

Seattle and NW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Biography of Mixed Race Abolitionist Featured

Community leader Carver Clark Gayton will read from his book "When Owing a Shilling Costs a Dollar: The Saga of Lewis G. Clarke, Born a 'White' Slave" from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29 at the Douglass-Truth Branch, 2300 E. Yesler Way.

Library events are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Street parking is free and available near the Library branch. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Gayton, a descendent of Seattle pioneers, will recount stories in the life of his great grandfather, Lewis G. Clarke, a famous black abolitionist. Clarke's experiences as a slave significantly influenced the narrative of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe.

For more information, call the Library at 206-684-4704 or www.spl.org.

The Writer's Craft at Madrona K-8 School Feb. 2

Author Ben Mikaelson will present an informative and entertaining discussion of the challenges he faced in creating his books from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2 at the Madrona K-8 School Library, 1121 33rd Ave., Seattle, WA 98122.

Library programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Free child care will be provided for children ages 3-12 by the Madrona Community Council.

Mikaelson will present a slide show of his experiences as he tries to uncover the "soul of a story." These experiences include raising a 700-pound black bear, living with the homeless, working with dolphins, attending space camp, going undercover with Drug Enforcement Administration agents and living with the Maasai in Africa.

Mikaelson is an award-winning children's fiction author whose novels include "Touching Spirit Bear," "Stranded" and "Jungle of Bones." He lives in the mountains near Bozeman, Montana with his wife.

This event is presented in partnership by Madrona PTSA, The Seattle Public Library and Seattle Public Schools.

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

Celebrate Blue Friday at The Seattle Public Library Jan. 30

Share your Seahawks pride with other 12s and join a family celebration with crafts, cookies, video highlights from past games and more from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30 at the Beacon Hill Branch, 2821 Beacon Ave. S., 206-684-4711.

Library events are free and everyone is welcome. Registration is not required. Free parking is available in the lot on the west side of the building.

At the Blue Friday Celebration, Library patrons are invited to create Seahawks arts and crafts, enjoy Seahawks-shaped cookies and snacks, and watch highlights from past games via various sports and news websites that will be projected onto the white screen. There will also be a photo booth with a 12 flag and Seahawks props where patrons can take pictures to show their team spirit.

For more information, call the Library at 206-684-4711.

12 Man Flag Raised



PHOTO COURTESY MAYOR ED MURRAY FLICKR

Seattle Mayor Ed Murray raised the 12th Man flag over City Hall during festivities on Monday. The current Super Bowl champion Seahawks are favored to win against the New England Patriots this Sunday at Super Bowl XLIX in Glendale, Ariz.

\$470,000 In Matching Funds Offered For Technology Projects

The City of Seattle invites community organizations and nonprofits to apply for nearly \$500,000 in funding to increase digital equity. The Technology Matching Fund awards are matched by the community's contribution of volunteer labor, materials, professional services or funding.

The Technology Matching Fund has been in existence since 1997 and this year the City has \$470,000 available for matching awards of up to \$30,000 each to community groups and nonprofits. The deadline to apply is March 19, 2015.

The funding will be awarded in July to organizations who will improve digital equity by connecting traditionally-underserved populations, empower residents with digital literacy skills, and encourage diverse communities to use technology for civic participation.

Application materials and more information are available at www.seattle.gov/tech/tmf/.

Two workshops will be held for those interested in applying for the matching funds. The free workshops will provide an overview of the grant program, explain how to apply and detail characteristics of a successful application. First time applicants are encouraged to attend.

• Tuesday, Feb. 10: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
2100 Building, 2100 24th Ave South, 98144

• Thursday, Feb. 12: 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Solid Ground, 1501 N. 45th St, 98103

Interpretation and accommodations are available upon request by calling 206-233-2751 or emailing communitytechnology@seattle.gov by February 6.

Application Help For Section 8 Housing At The Seattle Public Library Jan. 28

Low-income residents of King County can receive help with their Section 8 housing applications from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 at The Seattle Public Library, Central Library, Level 4, Boeing Technology Training Center Room 4.

This event is free and everyone is welcome. No registration is required. Parking is available in the Central Library garage at the regular rates.

Staff from the King County Housing Authority will be at the Central Library to answer questions and help with Section 8 applications. Applications for the Section 8 voucher program will be accepted from 6 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28 through 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10. During this two-week period, the application process will only be available online through www.kcha.org.

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

C O M M U N I T Y C A L E N D A R

SEATTLE 2015

Friday January 30

"YOU ME WE" A FULL AND FUN LINEUP. Interactive booths, sports competitions, contests, and prizes, along with an impressive lineup of performances by Kent's talented kids. 6-9 p.m. at ShoWare Center, 625 W. James Street. Kent Food Bank will welcome food donations.

Sunday February 1

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY. REMEMBER TO WATCH OUR SEAHAWKS BRING HOME ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP!!! GO HAWKS

CULTURAL CELEBRATION OF TU B' SHEVAT AT THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY. The Seattle Public Library will host a Shevat, the Jewish New Year for Trees. 1:30 – 3 p.m. Lake City Branch, 12501 28th Ave. NE.

Wednesday February 4

10TH ANNIVERSARY DRESS UP PARTY! FANCY NANCY! Children's event, special events planned, story time and much more. 4 p.m. Barnes and Noble Downtown, 600 Pine St. Suite 107.

Saturday February 7

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE – NEW UW MEDICINE LOCATION IN BALLARD. 1-3 p.m. Enjoy hands-on activities for adults and children alike. 1455 NW Leary Way.

VALENTINE CRAFT FESTIVAL: Love invades the library! All ages will have craft opportunities, including cards, anti valentines, and origami. 2 – 4 p.m. Pierce County Library – Lakewood, 6300 Wildaire Road SW. Lakewood.

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Thursday January 29

RAINY DAY BOUNCEFEST. Bring the kids to bounce their sillies out. Live music, get messy in crafts and play carnival games. 6:15 – 8 p.m. Loyal Heights Community Center, 2101 NW 77th St. Tickets for games will be available for purchase.