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The Atlantic City Free Public Library will host an exhibit, 'The Black Northside Empire: A Photographic Look at Atlantic City's African-American Community,' throughout February in celebration of Black History Month. An opening night reception for the exhibit, created by African American American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey founder Ralph E. Hunter, Sr., will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1.

Exhibit to highlight 'The Black Northside Empire'

Black History Month events include talks by Turiya S.A. Raheem, Tyrone Hart and Links jazz programs

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will continue a tradition by offering a variety of exciting programs throughout February to celebrate Black History Month.

One of the highlights will be a month-long exhibit, "The Black Northside Empire: A Photographic Look at Atlantic City's African-American Community."

African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey founder Ralph E. Hunter, Sr., is putting together the exhibit, which will feature photographs of influential people such as Sarah Spencer Washing-

ton and Enoch "Nucky" Johnson, along with the residents, businesses, professionals and churches of the Northside during the 1920s to '40s.

The library will hold an opening night reception at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, in the Main Library's second-floor meeting room.

Hunter, Ada McClinton, Elwood Davis and Kenny Hill are among those scheduled to speak during the reception, which is free and open to the public.

The library will also host several

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Library presents books to city child care centers

The Atlantic City Free Public Library and City of Atlantic City kicked off a new family literacy initiative by presenting a display filled with 50 new books to the James L. Usry Day Care Center on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

The James L. Usry Day Care Center is the first of 11 state licensed city child care centers to receive a book collection as part of the "Atlantic City Library to Go: Reading Together" project.

The following centers are also slated to receive books and a displayer from the library by the end of January:

- Adriatic Avenue Headstart Center and Day Care
- Adventure Learning Community Center
- Atlantic Avenue Headstart
- Atlantic City Day Nursery
- Atlantic City High School Headstart
- Mediterranean Avenue Headstart Center
- Providence Pediatric Medical Day Care
- Robinson Small Learning Center
- Tennant's Day Care
- Tennessee Avenue Headstart Center

The library will provide each location with 30-50 books, depending on the center's enrollment, and a dis-



The Atlantic City Free Public Library presented a book collection to the James L. Usry Day Care Center on Dec. 8 as part of the 'Atlantic City Library to Go Reading Together' program. Pictured to the right behind the students and parents are Library Director Maureen Frank, Mayor Lorenzo T. Langford and Library Children's Services Coordinator Maureen Moffit.

player to keep the books. The library will also provide bilingual (Spanish books) to different centers.

"It is never too early to prepare children for success

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New year! New hours!

Main Library will be open 9:30 a.m. six days a week

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is changing the opening time for the Main Library, located at One North Tennessee Avenue.

As of Monday, Jan. 3, the Main Library will open to the public at 9:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

"We want to make it more convenient for our customers to use the library by providing a consistent opening time during the week," Library Director Maureen Sherr Frank said. "The Sunday hours will remain 12 to 5 p.m."

Even when the time change goes into effect, the Main Library

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Participants to get a kick out of Lunar New Year Celebration

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will offer TaeKwon Do classes as part of a Lunar New Year Celebration. TaeKwon Do is a Korean martial art.

The 45-minute classes will be held at 11

a.m. on Saturday, Feb 12, 19 and 26 in the second-floor meeting room.

These classes are free and for people of all ages. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more information.

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Library introduces 'The Atlantic City Experience' website

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is telling the story about the places, people and events that shaped the city by presenting "The Atlantic City Experience."

The library unveiled a 1920s photo and clothing exhibit in October in honor of the HBO smash series "Boardwalk Empire." That exhibit will remain on display at the Main Library until spring 2011.

And, the library has expanded its Atlantic City Experience project by introducing a website — atlanticityexperience.org — as a way of continuing to promote the city's rich history.

The Atlantic City Experience website provides some of the extensive resources contained in the library's Alfred M. Heston Collection. This collection contains books, pho-

tographs, postcards, audio, video, digital files and memorabilia pertaining to the city's history.

The focus of the website is the early 1900s and includes a section on former Atlantic City boss Enoch "Nucky" Johnson. The site will be expanded to include additional information and photos of other eras in city history.

"The library's Atlantic City Experience will increase access to the historical and cultural resources in Atlantic City," Library Director Maureen Sherr Frank said. "We look forward to turning our Atlantic City Experience concept into something special for those interested in the city's history."

For more information about The Atlantic City Experience, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3062.



'The Atlantic City Experience' website highlights the city's most influential people, places, events and trends from the early 1900s. The site will be enhanced regularly to include other time periods in city history.

