

**Black History Season**  
October 2019 – January 2020



# Celebrating Black Culture and Achievement in Hackney

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# Hackney Black History Season Exhibitions & Events 2019

**Black History Month is a UK-wide annual celebration of the contribution that Black African and Caribbean communities have made both on a local level and across the globe.**

In 2019, Hackney Council will be celebrating the history and impact of African and Caribbean fashion and hair in the borough through the 'Hackney's Got Style' exhibition at Hackney Museum. This will be accompanied by an extended season of events including film screenings, art workshops, discussions, live music and more in Hackney libraries, youth hubs and Hackney Museum. All events are free, check online for full details and keep an eye on the website for new events and additions:



**[www.hackney.gov.uk/black-history](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/black-history)**

Here in Hackney, we celebrate black culture and achievement all year round, so don't forget to keep checking out the web page above and follow **@HackneyBlackHistory** on Facebook to keep up to date on events throughout the year.

**Hackney's Got Style: celebrating the history and impact of African & Caribbean Fashion & Hair**  
Hackney Museum | 1 Oct 2019 - 11 Jan 2020

**From Sunday best to Saturday night threads, from locks to the Jheri curl...** This exhibition shares and celebrates the history and impact of African & Caribbean style and hair through the eyes of Hackney people. Explore how the clothes we wear and how we style our hair has expressed and impacted identity since the 1950s, and what this means for us today. Discover the local entrepreneurs, designers and fashionistas who have changed British culture in the borough and beyond.

**Workshops for Hackney schools:**  
**Hackney's Got Style**  
Hackney Museum | Throughout October and November

Over 2,500 local primary school children will visit the exhibition at Hackney Museum to explore the influence, impact and personal stories of African & Caribbean fashion and hair in Hackney.

Email [museumbookings@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:museumbookings@hackney.gov.uk) to find out more, or join Hackney Museum's mailing list for teachers.

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## Black History Season Flag

From 1 Oct

Hackney Town Hall, E8 1EA

The winning design from Malaika Parillon Langlais Baron, who won last year's schools Black History Month competition, will be flown again throughout October.



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## Black History Knitting Club

2 Oct 10.30am-12noon

Hackney Central Library, E8 1GQ

All ages

Design and knit flags of vibrant African patterns.

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## Poetry Workshop

3 Oct 5.30pm-7.30pm

Hackney Central Library, E8 1GQ

All ages

Looking at the poetry of poet, writer, lyricist and musician, Benjamin Zephaniah and be inspired to create your own work.

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## Hackney's Got Style: Exhibition Launch

3 Oct 6pm-7.45pm

Hackney Museum, E8 1GQ

All ages

Join Hackney Museum for the exhibition launch of 'Hackney's Got Style'. Speeches start at 6.30pm. Tickets limited, RSVP via Eventbrite.

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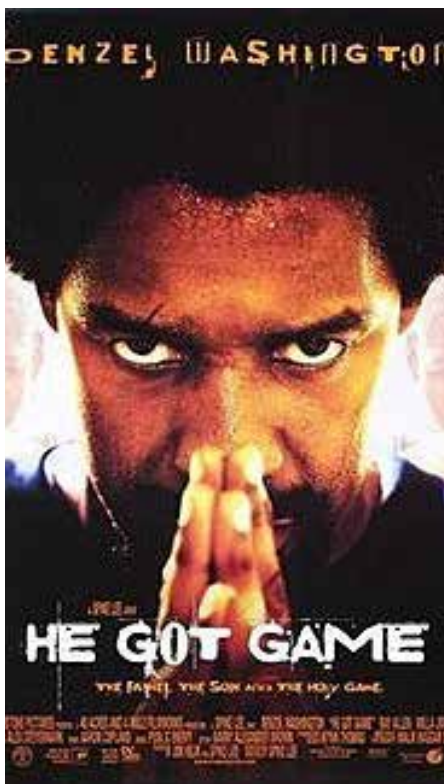
## Hackney Film Club presents: 'He Got Game'

5 Oct 2pm-4pm

Dalston CLR James Library, E8 3BQ

Ages 15+

A screening of Spike Lee's basketball epic starring Denzel Washington.



