

Seattle and NW Washington

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EMP Museum Celebrates Black History Month

Throughout the month of February, EMP Museum is partnering with local community organizations to celebrate the wide-ranging achievements of African-American artists, filmmakers, musicians, and authors.

Featured events include:

FANTASTIC VOYAGE: BLACK PRESENCE IN SCI-FI, FANTASY, AND TECHNOLOGY Sunday, Feb. 16, 1-3 p.m.

Langston Hughes African American Film Festival and EMP bring you a selection of short films and the animated French feature *Kirikou and the Sorceress*. Curated by local filmmaker Zola Mumford. Included with museum admission. Seating is first-come, first-served.

DJ SPOOKY MULTIMEDIA WORKSHOP Saturday, Feb. 22, 4 -5:30 p.m.

STG and EMP present a workshop by hip-hop turntablist, composer, and author DJ Spooky, aka Paul D. Miller, focused on his DJ Mixer app, upcoming book, and how technology is revolutionizing music. Following the event, DJ Spooky will sign copies of his book, *The Book of Ice*. Tickets \$10 (\$8 EMP members).

AN EVENING WITH OCTAVIA'S BROOD Friday, Feb. 28, 6-10 p.m.

Attend a tribute to Octavia Butler, member of EMP's Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame. Enjoy film footage of the prolific sci-fi writer; special tribute performances by Gabriel Teodros and Felicia Loud; an interactive reading presented by Walidah Imarisha and Adrienne Maree Brown, co-editors of *Octavia's Brood* – an anthology of science fiction inspired by social justice movements. Music provided by DJ Sassy Black (aka Cat of THEESatisfaction).

Tickets - Advance: \$10 (\$5 seniors/students), Doors: \$15 (\$10 seniors/students)

For more go to www.empmuseum.org.

The Seattle Public Library Hosts 'Word Up [Down and All Around]: Poetry of the African-American Experience'

Five of today's most innovative African-American poets – Lillian-Yvonne Bertram, Duriel Estelle Harris, Ruth Ellen Kocher, Dawn Lundy-Martin and Ronaldo Wilson –

Without Limits



Northwest Tap Connection and the Color Lines Dance Ensemble performed *Expression Without Limits: An African American Odyssey*, Feb. 9, at the Seattle Central Library. Through spoken word, song and dance, they celebrated the history and legacy of the African American Community. They performed pieces which told the story of the Middle Passage, slavery and reconstruction up to the civil rights movement and the continuing struggles for economic and social justice.

will read from their works from 6:30. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at The Seattle Public Library, Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Level 1, Microsoft Auditorium.

The program is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Parking is available in the Central Library garage for \$5 after 5 p.m.

The featured poets will share works that explore topics surrounding identity in its multiple contexts, including ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation.

For more information, call the Library at 206-386-4636 or Ask a Librarian.

Seattle Parks and Recreation Invites You to Explore Black History Month Outdoors

February is Black History Month, and this year, Seattle Parks and Recreation invites you to celebrate by visiting one of the many

parks named for Seattle's African American leaders and learn about their contributions to the city.

— Flo Ware Park, a vibrant play area for children, was named for Flo Ware, a community activist who was dedicated to social change in health care and education systems for the poor and elderly populations.

— Homer Harris Park held its grand opening ceremony in 2005 to honor Dr. Harris E. Homer, a dominant athlete and physician. Homer began his athletic career at Garfield High School in the 1930s and later became an All-American football player at the University of Iowa. Because the National Football League was banning black players at the time of his graduation, Homer decided to pursue medical school and went on to become a prominent dermatologist in his hometown of Seattle.

— Judge Charles M. Stokes Overlook, a beautiful green space and picnic area in the I-90 lid, honors Charles Moorehouse Stokes. Stokes was elected to the Washington legislature in 1950 and served as the

first black legislator from King County. He was appointed judge in 1968 and was the first black person on the King County District Court.

— Pratt Park, a neighborhood playground in central Seattle, memorializes Edwin T. Pratt, the founder of the Central Area Motivation Program and the Seattle Opportunities Industrialization Center.

— Walt Hundley Playfield, a community area that includes soccer fields, tennis courts and baseball fields, was named for Walter R. Hundley, the first African American superintendent for Seattle Parks and one of the first African Americans to head a major parks and recreation department in the United States.

To learn more about Black History Month and for a full listing of parks and community centers honoring African Americans, visit www.seattle.gov.

The Seattle Public Library Presents Job Search Workshop Series for Teens in March

The Seattle Public Library is offering the "Get a Job! Career Series" in March to help teens learn how to write cover letters and resumes, network, prepare for interviews, and more.

Library events and programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required; call 206-684-7539 to register.

See below for workshop times, dates and descriptions. All workshops will be held at the Ravenna Eckstein Community Center, 6535 Ravenna Ave. N.E., Teen Room.

· Resumes 1 – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 3 – Get suggestions on how to set up a resume.

· Resumes 2 – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5 – Develop your resume with professional and peer review.

· Cover Letters 1 – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 10 – Learn how to structure and develop your cover letter.

· Cover Letters 2 – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 – Improve your cover letter with professional and peer review.

· Interviews/Networking – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 17 – Learn how to prepare for an interview, avoid common mistakes and research positions.

For more information call the Library at 206-386-4636.

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Thursday February 13

VALENTINE'S DAY – HEART HOP: Ages 2 – 5. A morning of fun and activities for the toddler age group. Games, crafts, cookie decorating and much more. \$5 per child. 10 a.m. – noon. High Point Community Center, 6920 34th Ave. SW.

SOUND TRANSIT TO HOST OPEN HOUSE ON TACOMA TRESTLE PROJECT. Sound Transit will conduct an open house from 4 – 7 p.m. at 323

Puyallup Ave. to provide the public an early opportunity to learn about the proposed concepts for replacing the aging Tacoma Trestle.

Saturday February 15

10 DOUBLE HEADER HOME TEAM BOUT. If you need a fix of full contact, high octane sports, you should check out what is happening in the sport of Roller Derby. 5:30 p.m. Key Arena. Children 10 and under get in free.

CAYTON CORNER PARK'S LEFTOVER LOVE CELEBRATION. Activities include, Paint bird houses, spruce up the park, bring sweets and treats to share with your neighbors. There will be cake! 1 – 3 p.m. Cayton Corner, 1831 E. Madison St.

AN EVENING OF CLASSIC BLUES AND JAZZ. Featuring Rob Hutchinson and Friends, featuring Gail Pettis vocals, and Puget Sound Jazz Band director Tracy Knoop. 8 p.m. Scheebeck Concert Hall, University of Puget Sound. FREE

Wednesday February 19

FREE TAX PREPARATION. There will be Tax Experts who are ready to help you file your taxes for free. Please be sure to bring all your tax forms needed. 5 – 8 p.m. Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave. S.

Friday February 21

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FILM SHOWING OF NESHOPA: THE PRICE OF FREEDOM. This award-winning documentary tells the story of three heroic young civil rights workers. An open discussion will follow the movie. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and runs until 10 p.m. \$2 donation. New Freeway Hall, 5018 Rainier Ave. S.

Saturday February 22

23RD ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH DAY! Children 0 – 18 yrs. Are welcome and will receive free dental screenings, free fluoride varnish applications, free gifts and much more. This is an all day event starting at 9 a.m. Free to all. Puyallup South Hill Mall: Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98372