans who made their lavish way of life possible. Today, the Royall House and Slave Quarters is a museum whose architecture, household items, archaeological artifacts, and programs bear witness to intertwined stories of wealth and bondage, set against the backdrop of America's quest for independence.



The Slave Quarters is the only remaining such structure in the northern United States, and the Royall House is among the finest colonial-era buildings in New England. **Our guided tours of our historic properties begin at the top of the hour at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays during our tour season, extending from June 11, 2022 until October 16, 2022. The museum also presents a range of public programs throughout the year.**

As people across the world take to the streets to protest the police killings of Breonna Taylor in Louisville, George Floyd in Minneapolis, and Tony McDade in Tallahassee, we have a responsibility to speak out.

We are committed to telling the history of slavery and freedom while highlighting how the legacy of enslavement creates systemic inequalities today. Thus, we stand in solidarity with the protesters bravely fighting against police violence and demanding justice, accountability, and a transformation of policies that sustain racial and economic inequalities.

Our job is not only to listen, but also to uplift and amplify the history and voices of Black people locally, nationally, and globally in the struggle for freedom.

Museums are not Neutral. Black Lives Matter.

<https://royallhouse.org/visit/hours-and-admission/>



Tips for Talking With and Helping Children and Youth Cope After a Disaster or Traumatic Event:

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, AND TEACHERS

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-bOJijoLcn2R2V1SXhsLVINa0E/view?_hsmi=215387935&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-87Tz1no5QJwE1UOCPsqeiyAjVG1oib3nzKQ33nFw3kht-iZxyERrSWg6hzLwWQWcqUksCP3ecvgtJRWoCgKH0HRVb8Q&resourcekey=0-yHwiFjW_CPsiDC8ciFyYYQ

HOW WE RISE

7 myths about “defunding the police” debunked

Howard Henderson and Ben Yisrael Wednesday, May 19, 2021 -- Brookings

https://www.brookings.edu/blog/how-we-rise/2021/05/19/7-myths-about-defunding-the-police-debunked/?utm_medium=email&hsmi=215387935&hsenc=p2ANqtz--L4quiAXamhWLBv-BHT-L02e0KLMbf5KjF0irFCRq-rNfiN-L9yKFUHKZEBOcMcK1XU_-gXoASZ8ndDigsNBfuBVD7A&utm_content=215387935&utm_source=hs_email



From our friends at Anti-Racism Daily

Protect your community from the heat wave.

http://20465691.hs-sites.com/protect-your-community-from-the-heat-wave?ecid=ACsprvtxmva_QfAKWW-BGxiNlbn8c_0VVqUZ2hY-0ld_ATAxN-Qeyo0_xlBWcDCihrVGE9zIKjy&utm_medium=email&hsmi=217153266&hsenc=p2ANqtz-_2c7HeozbVkcivMp-13aDV92iUAV5ckPVgavosb0PG-y8Z_xa-zn6rQ1jHxHQcwJ9tFCZQEutn-QOr8pVhBO-5xfBXg&utm_content=217153266&utm_source=hs_email

Defund the police.

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This ongoing Language Matters column (via Network for Social Justice in Winchester) sheds light on important considerations about words and their impact. Language can be both a reflection of our beliefs and a powerful agent of change. Previous installments can be found [here](#).

In recognition of Pride Month, this Language Matters column focuses on the importance of using accurate pronouns when referring to transgender and non-binary people and the reasons for everyone who's comfortable doing so to share their pronouns in meetings and introductions.

The Trevor Project reports that 25% of LGBTQ youth use "they/them exclusively, a combination of he/him, she/her, or they/them, or neopronouns, such as ze/zir," a singular pronoun some people use instead of they. For transgender and nonbinary people, being referred to by an incorrect pronoun is experienced as a hurtful denial of who they are. It's widely acknowledged that gender-expansive youth can suffer from extreme stress and mental health challenges. Supportive community members can make a difference. Research by the online platform **Community Commons** indicates that trans and/or nonbinary youth who reported that their pronouns were respected "by all or most of the people in their lives" were half as likely to have attempted suicide.