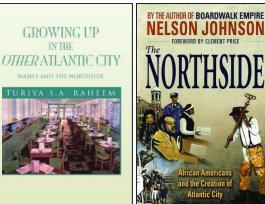
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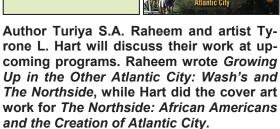
other programs as a tribute to Black History Month. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more information.

Coming Book Drawing Lessons with Joe Del Beato on Thursday, Feb. 3, 17 and 24, at 3:30 p.m. — Marvel DC Comic illustrator Joe Del Beato will give drawing instruction for children. The February lessons will be a salute to African-American superheroes. Del Beato will focus on African-American characters that have been featured in comics, cartoons and graphic novels.

Meet the Author: Turiya S.A. Raheem on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m. — Raheem will discuss her book, Growing Up in the Other Atlantic City: Wash's and The Northside. Atlantic City Weekly columnist Ravmond Tyler described the book as "a living love letter to an Atlantic City that passed away far too soon." Raheem's family (the Washingtons) operated the Wash's restaurants in Atlantic City before relocating the business to Pleasantville. She uses her family's experiences living and working in Atlantic City to tell the story of African-American Northside community. She discusses the businesses, nightlife, her family and the tight-knit community before the arrival of casinos. Raheem, who resides in Atlantic City, also explains the Northside's contribution to the city as a whole.

Children's Book Club on Saturday, Feb. 5 and 19, at 3 p.m. — Members of the Children's Book Club read and discuss book selections over snacks and make story-inspired crafts. Any child who joins the program also receives a free copy of the book to keep. The program is best suited for ages 8 to 12. To register, please call (609) 345-2269 ext. 3050. The club will read Sharon Dennis Wyeth's Something Beautiful. A young African-American girl longs to see beyond the scary sights on the sidewalk and the angry scribbling in the halls of her building. When her teacher writes the word beautiful on the blackboard, the girl decides to look for something beautiful in her neighborhood. Her neighbors tell her





about their own beautiful things.

Atlantic City Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Presents Jazz Concert, Art and Seminar on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 1 to 4 p.m. — Jazz lovers will be in for a treat when The Links (Atlantic City Chapter), along with co-sponsor Atlantic City Free Public Library, holds its annual event in the atrium next to the Main Library. The Hassan Abdullah Quartet, a local favorite, will help kick things off at 1 p.m. by playing the music of some of the legends of jazz. At the other end of the atrium, the jazz portraits of painter Wayne Manns, Jr., will be on display. Manns' work has been exhibited around the world. He has presented his paintings to Bill Clinton and Donald Trump, among others. Also, Dr. Teresa Reed from the University of Tulsa will lead a seminar, "Jazz in Color and Song: A Soundtrack for the Artwork of Wayne Manns," beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The Links, Incorporated is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. For more information about The Links, Incorporated, please visit www.linksinc.org.

Meet the Artist: Tyrone L. Hart on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m. — An Atlantic City native, Hart will discuss his life and career as an artist. Hart created the art work for the

cover of *The Northside: African Americans and the Creation of Atlantic City.* The book was written by Nelson Johnson, who also wrote *Boardwalk Empire.* Hart said he first realized his talent at the age of 14 after winning first place for a painting of Spider-Man. His work has since appeared in galleries in southern New Jersey, Philadelphia, Delaware and North Carolina.

West African Wisdom: Adinkra Cloth Design Workshop with Donna Bridy on Sunday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. — Using rubber stamps, participants will craft West African symbols known as adinkra on cloth, creating beautifully designed work they can take home. This program is for all ages.

Movie screening and discussion: "With Deliberate Speed" with Special Guest Nathaniel Briggs on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m. — Sixteen-year-old Barbara Johns led students in Virginia on a walkout in 1951 to protest overcrowding at their allblack school. The resulting court case became part of the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education ruling 50 years ago, in which the Supreme Court declared segregation unconstitutional. The movie looks at how that case is impacting education and society 50 years later. Nathaniel Briggs and other black children in Clarendon County, S.C., were forced to walk up to six miles to school. The community's request for a school bus was not granted. The Briggs family sued the school district in 1950 United States' first legal challenge in the 20th century to the "Separate But Equal Doctrine." The Briggs' case was later joined by the U.S. Supreme Court with four other lawsuits that ultimately became known as "Brown vs. Board of Education." While the Briggs' case was the first to reach the court, Brown vs. the Board has become known as "the hinge upon which the door to equal educational opportunity was opened to black children."

Movie: Akeelah and the Bee (PG) on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m.

