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Activities Pay Tribute To Black Panthers

Decades later, they're still bringing power to the people.

The local It's About Time Black Panther Party Alumni Committee is hosting a month-long slate of activities surrounding the anniversary of the activist group. The series of events a r e being held at

Underground Books in Oak Park. The bookstore is not far from the old Black Panther Party Chapter headquarters.

Activities include a photo exhibit that runs throughout the month of October and the showing of films done on the Black Panther Party, including the documentary, "Lords of the Revolution."

While much has been told about the organization's beginnings in the Bay Area, Sacramento also had an active chapter. Many of the members are still active in their communities, participating in programs and projects that impact social change.

Participants in last weekend's installment of the event series

included long-time historian Billy X Jennings, speakers from the Sacramento Chapter of the Black Panther Party, central committee member Elbert "Big Man" Howard, and Emory Douglas, former Minister of Culture and art director for the Party newspaper.

Underground Books is located at 2814 35th Street. For more on It's About Time's activities, call (916) 455-0908 or visit itsabouttimecbpp.com.



Steve McCuthchen held up a book on the Black Panther Party.



Former members Mowale Osunkaya, Elbert "Big Man" Howard and Emory Douglas reminisced during last week's event.



Ajamo Strivens wore a shirt depicting the likeness of Black Panther Party co-founder Huey P. Newton.



The It's About Time Committee, led by historian Bill Jennings, right, hosted a month of activities highlighting the legacy of the Black Panthers. Participants included Mowale Osunkaya, Margo Rose, MAdalynn Rucker, Ajamo Strivens, James Mott, Guy Robinson, Elbert Howard, and Emory Douglas.