

Paul Robeson Acting Competition

Saturday, March 7

1:00 pm

Main Library



Attention high school students ages 13-18! Create a 5-minute monologue demonstrating the life of

your favorite African American and present it to a panel of professional judges and a live audience. Maybe you can be the library's next "Acting Idol."

An application is in this brochure. Fill it out and return it to Dennis McCain at the Main Library or phone 596-2570 for more information.

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

MAIN LIBRARY
219 LOYOLA AVENUE
596-2560

ALGIERS REGIONAL
3014 HOLIDAY DRIVE
394-7433

ALVAR BRANCH
913 ALVAR ST.
596-2667

CHILDREN'S RESOURCE CENTER
913 NAPOLEON AVENUE
596-2628

EINSTEIN BRANCH
5100 CANNES ST.
662-0098

HUBBELL BRANCH
225 MORGAN ST.
366-0657

KELLER BRANCH
4300 S. BROAD ST.
827-2192

LAKEVIEW BRANCH
6317 ARGONNE BLVD.
482-1784

LATTER BRANCH
5120 ST. CHARLES AVE.
596-2625

MARTIN LUTHER KING BRANCH
1611 CAFFIN AVE.
942-0834

MID-CITY BRANCH
330 N. CARROLLTON AVE.
483-7750

NIX BRANCH
1401 S. CARROLLTON AVE.
596-2630



2009 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*Rising Up:
African American
Leadership*



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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PAUL ROBESON
ACTING COMPETITION



Name _____

Name of school _____

Telephone number _____

Age _____

Person portraying _____

For more information please contact Dennis McCann at 596-2589. Open to youth ages 13-19.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration
Wednesday, January 14, 2009
Noon, Main Library, 1st floor

Councilwoman Cynthia Willard-Lewis will expound on the theme "Rising Up: African American Leadership" at this year's Martin Luther King celebration. Performances by Ivoire' Spectacle, a drum ensemble from the Ivory Coast and Kenneth Bryan, AmeriCorps volunteer and professional dancer .

African American Leadership following Reconstruction
Wednesday, January 28
Mid-City Branch, 6:30 pm

Learn more about the political leadership of African Americans in this country. Dr. Joe Caldwell, associate professor of history at the University of New Orleans, will speak on African American leadership during and after the Reconstruction period.

Health Fair
Saturday, January 31
Latter Library
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

A health fair for the whole family! Enjoy nutritious snacks, have your blood pressure checked, do some yoga and learn what health services are available to you in the New Orleans area.

Storytelling
Tuesday, Feb. 3
Main Library Auditorium, 3rd floor, 10:00 am

Wednesday, Feb. 4
Hubbell Library, 10:00 am

Roscoe Reddix, Jr., dancer, storyteller, and musician shares stories and songs from the African Diaspora in an interactive presentation for children of all ages. This inspiring program celebrates the ability of each of us to overcome all obstacles on the road to achieving success.

The History of Walkertown
Wednesday, Feb. 4,
Mid-City Branch, 6:30 pm

For a local perspective of African American leaders and pioneers on the westbank, come listen to Ms. Diane Coleman's presentation on Walkertown, a black community on the west bank founded around the turn of the century. Ms. Coleman will focus on the struggles and determination of several local African Americans in the 1920's.

Homer Plessy
The Man-The Movement-The Moment
Thursday, Feb. 5
Alvar Library, 6:30 pm

Local author Keith Weldon Medley, will explore the life and times of Homer Plessy with a New Orleans-centric look at this early freedom rider. Mr. Medley will discuss the downtown neighborhoods that molded Homer Plessy, Plessy's arrest at the Press St. Railroad Yards, and the journey of this historic civil rights case to the United States Supreme Court.

African American Genealogy Workshops
Saturday, Feb. 7

This year's workshop will be a two-part series conducted for beginning and intermediate family researchers.

Beginners' Workshop, 10:30 am-12:00 pm
Main Library, 3rd floor auditorium
Learn how to research your family at this beginners' workshop held by Louisiana researcher Barbara Trevigne.

Intermediate Workshop, 1:00-3:00 pm
Main Library, 3rd floor auditorium
Gregory Osborn of the Louisiana Division will lead intermediate researchers at the advanced session that will include information on African American Genealogical Resources tied to Louisiana on the internet.

Leaders of Tomorrow
Tuesday, Feb. 10
Martin Luther King Library, 10 am

The Rethinkers is a group of mostly middle school students , who want a voice in the rebuilding of area schools. Come hear these young activists speak on becoming future leaders.

African American Leadership: The Civil Rights Era and Beyond
Wednesday, February 11
Mid-City Library, 6:30 pm

Learn more about the political leadership of African Americans in this country. Dr. John Penny professor of social sciences at Southern University at New Orleans, will discuss African American leadership since the Civil Rights era.

African Drum and Dance Program
Wednesday, February 18
Martin Luther King Library, 10 am



Ivoire' Spectacle, a west African drum and dance ensemble from Ivoire' Cote, will present KADAKU. Six drummers and a stilt walker will offer authentic African rhythms and movement. Segeunon Kone' founder and leader, has brought his colorful drumming and Ivoire' Spectacle to New Orleans, thrilling audiences at each and every performance.