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Newark Public Library announces February programs

Highlighting the February schedule of events for the Newark Public Library are a new exhibition, entitled *Just In and Out Again: New Original Prints, Posters, Artists' Books, Pop-up Books & Visual Art Surprises*, and its Black History Celebration that includes programming and an exhibition. All of the library's February programs are free and open to the public. For more information, patrons should call the number listed with the program description. Some additional details may be available at www.npl.org for adult programs and at www.npl.org/Pages/KidsPlace/calendar.html for children's programs, or by visiting the library's blog at <http://www.nj.com/newark/npl>.

Entitled ***Dear & Glorious Physician: The History of Black Doctors, Nurses and Hospitals in Newark and Beyond the River***, this year's Black History exhibition seeks to educate the public about the accomplishments of the profession in the areas of social justice, human rights and community development. It is on view in the second-floor gallery through March 28. Author and historian Sandra L. West, a library associate in the James Brown African-American Room, curated the show. ***Dear & Glorious Physician*** was funded by a grant from PNC Foundation.

Following are the February programs for the celebration.

Saturday, 2/14

THE HISTORY OF HARLEM HOSPITAL

Educator and historian Robert Hayden has completed in-depth research on the pre-Harlem Renaissance history of a large urban hospital and its premier black physician. He will discuss and sign copies of his book, *Mr. Harlem Hospital: Dr. Louis T. Wright*. **James Brown African-American Room, Noon**

Wednesday, 2/18

FROM BIRMINGHAM TO BOTSWANA

Operatic vocalist Gwen Moten sings her tragedy-to-triumph memoir, as she moves from Birmingham, Alabama, during The Civil Rights Movement, to her rise as a cultural ambassador. **Auditorium, 6pm**

Wednesday, 2/25

REMEMBERING MY DAD, THE DOCTOR

A roundtable discussion by the children of community activists and physicians, featuring author Carole Darden-Lloyd (Dr. Walter Darden), pediatrician Dr. Edwina Verner (Dr. Edward Verner), and retired librarian Ms. Barbara Polk-Riley (Dr. Charles Polk).

Journalist Caryl Lucas will lead the discussion. **Centennial Hall, 6pm**

The exhibition *Just In and Out Again* is on display in the third-floor gallery through April 10. This dazzling display, curated by William J. Dane and Chad Leinaweaver, shows off many of the new gifts and purchases of the Special Collections Division and also highlights the collections accumulated over the past 100 years.

Some of the new works on view are a gouache painting by Burhan Dogancay, a gift from William Peniston; a selection of gifts from artist Ellen Nathan Singer; two donations of New York-based artist Evelyn Eller; numerous screen prints and silkscreen greeting cards by Max Arthur Cohn, donated by his daughter, Jane Waldbaum; and two gifts from Newark-based artist Kenneth Schnall, who specializes in “painter’s books.”

For more information on *Just In and Out Again*, call the curators at 973-733-7745.

Hooray for Children, the series that is fun for the entire family, will present *Fire on the Mountain–Flying Ship Productions* on Saturday the 21st. It begins promptly at 2pm at the main library. Journey with Alemayu, a young shepherd boy, through the mountains as he searches for his sister and learns life’s lessons of character, honesty, courage and love. Award-winning children’s author Jane Kurtz first brought this tale to American readers after hearing it while growing up in Ethiopia. The rich cultural heritage of this African region influences the music, staging, costuming and scenery in this wonderful, uplifting new musical. Live in Trees, How the Zebra Got His Stripes, and much more. Presented by Theatreworks USA. For more information call 973-733-7797.

The February program for the **Frances E.W. Harper Literary Society**, which is dedicated to discussing books on the African Diaspora, will be held on the 4th in the main library’s James Brown African-American Room, beginning at 6:30pm. It will be a discussion of Ivan Van Sertima’s *They Came Before Columbus: The African Presence in Ancient America*. For more information on this program and the Society call 973-733-5411.

Free computer classes—in English and Spanish—are being held in the Technology Training Center, which is located on the third floor of the main library. Class size is limited to ten participants. Some classes are designed for first-time computer users (Mouse Clinic, Typing), while others are for those with more computer literacy (Word Processing, Email, Blogging, Internet, Creating a Résumé). For more information on the

calendar of classes for the month, please call 973-733-3603, or visit www.npl.org/Pages/Computers/.