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## African Mask Making

5 Oct 2pm-4pm

Hackney Central Library, E8 1GQ

Ages 5-16

Make your own African mask to take home.

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## Stories from Africa & the Caribbean

5 Oct 5.30pm-7.30pm

Homerton Library, E9 6AS

All ages

Bema Arts Edutainment by some of the best storytellers and griot (West African oral historian and musician) around.

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## Forward to Freedom

10 Oct 6pm-8pm

Hackney Archives, E8 3BQ

All ages



Forward to Freedom is an exhibition telling the story of the British Anti-Apartheid Movement and its campaigns to support the people of South Africa in their fight against apartheid. Come and experience the exhibition and find out more about the fight for freedom from activists who were directly involved in the Anti-Apartheid struggle. Book via Eventbrite: [bit.ly/2zr8GrS](https://bit.ly/2zr8GrS)

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## African & Caribbean Crafts

10 Oct 4pm-6pm

Stoke Newington Library, N16 0JL

Ages 8-12

Create crafts inspired by African & Caribbean clothes and hair styles.

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## Storytime & Songs

11 Oct 11am-12noon

Hackney Central Library, E8 1GQ

Under 5s

Take part in black history inspired rhyme time.

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## Hair Braiding for Beginners

12 Oct 11.30am-1pm

Shoreditch Library, N1 6LP

All ages

Hair braiding has been around for over 5000 years, come along and learn the basics.



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## Nostalgia Steelband

12 Oct, 2pm-3.30pm | 19 Oct 2pm-3.30pm

Hackney Central Library, E8 1GQ | Dalston

CLR James Library, E8 3BQ

All ages

Join the UK's first steelband established in 1964, Nostalgia, in the Health Spot at Central library and the Foyer at Dalston CLR James library. Lionel will be playing a little bit of reggae, a big chunk of soul and a smidge of blues.



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## A taste of Africa

17 Oct 1pm-3pm

Hackney Central Library, E8 1GQ

All ages

Come and taste the various authentic flavours of Africa!

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## Black British Pioneers Zine Making

19 Oct 2pm-3.30pm

Hackney Central library, E8 1GQ

Ages 8+

Learn about the pioneers of Black British history and make your own zine, inspired by different stories.

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## Black History Family Film Show

19 Oct 2pm-4pm

Homerton Library, E9 6AS

All ages

Come along to a black-history-themed family film club.

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## Spoken Word from Afrikan Heritage Writers

19 Oct 3pm-7.30pm

Shoreditch Library, N1 6LP

Ages 14+

The House of Amau Readings by AHW members and other contributors to the anthology of creative poetry and prose: 100 Years Unheard - WW1 and the Afrikan Heritage Woman. The readings will be followed by a Q&A session with audience participatory discussion.

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## The Soul Man

19 Oct 4pm-4.45pm & 5.15pm-6pm

Dalston CLR James Library, E8 3BQ

All ages

One of the most well-known and loved soul singers in the area, The Soul Man (aka Peter Symphorien) generates energy and excitement everywhere he performs.

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## Wear Your Crown

21 Oct 2pm-4pm

Homerton Library, E9 6AS

Ages 7+

Join the creative platform who aims to make historical black women the norm for KS2/3 education, Black Superheroes, for a celebratory creative workshop for children to design and make a crown using upcycled materials.

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## Making and Creating Hair Accessories

22 Oct 2pm-3.30pm

Stamford Hill Library, N16 6SB

Ages 7-12

Make your own colourful hair accessories.

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## Storytime & Songs

22 Oct 10.30am-11.30am

Homerton Library, E9 6AS

Under 5s

Take part in black history inspired rhyme time and make your own musical instrument.

