

**Black History Month Programs - Miami-Dade Public Library  
February 3-28, 2009**

**Meet Donna Washington, award-winning storyteller, multicultural folklorist, and author of several books including *The Story of Kwanzaa*, *the Big Spooky House*, and *a Pride of African Tales*. Washington has also produced several award-winning audio CDs.**

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Lemon City Branch- 430 NE 61<sup>st</sup> St – 305-757-0662, 10:30 a.m.

West Kendall Branch - 10201 Hammocks Blvd. – 305-385-7135, 3:30 p, m,

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Fairlawn Branch– 6376 SW 8th St. – 305-261-1571, 10 a.m.

North Central Branch - 9590 NW 27 Ave 305-693-4541, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 5, 4 p.m.

West Dade Regional - 9445 Coral Way 305-553-1134

**Hear tales from the continent of African with renowned storyteller Baba Adekemi Lyons.**

Tuesday, Feb.3, 10 a.m.

Opa Locka Branch- 780 Fisherman St. - 305-388-1134

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m.

Golden Glades Branch- 100 N.E. 166 St.,-305-787-1544

Saturday, Feb. 21, 4 p.m.

Pinecrest Branch-5835 SW 111 St. - 305-688-4571

Saturday, Feb. 28, 2 p.m.

Allapattah Branch-1799 NW 35th St. - 305-638-6086

**Enjoy a Night of Jazz @ the Library with various artists including Oscar Fuentes, Nicole Yarling and Son de Ahora.**

Thursday, Feb. 5, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Main Library – 101 W Flagler St. - 305-375-2665

**Create your own masterpiece using batik, in this African arts & crafts workshop with artist Brenda Jordan. Registration required. Space limited to 20 participants.**

Thursday, Feb. 5, 10:30 a.m.

Palm Springs North- 17601 NW 78 Ave. – 305-820-8564

Saturday, Feb. 7, 11 a.m.

Miami Beach Regional- 227 22<sup>nd</sup> St. – 305 535-4219

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 3 p.m.

North Shore Branch- 7501 Collins Ave. – 305-864-5392

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m.

Virrick Park Branch- 3255 Plaza St. – 305-442-7872

**Hear tales from the plantation during this interactive session of Caribbean stories, songs and rhythms with Norma Darby of the Jamaican Folk Revue**

Saturday, Feb. 7, 1:30 p.m.

Coral Reef Branch- 9211 Coral Reef Drive- 305-233-8324

Saturday, Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m.

Naranja Branch- 27060 S. Dixie Highway- 305-242-7935

Saturday, Feb. 21, 3 p.m.

Homestead Branch-700 N Homestead Blvd- 305-246-0168

**Meet Geoffrey Philp, author of *Benjamin, My Son and other works*, and hear how his Caribbean roots inspire him to write novels for children. His latest work *Grandpa Sydney's Anancy Stories*, draws on the rich oral tradition of Anancy stories that are told and re-told in West Africa, Jamaica and the Caribbean.**

Tuesday, Feb.17, 4 p.m.

California Club Branch- 850 Ives Dairy Rd. – 305-770-3155

Wednesday, Feb., 25, 10 a.m.

Opa Locka Branch-780 Fisherman St. – 305-388-1134

**Storyteller Temujin Ekunfeo**

**With an active repertoire of 200 fables, tales, and parables, Temujin's stories range from traditional Yoruba to comedian Buddy Hackett! Performing**

throughout the country since 1968, Temujin shares his craft by means of audience participatory storytelling and experiential “playsshops” for youths and adults.

Thursday, Feb.19, 11 a.m.

Miami Lakes Branch, - 6699 Windmill Gate Rd. - 305-822-6520

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m.

Little River Branch- 160 NE 79th Street-305-751-8689

Wednesday, Feb, 25, 3 p.m.

South Dade Regional- 10750 SW 211 St.-305-233-8140

Thursday, Feb. 26, 4 p.m.

California Club Branch-850 Ives Dairy Rd. - 305-770-3155

### **From Jazz to Hip Hop with Artist Nicole Yarling**

Words can be used to express love and gratitude. Words can also be used as weapons. Join jazz artist Nicole Yarling and students from Florida Memorial University as they explore the use of words through rap, poetry and song. Aspiring young writers, rappers and poets will be invited to perform their own works.

Saturday, Feb.21, 3:30 p.m.

Miami Lakes Branch - 6699 Windmill Gate Rd. - 305-822-6520

Monday, Feb. 23, 3:30 p.m.

North Dade Regional- 2455 NW 183<sup>rd</sup> St. - 305-625-6424

### ***Juba This Juba That***

Enjoy drama, songs and stories in celebration of Black History Month at various branch locations. Visit [www.mdpls.org](http://www.mdpls.org) for dates and times.

## **Art Exhibitions**

### **Asser Saint-Val: The Melanin Project**

Jan. 10 – Mar. 23 - North Dade Regional- 2455 NW 183 St. - 305-625-6424

**Reception and Artist Talk: Thursday, January 22, 6 – 8:30 p.m.** Melanin is the biological pigment that gives human skin and hair its color. Haitian-born artist Asser St. Val, interested in the way science and biology have been used to justify false perceptions about people of color, made a study of "the phenomenon of melanin" and the role it plays in people of all races. St. Val's findings became a series of paintings, of imaginary embodiments, of this phenomenon--part figurative, part something you'd see under a microscope.

**Color All Around: Illustrations by Adjoa J. Burrowes**

Jan. 15 – Mar. 31- Main Library Auditorium - 101 W. Flagler St. - 305-375-2665

*Color All Around* features 42 original cut-paper collages from picture books illustrated by artist Adjoa J. Burrowes. Burrowes combines her expertise as graphic designer with skillful use of collage and mixed media. Her colorful illustrations pop with exuberant cut-paper figures, organic shapes, and angular forms. Displays of preliminary drawings, model photos, and editorial comments introduce visitors to the progression of an illustrated story from initial concept to the finished book.