As you may be aware, many people, including cisgender people (those whose gender identity matches their assigned gender at birth) are now more frequently explicitly stating their pronouns. One author, who identifies as nonbinary, declared in a blog post: "Dear cis people who put your pronouns on your 'hello my name is' name tags: **Thank you.**" The author went on to say they feel more comfortable, and feel warmer toward the person. And reported that when they hear themselves referred to as 'they,' they "feel vulnerable, and cared for, and seen"(Sinclair Sexsmith, 2019).

In addition to nametags, we can all identify our pronouns in Zoom meetings, when being introduced to a group, in our email signatures, on business cards, and social media bios/profiles. We can encourage others to do the same, if they feel comfortable.

Using accurate pronouns and normalizing sharing one's own pronouns creates a more inclusive and equitable environment, promotes the health and wellbeing of LGBTQ youth, and demonstrates respect for people of all gender identities.

REFLECTIONS ON HOPE

Inspiring messages to move us forward.



Photo by [Sitraka Rakotoarivelo](#) on [Unsplash](#)

WATCH: A Message From the Future II: The Years of Repair (9 min.)

Can we imagine a better future? If we stop talking about what winning actually looks like, isn't that the same as giving up? Recorded in fall 2020, this animated short film that dares to dream of a future in which 2020 is a historic turning point, where the lessons of the Covid-19 pandemic and global uprisings against racism drive us to build back a better society in which no one is sacrificed and everyone is essential. [Youtube >](#)

Police Abolition 101: Messages When Facing Doubts

Published on Jan 21, 2021

https://issuu.com/projectnia/docs/policeabolition101_zine_digital_singlepages?utm_campaign=No%20campaign&utm_medium=email&hsmi=214664617&hsenc=p2ANqtz-_m98aMZD8jUKC_ZTd2ktlZD-Eq2KM8tPR0LiAz3r7vaTDkEC3xBxxKqcd0PvSuQh1EuKfD79tF7BoYJYewytJm7sPosw&utm_content=214664617&utm_source=hs_email

Police Abolition 101 is a collaborative zine based on material by MPD 150 (<https://www.mpd150.com>) and on a report titled "What's Next?" edited by Interrupting Criminalization and Project NIA. Feel free to share this zine with members of your communities who have questions about police abolition. You can download a printable version of this zine here: <http://bit.ly/PoliceAbolition101>.

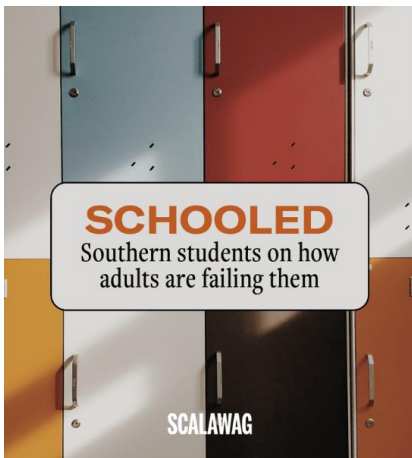


From Shay Stewart-Bouley Black Girl in Maine --

Questions and communion

June 5, 2022

https://blackgirlinmaine.com/racial-and-cultural/questions-and-communion/?fbclid=IwAR1pQnyNR9meFEPqbhRZjvb_fMxmMfJoE21AF0cqQ_TYbtWbi8CQ040E6l4#more-15622



"We are told to act accordingly, speak properly, and stay silent on topics that could cause controversy in the classroom. What is so wrong about teaching our students that things haven't been and still aren't perfect?"

— Litia Turner, a then-rising high school junior in Virginia

https://scalawagmagazine.org/2022/06/student-power-ualde/?utm_source=ScalawagPrimary&utm_campaign=f99226e585-schooled-6-14-45&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a44e75f586-f99226e585-517922322



Who Invented Affirmative Action? By James Mulholland

<https://notetomywhiteself.wordpress.com/2022/06/19/who-invented-affirmative-action/>