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## Hackney's Got Style: Exhibition Tour

23 Oct 12noon-1pm

14 Nov 6pm-7pm

Hackney Museum, E8 1GQ

Ages 15+

Join Hackney Museum for a tour of Hackney's Got Style, an exhibition celebrating the history and impact of African & Caribbean fashion & hair in the local area.



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## Hackney's Got Style: Exhibition Tour for Families

24 Oct 11am-12noon and 12noon-1pm

Hackney Museum, E8 1GQ

Ages 7+ and their families

An interactive tour of the exhibition, led by museum staff. Suitable for children aged 7+ and their families.

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## Style in My DNA: A Conversation with author Lorna Holder

24 Oct 5.30pm-7.30pm

Hackney Museum, E8 1GQ

All ages



In the 1970s, as teenagers of Caribbean descent declared themselves 'Black-British', young artist Lorna Holder began to take fashion seriously. Find out more about her career in the fashion industry, alongside contributors to her book 'Style in my DNA'. RSVP via Eventbrite.

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## Storytime & Songs

24 Oct 11am-12noon

Dalston CLR James Library, E8 3BQ

Under 5s

Take part in Black History inspired rhyme time.

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## African Hair Wraps

24 Oct 2pm-4pm

Dalston CLR James Library, E8 3BQ

All ages

Learn how to style African hair wraps and taste homemade food from Africa and the Caribbean.



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## Make a Carnival Headdress

24 Oct 2.30pm-4pm

Homerton Library, E9 6AS

Ages 5+



Get into the carnival spirit and make your own headdress with feathers and glitter.

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## Wear Your Crown

25 Oct 2pm-4pm  
Clapton Library, E5 8RA  
Ages 7+

Join Black Superheroes for a celebratory creative workshop for children to design and make a crown using upcycled materials.

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## Quiz Club Special

26 Oct 2pm-4pm  
Hackney Central Library, E8 1GQ  
Ages 5-12

Test your knowledge of black history and culture at the library's Quiz Club.

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## Researching African & Caribbean Histories at Hackney Archives

26 Oct 2pm-5pm  
Hackney Archives, E8 3BQ  
All ages



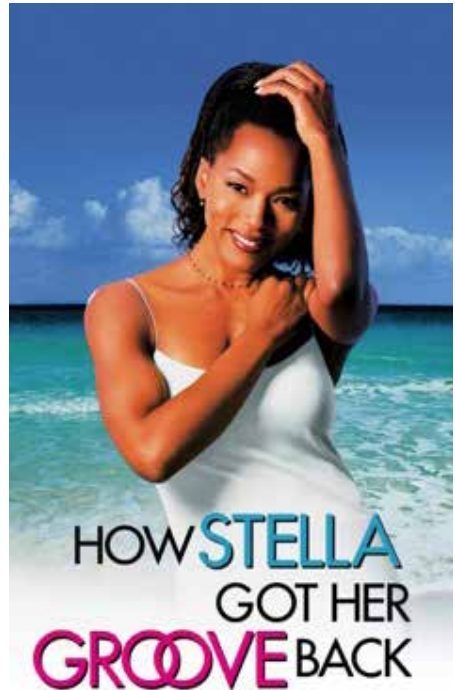
Interested in researching African & Caribbean histories? Join expert researcher Dr Gemma Romain to learn the tips and tricks that will help you dig deep into the archives to find out more about the Africans and Caribbeans who have made their mark locally and globally. Book via [bit.ly/2ZBmbPQ](http://bit.ly/2ZBmbPQ)

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## Hackney Film Club Presents: 'How Stella Got Her Groove Back'

26 Oct 2-4pm  
Homerton Library, E9 6AS  
Ages 15+

Unlucky-in-love stockbroker Stella (Angela Bassett) jets to Jamaica with her gal pal Delilah (Whoopi Goldberg) for some fun in the sun.





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## African Bata Dance

30 Oct 2.30pm-4pm

Shoreditch Library, N1 6LP

All ages

Come along and express yourself through movement.



