



# SOMETHING'S HAPPENING AT THE YMI NEWS + UPCOMING EVENTS | MAY-JUNE 2026

## Rooted In Resilience

BUILDING BLACK HEALTH, WEALTH & LEGACY

May 16 from 9:30-2 p.m.

Join the Asheville Women's Support Group for a community convening focused on health, wealth, and historical preservation with panels, resource tables, and connection to support long-term flourishing.

Location: YMI - Full Building

## SAVE THE DATES

### JUNETEENTH

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Art Gallery Opening, Tours, Marketplace, and Southern Soul featuring live music by Full Effect.

### GOOMBAY

OCTOBER

Date TBD

## Black Experience Book Club

BLACK MOTHER'S EDITION

May 28 from 6-7 p.m.

You are invited to gather for conversation and reflection as we tackle a text that centers what it means to be a Black mother. Connect with Noir Collective and alexandria ravenel at the YMI to get the book ahead of time.

Location: YMI Art Gallery

## Asheville Technology of Participation Training

June 3-4 from 8:30-5 p.m.

ToP methods help leaders by equipping them with collaborative tools to build shared understanding with groups, make consensual decisions with stakeholders, and see a group take ownership of their common goal. Engage in demonstrations, learning, and hands-on practice.

Cost associated with training.

Location: YMI

## Art After Dark - June Edition

June 5 from 7-10 p.m.

Join us for our new and contemporary gathering that celebrates Black art and Black Social Life. Last month we played games, this month we paint.

Location: YMI Suites

## ONGOING ART EXHIBITIONS



### Tarah Singh Art Exhibition

"REFRAME - THE DECONSTRUCTION OF CONSTRUCTS"

Extended to May 17, 2026

Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekend visits by request.

Location: YMI Art Gallery



### Jordan Smith Art Exhibition

May 1 through June 7, 2026

Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekend visits by request.

Location: YMI Suites

## UJIMA FITNESS CLASSES

WITH KELLY WHITE

Tuesdays at 6 p.m. & Saturdays at 11 a.m.

Join us for community-centered fitness and wellness.

Location: YMI Building - Dickson Meeting Room (Basement Level)



**Rooted in Resilience**

RSVP Required  
Free Event

**Building Black Health, Wealth, and Legacy in Asheville**

**When**  
Saturday, May 16, 2026  
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

**Where**  
YMI Cultural Center  
39 S. Market St.  
Asheville, NC

**RSVP**  
nldc.io/asheville  
brn@nextleads.org  
(888) 695-7660

Breakfast & Lunch Served | Panel Discussions | Vendors & Giveaways

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**ATOP**  
ASHEVILLE TOP TRAINING

**Technology of Participation (ToP) Training**

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ASHEVILLE, NC

**Expert Instructors**  
Learn from Certified Technology of Participation Trainers.

**Interactive Sessions**  
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More info  
AshevilleToP.com

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**JUNETEENTH ON THE BLOCK**

FRIDAY 19, 2026

SAVE THE DATE

LIVE MUSIC MARKETPLACE VENDORS ART EXHIBITIONS FOOD

CHECK WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION