Celebrate African American History Month by enjoying a free interactive performance that portrays Madame C. J. Walker, America's first self-made woman millionaire, on Thursday, Feb. 7, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library's Lecture Hall, 300 Estudillo Ave.

The performance by J.P. Myrick will portray the life of Walker.

Walker amassed her fortune through hard work, innovative ideas and a fierce dedication to her

craft and her people.

She created a hair product formula, borne out her desire to remedy her own hair loss. She then started her own business of developing and selling hair-care products for black women.

But Walker did more than build a successful business. Her products helped women have a better sense of their own beauty. Her business also gave work to many black women, and she helped other people, especially black artists and civil rights supporters.

“My object in life is not simply to make money for myself or to spend it on myself,” Walker said. “I love to use a part of what I make in trying to help others. “

J.P. Myrick is an educator and storyteller who strives to teach people of all ages the stories of women who helped shape America. She is also a teacher consultant and a theater instructor.

For more information, call the Main Library’s information desk at 577-3971.