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## Film Screening: Identity and Clothing

7 Nov 6pm-7.30pm

Hackney Museum, E8 1GQ

All ages

A screening of a new documentary by Burrogrande Films, exploring the social and historical contexts of clothing and the personal narratives that an item can illustrate. Followed by a Q&A.



Events can be subject to change, so contact the relevant venue before you attend by calling **Hackney Customer services** on **020 8356 3000**.

# Events at Hackney's Youth Hubs

Young Hackney will be marking Black History Season across the borough's youth hubs with a broad range of fun and informative activities, workshops, events and visits.

- A – Forest Road Youth Hub
- B – The Edge Youth Hub
- C – Concorde Youth Hub
- D – Stoke Newington Hub

Young Hackney events are for those aged under 19, or under 25 with additional needs.



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## Mental Health in Music

23 Sep & 2, 9, 16, 23 Oct  
6.30pm-8pm | C

Events for young black people to explore how music can be used to tackle mental health stigma and talk more openly.

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## The Politics of Hair

25 Sep & 2, 9, 16, 23 Oct  
6.30pm-8pm | C

Workshops to develop an understanding of your own identity through your hairstyle and what influences it. Use this learning to challenge negative perceptions of body image in wider culture and on social media.

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## Young Men and Young Women's Group

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct  
7pm-8.30pm | B

Group activities to consider and discuss Black History Month and specifically on what 'the power and politics of fashion and style in Hackney' means to you and society more widely.

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## LGBTQ+ Black History Month Quiz

3 Oct 7pm-9pm | B

Get a team together and come and test your knowledge! Enrich your awareness and win some prizes.

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## Fashion & Femininity in a Patriarchal Culture

7 Oct 6pm-8pm | A

Workshop to challenge archetypes about Black women; consider cultural contexts and how they have influenced perceptions of Black femininity to this day.

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## Stories Told Through Textiles

7, 14, 21, 28 Oct  
9-6pm | A

Explore textiles from the 17th century right up to today. Learn about Ankara, Kente, Madras and many more fabrics each with their own multi-layered history, importance and uses.



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## **Black Fashion & Identity**

8, 15, 22, 29 Oct  
9-6pm | A

These workshops explore how fashion is used as a way of expressing identity in today's Hackney and how fashion has been used to make political statements throughout British history.

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## **LGBTQ+ Sport & Stereotypes**

10 Oct | 7-9pm | B

Film Screening: Forbidden Games: The Justin Fashanu Story.

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## **Sporting Heroes**

10, 17 Oct 4-5pm | A &  
8, 15 Oct 4-5pm | C

Workshops to identify black sporting heroes and role models past and present and learn what makes a good role model.

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## **How Europe Underdeveloped Africa**

14 Oct 6.30pm-7.30pm | B

An interactive workshop exploring the context of the book.

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## **Black Culture = World Culture**

14 Oct 6pm-8pm | A

An exploration of the ways in which the African and Caribbean cultural heritage has informed, enriched and has sometimes been co-opted by Western monoculture - from jazz and soul to rock and rap, from throwing the first stone at Stonewall to showing the world how civil rights are fought for and won.

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## **Expressions of Masculinity**

21 Oct 6pm-8pm | A

An event for young black men to explore and debate ideas of what constitutes a 'real man' and how masculinity is expressed in the cultural and fashion products they consume - from trainers, through music and film, to aspirations and more.

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## **A View Like No Other: Shooting Music Videos with Drones**

21-25 Oct 5pm-8pm | A

Learn from a filmmaker how to shoot a professional music video with a drone.

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## **Lecture on African History with Dr Lez Henry**

21 Oct 6pm-8pm | B

Learn about African history and tackle Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome. Lecture and discussion.

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## **Black SuperHeroes**

22 Oct 11.30am-1pm | A  
& 23 Oct 11.30am-1pm | B

From Storm in X-Men to Shuri in Black Panther. Illustration workshop to explore inclusivity as well as female empowerment in the world of superhero comics.



