

7th Annual Tulisoma South Dallas Book Fair and Arts Festival
FREE and open to the public
African American Museum (AAM) at Fair Park
3536 Grand Avenue, Dallas TX 75315

Dallas Public Library: ArtSmart; preparing children to learn (1st floor - Helen Giddings Room)

10-11 a.m.

Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-5years

Research shows that the development of early literacy skills through babies' and toddler's experiences with books and the arts is critically linked to a child's success in learning. The Dallas Public Library's early literacy program, Every Child Ready to Read @ Dallas, offers free, fun workshops across the city of Dallas to inform parents and caregivers that they are their child's first teacher. Join us for an exciting, interactive presentation that will equip parents and caregivers with the six pre-reading skills and easy activities that can be incorporated into everyday routines. Participants will receive early literacy information, a list of recommended books, a craft activity, and a free children's book.

Act of Change Cultural Workshop (Basement - Classroom B&C)

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Ages: 5-12 years

African drumming, dancing, storytelling, ring games and role playing is used to teach lessons of history, culture and community. Audiences are encouraged to participate in all aspects, even playing African instruments, dancing and singing

Writer's Workshop – "Discipline of Writing" Michelle Stimpson (2nd floor Library)

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Adults

Facing rejection can be one of a writer's biggest challenges. In this workshop, you'll be introduced to practical ways to reduce the chance of rejection, learn from rejection, and move on in faith toward your next "YES!"

Michelle Stimpson is an author, a speaker, and an educator who received her Bachelor of Science degree from Jarvis Christian College in 1994. She earned a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2002. She has had the pleasure of teaching elementary, middle, and high-school children as well as training adults. In addition to her work in the field of education, Michelle ministers through writing and public speaking. Her highly acclaimed Christian debut novel, Boaz Brown (published by Time Warner/AOL), hit the stands in 2004; her second novel, Divas of Damascus Road, released in July of 2006, was an Essence® Bestseller. She has completed her recently pre-released third novel, The Good Stuff, published by Harrison House Publishers.

"African Personality" The Art of Breathing the Beat (Basement - Classroom A)

10:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Ages: 13-17 years

A fun and creative hip hop workshop that help students find the poetry in the beat.

Hip Hop Dance workshop Lela Bell (Basement –Auditorium)

11:00 a.m. – 12 noon

All Ages

Students experience ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, modern ethnic-Caribbean, Latin and African dances as cultural art forms. This workshop challenges participants and builds self confidence as they choreograph and perform their own works.

SMART Publishing: What You Need to Know to Profit from the Digital Revolution in Publishing - sponsored by the Harlem Book Fair, 1st floor, Helen Giddings Room

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Adults

Are you ready to publish? Do you have a manuscript but are unsure of the next steps? Would you like a professional opinion of your work? Come to this special presentation sponsored by the Harlem Book Fair and hear information that will take you to the next level.

Dallas Museum of Art Personal Collages Workshop (Basement – Classroom B&C)

12:00-1:00 pm

Ages 7-12

Work with artist, Lesli Robertson, to create a personal collage that will be incorporated into a large art installation in the Center for Creative Connections at the Dallas Museum of Art. Lesli Robertson received her MFA in Fibers from the University of North Texas where she is currently on faculty. She received a DMA Artist Award (The Arch and Anne Giles Kimbrough Fund) in 2008 among many. In addition to making art, she curates international art projects, lectures and has contributions to many publications.

Soul Children's Theater Creative Dramatics (Basement – Auditorium)

12 noon-1:00 pm

Ages 8+

"Creative Dramatics" is structured, goal-oriented playing. Through Creative Dramatics (CD) the students explore their imaginations, learn how to communicate ideas, and learn how to feel comfortable with themselves and their role in society. The emphasis is on creation--not performance.

Cover the Coo: A Warning for Freshman Girls in College, Alexis Rhone (2nd floor Library)

12 noon - 1 p.m.

Ages: 14-18 yrs

This workshop is recommended for teens (14-18), college students, and parents of teens. Alexis Rhone is a YA author devoted to candidly exploring teen/young adult issues through fiction. Graciously labeled "the black Judy Blume," her universal stories and raw voice engages even the most reluctant of readers. Her fourth and final project in the Trek Baden series, Cover the Coo, focuses on her main character Trek who is a freshman in college, facing an unplanned pregnancy and confusion about which one of her beaus is the baby's father.

