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The Legacy of
African-American Literary Societies

in Newark, the Nation, the World

THE NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES
Black History Month 2008

Black History Month Celebration 2008

January 23 to March 22

Exhibition: Entrusted To Our Keeping:

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Celebrating black America's love affair with books.

Sandra L. West, Guest Curator

SECOND-FLOOR GALLERY



Wednesday, January 23

5:00 – 6:00pm

Exhibition Opening and Gallery Tour

6:00 – 8:00pm

What's Hip-Hop Got to Do With It?

A Community Discussion about the Impact of Hip-Hop upon African-American Literature

Special Guest: Nina Mitchell Wells,
New Jersey Secretary of State.

Panelists: Ron Kavanaugh, MosaicBooks.com;
Herb Boyd, *Baldwin's Harlem: A Biography*; Gilda
Rogers, *Arrested Development: The State of Black
Achievement and Education in Hip-Hop America*; Irene
Daniels, Newark Literacy Campaign; Elyse Smith,
student, Bloomfield College; Edna Bailey-Woody,
motivational speaker; Moderator:
Dr. Margaret Hayes, Bethany Book Club.

CENTENNIAL HALL, MAIN LIBRARY



Wednesday, January 30, 6:00pm

Author's Talk: The Harlem Writers Guild

Members of the Guild will read from their works,
discuss the writing life, and autograph books.

Featuring Grace F. Edwards, E. L. Hobgood,

Walter Dean Myers, Gammy L. Singer,
K.C. Washington, and Sandra L. West.

CENTENNIAL HALL, MAIN LIBRARY



Monday, February 4, noon

*Read-In: Read Your Favorite
African-American Author*

The public is invited to bring a book by a
black author and read a two-minute snippet to
keep alive these treasured works. Guest authors
will also read and meet with the audience.

LOBBY, MAIN LIBRARY

Saturday, February 9, noon

Book Talk and Signing

Nell Painter will discuss and sign copies of
her book, *Creating Black Americans*.

CENTENNIAL HALL, MAIN LIBRARY



Wednesday, February 13, 6:00pm

*Conversations With African-American
Authors: August Wilson*

A video presentation and discussion.

Hosted by Sandra L. West, Founder,
F.E.W. Harper Literary Society.

JAMES BROWN AFRICAN-AMERICAN ROOM,
MAIN LIBRARY



Wednesday, February 20, 6:00pm

*Conversations With African-American
Authors: Alice Walker*

A video presentation and discussion.

Hosted by Dorothea M. Moore, Chairperson,
F.E.W. Harper Literary Society.

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Saturday, March 1, 10:00am – 12:30pm

*Writing the Marvelous Real:
Magical Realism for 21st Century Voices.*

Sheree Renée Thomas, editor of the *Dark Matter*
series, is the instructor for this interactive/
multimedia speculative fiction-writing workshop.
Limited to 20 attendees. Please call 973-733-5411
to register.

JAMES BROWN AFRICAN-AMERICAN ROOM,
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All programs are free and open to the public.
Additional programs for families will be presented
at the Main Library and Community Branches.
For more information visit www.npl.org
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CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO A RECEPTION AND PROGRAM
TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE LIBRARY EXHIBITION

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R.S.V.P. by January 18 ~ 973-733-7793 ~ rsvp@npl.org

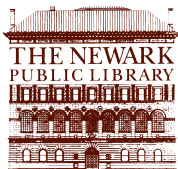
Exhibition on view in the second floor gallery,
MAIN LIBRARY
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