— Eleven-year-old Akeelah Anderson must overcome major obstacles in her personal life in her quest to reach Scripps National Spelling Bee. Angela Bassett, Laurence Fishburne and Keke Palmer star in the movie.

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will be open the same number of hours per week. The library is opening 30 minutes earlier three days a week and 30 minutes later three days.

"The most important thing was to continue to offer the same level of service that we are now," Frank said.

The closing and Sunday hours at the Main Library, and the operating hours at the Atlantic City Library Express will remain the same.

ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS AS OF JAN. 3, 2011

MAIN LIBRARY

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

*Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 12 to 5 p.m.

LIBRARY EXPRESS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, Monday Closed

* Please note that the Main Library's opening time for Monday through Saturday will change to 9:30 a.m.

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as readers," said Maureen Moffit, Coordinator of Children's Services at the Atlantic City Free Public Library. "Learning begins at birth. Parents and caregivers play a critical role as their children's first teachers."





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Three Kings Day Craft

Sunday, Jan. 2, at 2 p.m.

Create and take home beautiful handmade tiles with holiday themes honoring Three Kings Day.

Retreat and Renewal: Resolution **Revolutions Wind Catchers**

Sunday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m.

Using wood, metal and fabric surfaces as their painting canvasses, participants will capture their New Year's resolutions in artwork and then suspend their pieces as a movable mobile.

'I Have a Dream' Too Collage

Sunday, Jan. 16, at 2 p.m.

Nearly 50 years after Dr. Martin Luther King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech, participants will use a variety of media to create a collective collage that reflects the dreams of a new generation. All supplies are provided. Children less than nine must be accompanied by an adult.

Movie: Guardians of Ga'Hoole (PG)

Sunday, Jan. 23, at 2 p.m.

Chinese New Year Craft

Sunday, Jan. 30, at 2 p.m.

Learn the ancient art of Kirigami (papercutting). Kirigami is similar to origami — but in origami, you fold paper while in kirigami, you fold and cut paper.

The Black Northside Empire Photo **Exhibit Reception**

Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m.

See Black History Month story starting on page 1 for description.

Chinese New Year: Dragon Puppets

Sunday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m.

Participants will use a variety of materials to create a dragon puppet. All supplies are provided. Children less than nine must be accompanied by an adult.

TaeKwon Do Classes

Saturdays at 11 a.m.

Feb. 12, 19 and 26

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The Links and Library Jazz Concert, **Exhibit and Seminar**

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A Picture and Frame Is Worth a Thousand I Love Yous!

Sunday, Feb. 13, at 2 p.m.

Using digital cameras and a printer, participants will capture an image of themselves, decorate the matte and frame it with a personalized message. All supplies are provided. Children less than nine must be accompanied by an adult.

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OLDER ADULTS SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3115, for more information

Arts and Crafts Program

Monday, Jan. 3, at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Jackie Caplan, Arts and Crafts Instructor

Make warm winter hats.

The Art of the Scam Monday, Jan. 10, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker: Maura Attardi, Money Management International

Statistics show that criminals scam victims out of billions of dollars every year using various types of fraudulent activities. Avoid becoming a victim yourself. Learn how to recognize the tricks of a con artist and the tell-tale warning signs of a scam.

Library is closed

Monday, Jan. 17 Martin Luther King Day

Tai Chi

Monday, Jan. 24, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker: Xiu E. Yao, International Tai Chi Qi Gong Master

Learn how to perform traditional Tai Chi moves, which can help to reduce stress and promote energy.

Memory and Mental Fitness

Monday, Jan. 31, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker: Dr. Jessica Fleck, Stockton Assistant Professor of Psychology and Certified Mind Alert Trainer

Stimulate your mind and enhance your memory through various mental exercises.

Arts and Crafts Program

Monday, Feb. 7, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker: Jackie Caplan, Arts and Crafts Instructor

Make wooden boxes with a heart cutout that you'll paint and decorate.

Tai Chi

Monday, Feb. 14, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker: Xiu E. Yao, International Tai Chi Qi Gong Master

Learn how to perform traditional Tai Chi

moves, which can help to reduce stress and promote energy.

Senior Wellness: Brown Bag Medication Therapy Review

Monday, Feb. 21, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker: Steven Chang, Pharmicist/Certified Clinical Nutritionist

Program description was unavailable before newsletter was printed. Please call 345-2269, ext. 3115, for description.

Unconditional Happiness: Is It Possible and How?

Monday, Feb. 28, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker: Dr. Marcello Spinella, Associate Professor at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

On some level, we all want to be happy and free from suffering. The question that is in most peoples' minds is whether that's possible and how. This talk covers what is meant by "happiness." Discuss how a person can develop a deep and enduring sense of well-being by developing a variety of internal skills and

Youth Services Programs

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, for more information

Need Homework Help?

