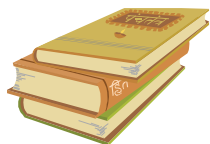


# Schedule of Events

## **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Thursday, January 14 Noon, Main Library, 1st floor**



Brenda Osbey, author of four books of poetry and poet laureate of Louisiana from 2005-2007 is the keynote speaker of this year's Martin Luther King program. Osbey's work has been published and critiqued in numerous scholarly journals and Essence magazine. A native of New Orleans, she has done extensive research on the Tremé neighborhood, a community founded by free blacks in New Orleans. Osbey will be joined by students of O. Perry Walker High School, who will pay tribute to Dr. King through dance and song. Kuumba Players and Dancers will perform under the direction of Khadija Qureshi and Karen Davis-Jones.



## **Book Talk and Jazz Thursday, January 21 Latter Library 6:30-8:30 pm**

Local authors Aristide O. Marshall, *The Trumpet Talked with Me!* and Mary Mitchell, PhD, *Raising Freedom's Child* will discuss their recent books at the Latter Branch Library. The program begins with light refreshments and jazz music by the Darryl Durhan Trio.

## **Panel Discussion: Organizing Against Violence Against Women Thursday, January 28 Mid-City Library 6:30 pm –8:30 pm**

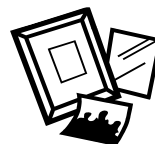
According to "When Men Murder Women: Analysis of 2007 Homicide Data" by the Violence Policy Center in Washington, D.C., Louisiana ranks first in the United States in the rate of women murdered by men. This serious topic will be discussed by a panel of African American men from the following organizations—100 Black Men of Metro New Orleans, Inc, Black Men United for Change, Justice, and Equity, Inc., and St Augustine High School. The panel will be led by journalist Warren Bell, associate vice president of media and university services, Xavier University.

## **Storytelling**



Local celebrities will be appearing at area libraries to promote reading through storytelling. Contact the African American Resource Center to see who will be at your favorite library. Stories about New Orleans, African tales and African American folklore will be featured. Call 596-2597 for more information.

## **Eyewitness to History Tuesday, February 9 Mid-City Library 6:30 pm**



Rev. Dr. Samson "Skip" Alexander, who participated in and helped document the civil rights movement, will present a photo essay of his personal photographs, photo boards and newspaper clippings at the Mid-City branch. Rev. Alexander will share unique and little known stories related to each document. The program will begin with the Drum Circle of Ashe Cultural Arts Center. Refreshments will be samplings of unique New Orleans cuisine.

## **Panel Discussion: Preserving the Culture of New Orleans' African American Communities Thursday, February 18 Alvar Library 6:30-8:30 pm**

Luther Gray, founder of the Congo Square Foundation and head of Artists in Residence NOLA, will present a cultural mapping of the City of New Orleans reflecting the many sites of cultural expression in the city's different communities. In addition, Gray will moderate a panel to discuss the complexities of and changes in these New Orleans communities. Panelists are James Andrews of Tremé, Ronald Lewis of the lower 9th ward, and Mona Lisa Saloy of the 7th ward. The program will begin with Kermit Ruffin graciously performing his own New Orleans music. Refreshments will be samplings of unique New Orleans cuisine.

## **Health Fair Saturday, February 20 Main Library 10:00 am-1:00 pm**



The New Orleans Public Library joins with Dr. Cori Brock of the Pontchartrain Chapter of the Links, Inc. and Tonya Washington Nash of the New Orleans Black Nurses Association and Director of AIM-Access Improvement and Motivation-Foundation™ to host a health fair for men, women, children, the elderly and the community-at-large. There will be screenings, presentations, cooking demonstrations, patient educational materials and more. Call the African American Resource Center for more information, 596-2597.

## **Panel Discussion: New Orleans' Future and its Next Mayor Thursday, February 25 Main Library 6:30-8:30 pm**



Come hear television reporter Travers Mackel, newspaper reporter Stephanie Grace, civil rights attorney Tracie Washington, and educator and activist Dr. Elliot Willard speak about the future of New Orleans and the leadership of its next mayor. Writer James Borders, will moderate the panel. The program will begin with a performance by Greer Goff Mendy and the Tebreme Center. Refreshments will be samplings of unique New Orleans cuisine.

## **Genealogy Workshop Saturday, February 27 Main Library 10:30 am- Noon**



Learn how to research your family at this beginner workshop held by Louisiana genealogy researcher Barbara Trevigne. In recognition of the 200th anniversary of the Haitian Revolution, Trevigne will focus on Haitian ancestry. Advance registration required. Please call 596-2597 to register.

## **Paul Robeson Acting Competition Saturday, March 6 Main Library 1:00-3:00 pm**



High school students ages 13-18, can you act? Can you convince a panel of professional judges that you are Oprah Winfrey, Barack Obama or your favorite African American? If so, this is your chance to shine. Create and perform a five-minute monologue demonstrating the life of your favorite African American. A panel of professional judges will bestow praise and trophies on first, second, and third place winners. And as they deliberate your future, the winners of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission essay and art contest will share their winning essays and art pieces with the audience.

To participate in the Paul Robeson Acting Competition, call Dennis McCann at 596-2580. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, March 3rd.



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