

BLACK HISTORY MONTH and the American Experience

Grass Roots Bookstores transcend labels



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The Black Rose Collective has transitioned from a free porch to a bookstore and political information shop on North Mississippi Avenue. Many of its books feature Portland writers and publishers, making them a rare find at many traditional booksellers.

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a meeting space free for community use. The plan is to build partnerships and offer reciprocity discounts to its neighbors like Ethos, North Portland Bike Works and the Alberta Co-Op, Burns said.

She hopes the bookstore will fit into the neighborhood's busy activist scene that focuses on race and ethnicity.

"It's our intention to use feminism to effectively impact multi-issue social activism," she said. "It's a criticism of feminism that race and class aren't on the front burner, but where I stand personally, it's all facets of the same fight."

The Black Rose Collective is former "free porch" turned political information shop at 4038 N. Mississippi near Shaver Street. Since its humble beginning as a jumble of free clothing, food and household items, the collective remains dedicated to a principle of providing services, not turning a profit.

"All we do is try to make enough

to pay our rent," collective member Genevieve Moore said.

The house next door is the Mississippi Avenue Co-op, an eight-bedroom communal living space serving as an alternative to the renter/owner status quo. It was during one of their monthly meetings that a member proposed the idea of expanding their free porch into an infoshop. About a year later, with help from the Portland Alliance of Collective Workers, the Black Rose opened.

The tiny shop is a collection of political, feminist and anti-racism books, exclusively from independent presses. These books are a rare find in traditional bookstores, and a local section spotlights Portland writers and publishers.

The collective's six members, plus a handful of volunteers, run the shop from noon to eight p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The collective also keeps a growing list of at least 100 people willing to lend a hand with future projects, including plans to create a community mural in the near future.

The installation of windows marks the first days of business for "In Other Words," a bookstore for and about women at its new location at the corner of Killingsworth and North Williams Avenue.

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Forum on Living Wage Jobs

Lawmaker addresses local issues

State Rep. Chip Shields will host a series of community forums over the next several weeks spotlighting issues for residents in his inner north and northeast Portland House District 43. The forums will cover living wage jobs, the war in Iraq, health care and schools.

"At this critical time in Oregon's history, it is more important than ever that we come together as a community to share ideas and concerns on these vital issues," Shields said.

The forum on living wage jobs will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, 4134 N. Vancouver, with guest Tom Chamberlain, president of Oregon AFL-CIO and Sam

Brooks, chair of OAME.

Iraq War: A Local Response will take place March 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Emmanuel Temple Church, 5123 N. Michigan with guest State Rep. Paul Holvey, whose son served in Iraq.

The meeting on health care will be held on March 22, also from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Irvington Village, 420 N.E. Mason St. with guests State Rep. Mitch Greenlick, chief petitioner for the statewide health care initiative HOPE for Oregon Families and Corliss McKeever, president and CEO of the African American Health Coalition.

The schools forum will be held April 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Irvington Elementary gym, 1320 N.E. Brazeo with guest Shannon Campion of Stand for Children.

Salvation Army Captain to Speak

Captain Robert Marshall of the Salvation Army will be the featured speaker when the Allen Temple Joshua Men present their third Annual Men's Day Program under the theme "Christian men Wear God," on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. at Allen Temple CME Church, 4236 N.E. Eighth Ave. The public is welcome.

Marshall has served as an officer and pastor of The Salvation Army for the past 10 years. He was appointed to serve as Captain in charge at the Portland Moore Street Corps



Robert Marshall

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