

Seattle and NW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

'Live Lines Reel Poetry: Seattle Public Library Slams!' at Central Library

The Seattle Public Library will host poetry slams for teens and adults in October at The Seattle Public Library, Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave.

See below for a schedule of "Live Lines Reel Poetry: Seattle Public Library Slams!" events at the Central Library.

Teen Slam with featured teen poet Travis Thompson

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 in the Level 4, Washington Mutual Foundation Meeting Room 1. For ages 13 to 19. Teen poets will compete with three-minute performances of their own work. Winning poets will compete in a Grand Slam event from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 at the Central Library.

Adult Slam featuring "Poetry Everywhere: Short Animated Poetry Films"

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 in the Level 4, Washington Mutual Foundation Meeting Room 1. For ages 20 and up. Adult poets will compete with three-minute performances of their own work. Winning poets will compete in a Grand Slam event from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 at the Central Library. Featured film will be "Poetry Everywhere," a series of short poetry films with animations of much-loved poems.

Grand Slam featuring breakdancing performance by Vicious Puppies Crew

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 in the Level 1, Microsoft Auditorium. For ages 13 and up. Winning teens and adults from the two qualifying slams on Oct. 3 and 10 will compete for the grand prize with three-minute performances of their own work. Grand Slam winners will be chosen by judges from Youth Speaks, Seattle Poetry Slam, Rain City Slam and Poet to the People. The audience will vote on a Wild Card winner.

For more information, call the Central Library at 206-386-4636 or www.spl.org.

ARTISTS UP at the Northwest African American Museum

To continue reaching communities new to regional arts service agencies, ARTISTS UP will host a free session to connect and inform African and African American artists throughout Seattle, King County and Washington State.

The event is Monday, Oct. 6 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Northwest African American Museum, 2300 S. Massachusetts St. Artists creating dance, literature, media, music, theater, visual and public art are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

The event is designed to share best practices through peer learning, build connections between artists and funders, and demystify funding programs and processes. The event is hosted by the Seattle Office of Arts & Culture, 4 Culture and Artist Trust.

Attendees that require translation, activities for school-aged children, accommodation or alternative format for a disability (facility is accessible) should notify the presenting organizations no later than end of day, Oct. 1.

Register online by Oct. 1. For more information, contact Heather Dwyer at heather.dwyer@4culture.org, 206-296-8676

Honoring Douglass-Truth



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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members Mrs. Dolores Booker and Mrs. Shirley Wilcox were featured speakers at an afternoon tea celebrating 50 years of the African American Collection at Seattle Public Library's Douglass-Truth Branch. Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Booker were on the committee 50 years ago which first proposed and donated the collection to the library. The sorority donated \$1908 dollars to Douglas-Truth Library at this year's tea in honor of the forming of the sorority in 1908 at Howard University.

Seattle Parks Foundation Hosts 'Estate Planning for Women,' Oct. 9

The Seattle Parks Foundation hosts a free seminar on estate planning for women on Thursday, Oct. 9. There are two seminar times and locations to choose from: 1 to 3 p.m. at Ravenna-Eckstein Community Center, 6535 Ravenna Ave NE; and 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. at Seattle Public Library - Beacon Hill Branch, 2821 Beacon Ave S.

Parking for both seminars is free. RSVP by Monday, Oct. 6, to Betsey Curran at Betsey@seattleparksfoundation.org or call 206-332-9900 ext. 15.

In the U.S., women live an average of five years longer than men and often have the final say in how much of their family wealth will go to loved ones, favorite causes and community foundations. In this free seminar, estate planning attorney Mark Reinhardt of Rehberg Law Group will answer your questions and explain how women of all ages can update or begin their charitable planning.

Local Children's Authors Discuss 'Bending Time' at Lake City Branch Oct. 11

Local father-daughter writing team Charles and Elisheba

Johnson discuss their character Emery Jones, Boy Science Wonder, in the book "Bending Time" from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 at The Seattle Public Library, Lake City Branch, 12501 28th Ave. N.E.

Library events are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Free parking is available in the underground garage. This event is for children and their parents.

"Bending Time" tells the story of Emery, a young African-American science wiz who has a fantastic adventure in time travel. He also learns how to respond to bullying at school. "Bending Time" is the first book in the planned series, "The Adventures of Emery Jones: Boy Science Wonder."

Charles Johnson is a novelist, essayist and emeritus professor at the University of Washington. He wrote "Middle Passage," the winner of the National Book Award in 1990.

Elisheba Johnson currently serves as executive and commissions liaison for the Office of Arts and Culture in Seattle. She writes "Curating a Life," a parenting blog, creates mixed media art and is the former owner and curator of Seattle's Faire Gallery Café.

For more information, call the Lake City Branch at 206-684-7518 or www.spl.org.

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Thursday October 2

BOOK READING AND SIGNING: HELEN COLLIER PRESENTS. "MS. ANNA AND THE TEARS FROM THE HEALING TREE." This book deals with the subject of race and the issues between white and black American women where race and men are concerned. 7:30 p.m. New Freeway Hall, 5018

Rainier Ave. S. Asking for \$8.50 donation.

Friday October 3

CELEBRATE VISIT A PARK (OR PARK VENUE) DAY! How many times have you said to yourself, "I should visit more parks?" Well today is your day. Take the kids or just go to your local park and visit.

Saturday October 4

LEGO MANIA. Children are invited to get creative with Lego bricks and build something super-fantastic. Program is for children ages 5 - 12 years of age and free. 2 - 3:30 p.m. Delridge Branch Library, 5423 Delridge Way SW.

Sunday October 5

SPIRITED MUSIC AND MOUTH WATERING FOODS AT SEATTLE CENTER FESTAL. CROATIA FEST! Traditional music and dance, exquisite costumes, art exhibits, delicious food and much more. The free festivities start at noon and continue throughout

the day until 8 p.m. Seattle Center Armory.

Monday October 6

ARTISTS UP EVENT FOR AFRICAN & AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTS. Artists Up will host a free session to connect and inform African and African American Artists throughout Seattle, King County and Washington State. 6 - 8:30 p.m. NW African American Museum 2300 S. Massachusetts St.

Sunday October 12

MAPLE VIEWING FESTIVAL. Take in the breath taking sight of maple trees ablaze in fall colors. Visitors are invited to enjoy live music, hands-on nature activities and much more. The event is free with paid admission. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Seattle Japanese Garden, 1075 Lake Washington Blvd. S.