

What Happens at Revolution Books

In the past few years, Revolution Books has hosted hundreds of extraordinary events. A few of them:

Wrestling with revolution and a radically new world – the history and the future

* November 2014, RB co-sponsored “**Revolution and Religion: The Fight for Emancipation and the Role of Religion**,” a dialogue between **Cornel West** and **Bob Avakian** before an audience of close to 2000 at Riverside Church. RB co-produced a DVD of the evening.

* “**After 'Change You Can Believe In,' Wally Shawn Reads from His Essays & Discusses Human Nature with a Communist**,” a conversation between Wally Shawn and Andy Zee. Benefit for RB.

* “**Rediscovering China’s Cultural Revolution—Art and Politics, Lived Experience, Legacies of Liberation**,” featuring people from China who recount the Cultural Revolution positively. Co-sponsored by Institute for Public Knowledge at NYU, RB and Set the Record Straight Project.

* “**On the Occasion of the Publication of *Basics: A Celebration of Revolution and the Vision of a New World***” at Harlem Stage. The evening featured **David Murray, Matthew Shipp, William Parker, Abiodune Oyewole, Outernational, Maggie Brown**, plus historical clips of **Bob Avakian**. RB also produced a film of the event, “**Stepping into the Future**.”

* Throughout 2014, Revolution Books hosted a screening and discussion series of the film “**BA Speaks: Revolution -- Nothing Less**.”



Forums hot on the heels of breaking events

* **Cornel West** and **Carl Dix** in dialogue on “**The Ascendancy of Obama and the Continued Need for Resistance and Liberation**” at Harlem Stage, 2009, sponsored by Revolution Books

* Emergency forums at Ethical Cultural Society on **torture, Guantanamo** and the **invasion of Gaza**

* “**From the Burkha to the Thong: Everything Must, and Can, Change**,” with **Sunsara Taylor**, at NYU and Barnard College

* “**Why a Natural Disaster Became a Social Disaster: A Talk on Hurricane Sandy**” by **Raymond Lotta**

* December 2014, “**Ferguson is Everywhere**,” a benefit performance for Revolution Books featuring **Saul Williams, Jessica Care Moore, Carl Hancock-Rux, Daniel Roumain, Daniel Watts, Vernon Reid, and Faith Ringgold**



Author programs revealing the stories of those this society casts aside

* Series of benefit author events called “**Hidden Lives, Human Possibilities**” with **Eve Ensler, Edwidge Danticat, Henry Wiencek** and **Walter Mosley**

* **Junot Diaz**: a benefit evening for RB with his Pulitzer prize-winning book “**The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao**”

* An evening with **Professor Carl Hart** and his controversial book “**High Price: A Neuroscientist’s Journey of Self-Discovery That Challenges Everything You Know about Drugs and Society**”

Film screenings with directors

THE LOVING STORY with **Nancy Buirski**, **DIRT** with **Nancy Savoca**, **BIDDER 70** with **Beth & George Gage**, **HARD TIMES: LOST ON LONG ISLAND** with **Marc Levin**, **FROM MAMBO TO HIP HOP** with **Henry Chalfant**, **WILLIAM KUNSTLER: DISTURBING THE UNIVERSE** with **Emily and Sarah Kunstler**, **BLAST!** with **Paul Devlin**, **WHEN I WALK** with **Jason DaSilva**, many more.

Artists and authors who have presented at Revolution Books

Ngugi Wa Thiong'o, Junot Diaz, Denis O'Hare, Lewis Lapham, Arturo O'Farrill, Kathleen Chalfant, Melvin Van Peebles, Susan Jacoby, Julie Salamon, Danny Schechter, Jamal Joseph, David Harvey, Roger Guenveur Smith, Herb Boyd, James Cone, Anthony Pinn, Dread Scott, Adam Hochschild, Cynthia Carr, Lisa Peterson, Mike Milligan, many more.