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## **Black Pioneers in Sport**

22 Oct 11.30am-1pm | A  
& 25 Oct 11am-12noon | B

Learn about black athletes and take part in their chosen sports.

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## Trip to Bristol Museum and Art Gallery

23 Oct All day | All hubs

Learn about the UK's part in the Transatlantic Slave Trade, attitudes over time and the abolitionist movement through an interactive exhibition.

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## Black History Sports Festival

23 Oct 12noon-2pm |

Queensbridge Leisure Centre, E8 3XW

Take part in sports and learn about notable black athletes.

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## LGBTQ+ Activism & Allies

24 Oct 6pm-9pm | B

Make your own placard and learn the history of how black activists and LGBTQ+ activists supported each other's movements.

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## Young Black and Present

24 Oct 6pm-8pm | A & 25 Oct 6-8pm | B

A celebration evening with live performances, talks, discussions and music from Hackney's up-and-coming artists.

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## Tunics and Tracksuits

28 Oct 5pm-7pm  
Hackney Town Hall,  
E8 1EA

An intergenerational conversation led by Hackney Youth Parliament around what it means to "dress black".

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## Performing Queerness

28 Oct 6pm-8pm | A

Explore the intersection of gender, ethnicity and sexuality in the formation of the black queer identity, its fashion and artefacts. From Paris is Burning to RuPaul's Drag Race, explore black queerness through the decades and how it fits in contemporary Britain.

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## LGBTQ+ Inspiration - Black Role Models

31 Oct 6pm-9pm | B

Learn about inspirational black LGBTQ+ figures from American gay liberation activist, Marsha P Johnson, to contemporary British people like Lady Phyll, co-founder of UK Black Pride.

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## Reading Corner

Weekdays in Oct  
3pm-5pm | Shoreditch  
Adventure Playground,  
N1 5EF & Hackney Marsh  
Adventure Playground,  
E9 5PP

Delve into new books that include black characters and celebrate diversity. Be inspired!



## Search Hackney Archives and uncover more about Black history in the borough.

Look through local documents and old newspapers, search through photographs and discover the heritage of Hackney and the people that make it.

### **Hackney Archives**

Dalston CLR James Library

Dalston Square

E8 3BQ

020 8356 8925

[www.hackney.gov.uk/archives](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/archives)

### **Opening Times:**

Tue to Wed 10am - 6pm

Thur 10am - 7.30pm

Sat 12:30pm - 5pm

Closed Mon, Fri and Sun

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# Windrush Generations Festival 2019

Hackney celebrated the country's first National Windrush Day with a range of exciting activities and celebrations in Hackney, throughout the spring and summer months.

The festival brought the community together at the Council's second Caribbean tea party in Stoke Newington Town Hall on 22 June and through intergenerational baking days, cricket matches, a domino tournament, street parties and more. The launch of our Windrush cookbook, which features a range of traditional recipes such as coconut drops, plantain tarts, sweet potato pudding and plant-based dishes, has been popular across generations and communities.

Have-a-go at creating tasty traditional treats. Purchase *Traditional Caribbean Baking Recipes - by Hackney's Windrush Generation* for £5 from Pages of Hackney, 70 Lower Clapton Road, E5 0RN, and Burley Fisher Books, 400 Kingsland Rd, E8 4AA, and Hackney Museum, with all proceeds going towards our Windrush Generations Festival 2020. The books are also available to borrow from libraries across the borough.

We also recently teamed up with Sanctuary Housing to distribute 500 free copies of our Windrush cookbook to residents on the Morningside, Gascoyne and Kingsmead estates.

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# Hackney's Got Style

Celebrating the History and Impact of African  
and Caribbean Fashion & Hair

## Hackney Museum

Technology & Learning Centre  
1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ  
020 8356 2509  
[www.hackney.gov.uk/museum](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/museum)



1 October 2019 - 11 January 2020

Tues, Weds, Fri: 9.30am – 5.30pm

Thurs: 9.30am – 8pm

Sat: 10am – 5pm

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