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## Ease Your Valentine's Day Blues During Broken Heart Week at Queens Library

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Queens Library branches will host more than 100 heartache-themed events between Feb. 12-18, in what the library has dubbed "Broken Heart Week"

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QUEENS — Valentine's Day might be all about love, but at Queens libraries, it's all about losing it.

Library branches across the borough will host more than 100 heartache-themed events between Feb. 12-18, dubbed "Broken Heart Week" — including a storytelling show ([http://www.queenslibrary.org/blog/drawn-to-the-light-the-moth-comes-to-broken-heart-week?utm\\_source=BHWwebpage&utm\\_medium=blogmodule&utm\\_campaign=themoth](http://www.queenslibrary.org/blog/drawn-to-the-light-the-moth-comes-to-broken-heart-week?utm_source=BHWwebpage&utm_medium=blogmodule&utm_campaign=themoth)) on lovesickness from *The Moth* and advice

from a licensed counselor on getting over a breakup.

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On Feb. 14 at the Cambria Heights branch (<http://www.queenslibrary.org/cambria-heights>), teen volunteers will interview adults about their own experiences with a broken heart. Conversations will be recorded and digitized for the Queens Memory Project (<http://www.queensmemory.org/>), an online archive of the borough.

"It's a universal experience — having your heart broken," said project director Natalie Milbrodt, adding that the library helped prep the teens with interviewing tips for the event.

"They're getting to practice some empathy, which is really amazing," she said, adding that the older interviewees will get a chance to "share some wisdom and lessons about resiliency."

There are still spots open for adults who would like to participate in the project, and those who are interested should call the Cambria library directly.

At other branches, library patrons will be able to catch screenings of love and heartache-themed films like "The Notebook" (<http://www.queenslibrary.org/event/broken-heart-week-the-notebook>), "The Way We Were," and "Eat, Pray, Love," while book group discussions will review fitting tomes like Junot Diaz's "This is How You Lose Her." (<http://www.queenslibrary.org/event/broken-heart-week-book-club-this-is-how-you-lose-her-by-junot-diaz>)

At the Court Square (<http://www.queenslibrary.org/event/blind-date-with-a-book>) and Hollis (<http://www.queenslibrary.org/event/broken-heart-week-blind-date-with-a-book>) branches, visitors can find love in literature with a "Blind Date With a Book" event, where library staff will select a number of reads, wrap them in paper and write "personal ads" for each, so patrons won't know exactly what book they're selecting.

On Feb. 13 hip-hop artist Roxanne Shanté will be at the Central branch (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/roxanne-shante-presents-hip-hop-the-pain-is-real-tickets-30763673977?aff=webpage>) in Jamaica to talk about love, loss and the music industry, while a licensed mental health counselor will be at the Laurelton branch to offer advice on getting over a break-up. (<http://www.queenslibrary.org/event/breaking-up-is-hard-to-do>)

Events are free, though some require advanced registration. For a full Broken Heart Week calendar, click here. ([http://queens.libnet.info/images/pdfs/queens/10017\\_BrokenHeartWeek\\_Brochure\\_R8\\_2.pdf](http://queens.libnet.info/images/pdfs/queens/10017_BrokenHeartWeek_Brochure_R8_2.pdf))

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