Profile Popularity: How to get it and Keep it, Millicent Courtney Ware (2nd floor Library)
12 noon-1:00 pm

Adults

What is Social Networking? How to Build a Popular Profile? Traffic-driving Tools and Promoting Within and Beyond Your Network

Millicent Courtney Ware, M.S., M.A. is a published author, co-founder and member of the social media network, WeekendBooksTV.com, LLC. This organization specializes in the promotion of all independent artists, worldwide; utilizing diverse marketing concepts and promotional tools for multiple entities, to include independent authors, musicians, comedians, poets, visual artists and small businesses.

Mike Guinn Poetry workshop (Basement – Auditorium)

1:00-2:00 pm

Ages 8+

An intensely provocative poetry workshop that includes expert assistance on building higher self-esteem, self-awareness, and social relevancy through very unique and creative methods.

The Truth About College, Colossians Educational Services, (2nd floor Library)

1:30-2:30 pm

Young Adults +

Are you or your child ready for College? Regardless of what age you are, entering college is a process that you must be prepared for. An unprepared college student can lead to costly mistakes, frustrations, missed deadlines, and bad decisions. We want students and families to gain an understanding and appreciation for all of the aspects of college preparation and the college experience.

Higher Education awareness is a top priority and passion for both Kimberly Moore and Natasha Waters. Kimberly Moore, born and raised in Los Angeles, California, has a Master's Degree in Counseling and currently directs the advising services at a local University. She has been working in higher education for over 6 years. Natasha Waters, originally from Houston, has also been working in Higher Education for over 5 years. Natasha is currently working on her MBA and is a lead academic advisor at a local University. Colossians Educational Services (CES) has been a long awaited vision for both Kimberly and Natasha. Their mission is to lead as many people as possible on the right path to higher opportunities, especially those classified as first generation students.

Nasechay Dipo "Speaking with Beads" African Bead Making (Basement – Classroom B&C) **2:00-3:00 pm**

Ages 12+

A comprehensive study of traditional beadwork and African culture. Participants learn the role of beadwork in the specific region being addressed. Students conclude with a display of various items produced with historical information on the piece/region.

Youth Poetry Slam hosted by Michael Guinn (Basement – Auditorium)

2:00-4:00 pm

All ages

National Poetry Slam finalist and 4 Time DFW Poetry Slam Champion Michael Guinn invites poets of all ages to come and express your creativity through our open mic poetry slam. Meet and hear some the most talented artists in the metroplex.

Harlem Book Fair Creative Writing Workshop Minister Roger Russell, Th.M. 1st floor,
Helen Giddings Room

2:30 pm – 3:30 noon

Adults

This creative writing seminar sponsored by the Harlem Book Fair introduces the art of memoir (covering an event or period of time in a life) writing. It moves on to cover subjects that can be the focus of a memoir: childhood memories, coming of age, a life-altering or character influencing event, memories of a place, a relationship, change, etc. Other published memoirs will be briefly discussed. Participants will be encouraged to think about what makes their experience unique and interesting and what they gained that is worth sharing with others.

“Ownership” Over Your Health Shirley Taplin, (2nd floor Library)

3:00 -4:00 pm

Adults

Teaching “BE WISE” Principles for *Living Healthy* Everyday!

What you should know about breathing and exercise; water, internal design, sugarless and elimination. What you should know about medicines and why “Grannie” 82 years young is still working a full-time job and staying out of the doctors office.

Shirley Taplin has believed in healthy lifestyles her entire adult life. As a Motivational Coach and Inspiring Speaker, she is passionate about helping others make courageous choices that leads to Living Healthy. Devoted to research and study on health alternatives, Shirley Taplin founder of TaplinHealth has assisted with local church health fairs, including BET Foundation Women’s Health Forum, The Association of Black Cardiologist, Inc. and guest of various speaking engagements. Most recent event hosted by TaplinHealth at the Dallas Public Library; “The Truth About Breast Cancer”.