

# *The Singing Stream: A Black Family Chronicle*

Saturday, June 11  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Main Library – Auditorium  
60 South High Street

The Landis family of Akron, Ohio and Granville County, North Carolina collaborated with filmmaker Tom Davenport to create this award-winning documentary that traces the history of the family over the lifetime of matriarch Bertha Landis. The film documents and personalizes major events in African American history — the Jim Crow era, migration from the South during and after World War II, segregation, and Civil Rights. It highlights the role of gospel singing in giving the Landis family a sense of unity and joy through difficult times.



Broadcast as a Black History Month special in 1985, “The Singing Stream” won numerous awards, including first prizes at the San Francisco International Film Festival, the National Black Programming Consortium and the Chicago International Film Festival.

Join us and meet filmmaker Tom Davenport and members of the musically talented Akron branch (Echoes of Heaven). Learn how you can request the sequel, *The Singing Stream: Reunion*.



No registration necessary.

Free parking available in the High Street parking deck adjacent to Main Library.



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