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Everybody Reads 2014 featuring the book My Beloved World by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor is underway at the Multnomah County Library

Everybody Reads First Hispanic Justice

Thousands of book 'My Beloved World' distributed to schools and libraries

Multnomah County Library's Everybody Reads 2014, the library's 12th annual community reading project began last week with the distribution of thousands of copies of My Beloved World by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to schools and libraries.

Throughout the month, readers and students across the county will engage with the memoir, a candid reflection of Justice Sotomayor's journey to become the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice. The book starts with her childhood in the Bronx through a prestigious Ivy League academic career to her appointment

as a federal judge.

In February, dozens of Everybody Reads discussions, lectures and related programs will take place at libraries and elsewhere in the community; and Justice Sotomayor will come to Portland on March 11 for a 7:30 p.m. talk at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

Thanks to The Library Foundation, more than 2,500 copies of My Beloved World are available to borrow from libraries across Multnomah County. Additionally 2,100 copies of the book are being given to schools and organizations serving youth. For the first time ever, Multnomah County Library has added a substantial number of e-book copies -- more than 1,000 in all -- for those who choose tablets or e-readers as their preferred format.

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Gangsta Rap Turned Musical

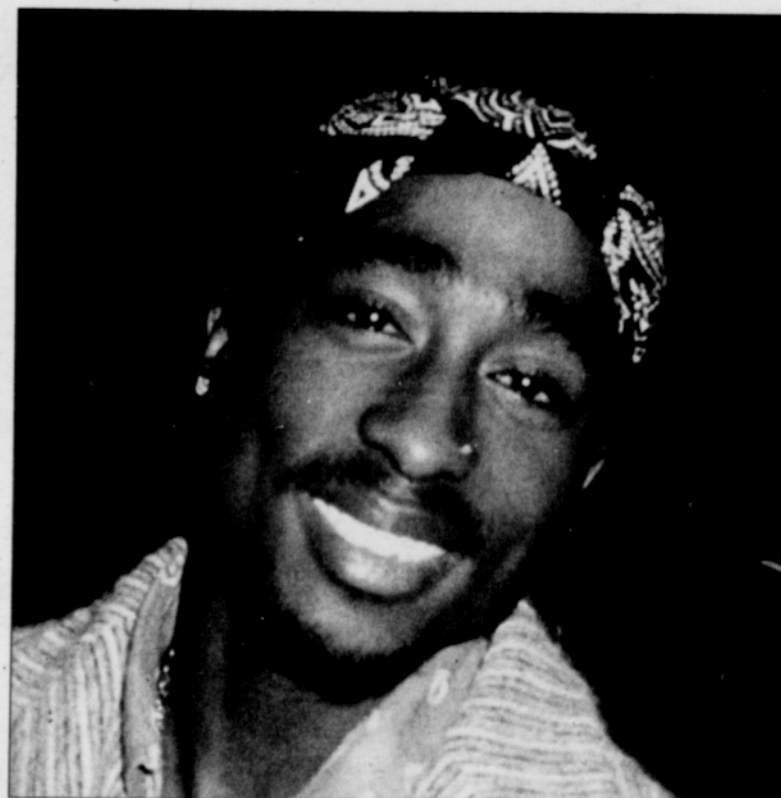
(AP) - A musical inspired by Tupac Shakur songs is going to bring gangsta rap to Broadway.

Producers said "Holler If Ya Hear Me" will open at the Palace Theatre in June under the direction of Kenny Leon, who helmed the Broadway hits "Fences" and "The Mountaintop."

The new musical sets Shakur's music to an original story.

Rapper and actor Shakur, who had multimillion-seller albums like "2Pacalypse Now" and "All Eyez on Me," was known for his raw lyrics that drew on the rage of a coarse urban existence. No casting was announced.

The musical has a story by Todd Kreidler and choreography by Tony Award-winner Wayne Cilento of "Wicked." Afeni Shakur, the late artists' mother, is producing.



Tupac Shakur