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CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Las Vegas, NV—The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District will offer a variety of programs throughout the month of February to celebrate African American History Month and the contributions African Americans have made to our community. All events are free and open to the public.

Visit www.lvccld.org for more information. Highlights of the month include:

Shared Treasure: A Retrospective of African American Dance The Las Vegas Contemporary Dance Theater

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989

Friday, February 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 6 at 2:30 p.m.

The Las Vegas Contemporary Dance Theater (LVCDT), a multicultural five-star American dance company dedicated to continuing the legacy of excellence in the arts, will perform under the artistic direction of Bernard H. Gaddis, Kevin C. Gibbs and Marie-Joe Tabet.

Inspirational Showcase and Luncheon

West Las Vegas Library

951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989

Tuesday, February 9 at 11 a.m.

Join us for song, dance and oratory followed by a light brunch. Please call 702.229.6125 to RSVP to attend brunch by February 2. Co-sponsored by the city of Las Vegas.

Sharing the Love with Dance and Celebrating our Ancestors The Rolle Project (TRP) and 6 o'Clock Dance Theatre (6DT)

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989

Friday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

This programming aims to increase arts awareness among at-risk youth while presenting a new vision of the performing arts and its power to change lives. Produced and directed by Tyrell V. Rolle of TRP and Zack Law Ingram and Christopher I. McKenzie of 6DT.

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My Moments, My Mentors, My Maya, My Rainbow in the Clouds

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989

Saturday, February 13 at 2 p.m.

Enjoy a musical performance based on intimate recollections of the mentors in director Torrey A. Russell's life, including Dr. Maya Angelou. Co-sponsored by Broadway in the Hood, A Source of Joy Theatricals, Inc.

West Prep 9th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Competition and Art Festival

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989

Wednesday, February 17 at 5 p.m.

Students will showcase and celebrate their formal oratorical and art skills in this recitation and performance oratory competition. Co-sponsored by the Clark County School District.

4th Annual Love for Literacy Festival

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989

Saturday, February 20 at 10 a.m.

Learn how literacy and creativity are vital to learning and having fun. Co-sponsored by festival co-creators Dana Satterwhite and Joseph Watson, Metro Arts Council of Southern Nevada and the city of Las Vegas.

Freedom Seekers: Stories from the Western Underground Railroad

Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd., 702.507.3459

Saturday, February 20 at 2 p.m.

This documentary by filmmaker and historian Gary Jenkins discusses how the Kansas/Missouri political conditions created the opportunity for the western Underground Railroad. Book and CD sales/signings will take place after the presentation.

Desert Author Series: An Afternoon with Dr. Earnest N. Bracey

Sahara West Library, 9600 W. Sahara Ave., 702.507.3631

Saturday, February 20 at 2:30 p.m.

Dr. Earnest N. Bracey speaks about the history of African American discrimination in the United States and Las Vegas. Book and CD sales/signings will take place after the presentation.

Soul Sparking Sessions with Toni

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989

Sunday, February 21 at 2 p.m.

Clarity coach Toni T. Ellis will teach you how to move toward an elevated purpose in life and overcome adversities. Co-sponsored by Soul Sparking Worldwide, LLC.

Communal Phenomenal Woman Booktalk Club

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989

Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Co-sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (PSI Theta Zeta Chapter) Graduate Chapter and ZHOPE Coordinator Malesia Britt-Williams.

Black Weekend 2016: Kemit in the Desert Series

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989

Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m. - Professor James Small

Friday, February 26 at 7 p.m. - Dr. Leonard Jeffries

Guest lectures moderated by Franklyn G. Verley III. There will also be African drum and percussion performances as well as dance, spoken word and music. Co-sponsored by Like It Is Radio, Power 88 FM and Nia Productions.

SONSHIP – A Ritual Passage to Manhood Graduation Ceremony

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989

Saturday, February 27 at 2 p.m.

Join us in embracing and acknowledging the accomplishments of the Fall 2015 graduates. Moderated by Yusef Sudah, Dr. Al Gourrier and Alfatari Richards. Co-sponsored by the city of Las Vegas.

Native Son Read-A-Thon

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989

Sunday, February 28 at 2 p.m.

Join us in reading African American literature and history and engaging in communal discussions. Moderated by Dr. Al Gourrier and Rodney Smith. Co-sponsored by the Sam L. Smith Educational Foundation, The Gathering and the city of Las Vegas.

African American Women in Pop Culture

Sahara West Library, 9600 W. Sahara Ave., 702.507.3631

Sunday, February 28 at 3:30 p.m.

Singer-songwriter, choreographer and fitness expert Keaira LaShae discusses growing up as an African American female with a dream surrounding music and dance followed by a performance. Book and CD sales/signings will take place after the presentation.

Legendary Queen of Swing – Norma Miller

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989

Monday, February 29 at 7 p.m.

Lindy Hop dancer, actress and comedienne Norma Miller shares her lively and inspiring journey as the “Queen of Swing.” Co-sponsored by the city of Las Vegas. Book and CD sales/signings will take place after the presentation.

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