The Branch Brook Branch Library, 235 Clifton Avenue, 973-733-6388, will celebrate Lincoln's birthday with a children's craft by building a log cabin on Wednesday the 4th at 3:30pm. The adult room will set the mood for "no mushy sentiments" with an Anti-Valentine's Day card craft on Friday the 13th at 3:30pm. Read your favorite poem by an African-American poet, or one of your own, in the adult room on Wednesday the 18th at 3:30pm. Children and teens are invited to write a letter to President Obama, expressing their dreams, during the period from February 17th to 25th.

The Clinton Branch Library, 739 Bergen Street, 973-733-7754, will hold two adult programs: from the 2nd to the 13th, view a Black History exhibition on President Barack Obama. On Wednesday the 11th at 4pm, the Book Club will hold a reading and discussion of Eric Jerome Dickey's *Dying for Revenge*. There will be several children's program for the month: those in grades 1 through 8 may take part in a weekly drawing by entering their names in a drawing when checking out a book. Children through 8th grade may make a Valentine's Day card on Friday the 13th at 3pm. Those in grades 1 to 8 can take part in a Black History coloring and drawing activity on Monday the 9th at 3pm and win a prize. Play bingo on Friday the 27th at 3pm.

The Madison Branch Library, 790 Clinton Avenue, 973-733-8090, will present several adult and children programs. Children are invited to a story hour on Rosa Parks at 10:30am on the four Tuesdays in the month. For children in K to grade 2, there will be a story hour on the NAACP and a craft (making civil rights posters) at 10:30am on Thursday the 5th, 19th and 26th. Children may make a Valentine's Day card on Friday the 13th at 3:30pm. There are two movie times for adults and young adults: on Thursday the 5th and 19th at 3:30pm, there will be documentary film footage of the civil rights movement from 1954 through 1965; and on Thursday the 26th at 4pm, there will be a true story about three young African-American men who made a pact to become doctors.

The Main Library Children's Room, 5 Washington Street, 973-733-7797, will have a craft to make Valentine's cards for family and friends on Tuesday the 10th at 3pm. For those aged 6 to 12, there will be an African-American history quiz on Tuesday the 17th at 3pm.

The Springfield Branch Library, 50 Hayes Street, 973-733-7736, will have a craft for children on Tuesday the 10th at 3:30pm at which they can make a festive crown of hearts to wear on Valentine's Day. Children can make a puppet of famous abolitionist Frederick A. Douglas on Thursday the 26th at 3:45pm. And on Wednesday the 18th at 4pm, teens can watch *The Great Debaters*, a drama based on the true story of Melvin B. Tolson's inspiration to have Wiley College students form the school's first debate team.

The Vailsburg Branch Library, 75 Alexander Street, 973-733-7755, will hold movie nights: one on Wednesday the 4th at 6pm, at which *Pride* will be shown, which is a true story of Jim Ellis, a school teacher who formed an African-American swim team in one of Philadelphia's poorest neighborhoods; the other movie will warm up winter on Wednesday the 25th at 5pm. Cook with "Chef Adam" at 4pm on Friday the 6th and Tuesday the 24th. There will be an arts & crafts at which young artists will create various projects at 4pm on Wednesday the 11th and Friday the 20th.

The Van Buren Branch Library, 140 Van Buren Street, 973-733-7750, will present four children's programs: at 4pm on the four Wednesdays in the month, design a square for the Underground Railroad blanket; on Monday the 9th, there will be a Presidents' Story Hour at 4pm; on Wednesday the 11th at 1:30pm, celebrate Valentine's Day at this party; and there will be a Black History story hour on Monday the 23rd at 4pm. Two teen programs will take place: on each Wednesday at 4pm, there will be an age-appropriate movie; and on Friday the 6th, 20th and 27th, join the Dungeon Master at 4pm to create a character and play Dungeons & Dragons. On Saturday the 21st at 11am, all ages are invited for "Black History on Film."

The Weequahic Branch Library, 355 Osborne Terrace, 973-733-7751, will present "Say It Loud" with Jordan Coleman, a former Nickelodeon actor, who will be on-hand for a showing and discussion of his film that depicts the importance of education for African-American boys. Take part in a Black History trivia challenge on Friday the 6th at 3pm. There will be a "Soul Train Revue" evening of fun beginning at 5pm on Wednesday the 11th. Make a Valentine's card on Friday the 13th at 3pm. Test your knowledge in a "Presidential Trivia" on Wednesday the 18th at 4pm. Compare an oil portrait of George Washington with that on the dollar bill on Wednesday the 25th at 4pm.

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