Call Youth Services (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to make an appointment for personalized homework and information literacy help.

Creative Craft Wednesdays

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 Children ages 6 to 12 use their imaginations to make and take home crafts with seasonal themes.

Pre-school Rhyme Time

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, 17, 24

Features stories, songs, fingerplays and simple crafts for ages 3 to 5. Family and siblings are welcome to attend. Library story times are a fun and great way to help your child develop skills they will need to be ready to read.

Baby Bounce and Play Group

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, 17, 24

This program is designed to introduce infants (ages 0-18 months) to the world of sounds and stories. Stories, songs, rhymes and movement help build prereading skills for our littlest library lovers. An informal playgroup immediately follows this story time.

Comic Drawing After School

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, 17, 24 Marvel DC Comic Illustrator Joe Del Beato will lead drawing instruction for children and teens ages 9 to 17. Learn how to draw your favorite characters. All materials supplied. The February programs will focus on African-American characters that have been featured in comics, cartoons and graphic novels.

Paws to Read with Baby Bully

Fridays at 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 7, 21 and Feb. 11, 25

"Children reading to dogs" is a program for children ages 4 to 10 who can sign up in 15-minute increments to read to Baby Bully, a certified therapy dog, in a relaxed and fun environment. Participating children should not be fearful of dogs or have pet allergies.

Children's Book Club

Saturdays at 3 p.m. Jan. 8, 22 and Feb. 5, 19

Discuss book selections over snacks and make story-inspired crafts. Any child who joins the program also receives a free copy of the book to keep. The program is best suited for ages 8 to 12. To register, please call (609) 345-2269 ext. 3050. The group will read The Journey (Guardians of Ga'hoole, Book 2) at the January meetings and Something Beautiful at the February meetings.

RockBand Saturdays

Saturdays at 11 a.m.

Jan. 15 and Feb. 12

Youths ages 9-17 are invited to rock out in the Teen Space. Participants must have a library card to participate.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Saturdays, at 2 p.m. Jan. 15 and Feb. 12

Get involved and have something to say about teen programming, books, magazines, music, get ready for college and career opportunities. Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3052. Candidates must attend a meeting prior to beginning participation.

Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food

Wednesday Jan. 19, at 3:30 p.m.

This program will demonstrate the journey our food takes from the farm to our table. There will be food tastings and smoothie making. The program is for ages 9-17.

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FILM SOCIETY

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Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112; or, e-mail Film Society coordinator Theresa Hawkins at thawki@acfpl.org for more information

View and Discuss: Casablanca

Saturday, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m.

This 1942 classic stars Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, and it is considered one of the greatest films ever. It is not rated and runs 102 minutes.

Film Dialogue

Monday, Jan. 10, at 5:30 p.m.

This class session will focus on great speeches, monologues and dialogue. Scenes and specific script pages from "Casablanca" will be analyzed.

View and Discuss: Gladiator (The Extended Cut)

Saturday, Feb. 5, at 1 p.m.

This 2000 Academy Award-winning Best Picture stars Russell Crowe and was directed by Ridley Scott. It is rated R and runs 171 minutes, showing footage not seen in the theaters.

Posthumous Performances

Monday, Feb. 7, at 5:30 p.m.

This class session will focus on how filmmakers deal with the passing of an actor during the production of a film. A short documentary on the passing of Gladiator star Oliver Reed will be shown, and other actors and films will be discussed.

(Those interested in attending are encouraged to join the Film Society)

Computer training for library members

Call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3066, for more information

Computer Fundamentals Friday, Jan. 7, at 9:30 a.m.

Everybody Emails: How to Set Up Your Own Email Account

Creating Spreadsheets with Excel Saturday, Jan. 15, at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 10:30 a.m.

So You Want to Tweet and Join Face-

Saturday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m.

Computer Fundamentals in Spanish

Friday, Jan. 21, at 9:30 a.m.

Selling Items on eBay Monday, Jan. 24, at 4:30 p.m.

Computer Fundamentals

Each Other

Friday, Feb. 4, at 9:30 a.m. Seniors and Computers: Made for

Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 10:30 a.m.

Job Applications and Resumes the 21st Century Way

Monday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m.

Beginning Word Monday, Feb. 14, at 4:30 p.m.

Managing and Sending Digital Photos Saturday, Feb. 19, at 9:30 a.m.

Creating Spreadsheets with Excel Friday, Feb. 25, at 9:30 a.m.

NOTE: All classes are three hours long.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT **TO CHANGE**

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