

## **9th Annual Tulisoma South Dallas Book Fair and Arts Festival**

**FREE and open to the public**

**African American Museum at Fair Park 3536 Grand Avenue, Dallas TX 75315  
and South Dallas Cultural Center 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave Dallas Texas 75210**

***Dallas Public Library: ArtSmart; preparing children to learn*** (1st floor - Helen Giddings Room, African American Museum)

**10-11:00 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 a Stories & Sounds workshop that will help build your child's phonological awareness and narrative skills. Participants will receive early literacy information, a list of recommended books, a craft activity, and a free children's book.

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**Positive Choices Equal Positive Results - Kijana Martin, author of "Real Life, Real Choices"** (South Dallas Cultural Center Theater)

**10am- 3:00 pm**

### **Teens**

Peer pressure, bullying and trying to fit are everyday issues for teens. By understanding the power of choice, teens become empowered to make better decisions. This interactive workshop addresses the importance of effective communication, being responsible and making positive choices concerning education, sex, family, social media, and relationships. Pre-registration is required. Youth Groups should contact Vicki Meek at 214/670-0315.

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**Suffering In Silence: Presented by Latifah Hameen, (1<sup>st</sup> floor, Helen Giddings Room, African American Museum)**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

### **Adults**

In her lecture, Hameen explains the role she has played in the reoccurring cycles of abuse and how she continues to create a healthier cycle of behavior for her life. Her passion is to educate women about the detrimental effects of relationship abuse. Hameen has an AA Degree from Milwaukee Area Technical College, a BS from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and a Masters of Arts Degree from Amber University, Garland, TX. A Licensed Massage Therapist and Instructor in Texas, she has been an educator for the past 20 years.

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**Writer's Workshop – “Discipline of Writing” Michelle Stimpson (1<sup>st</sup> floor Helen Giddens Room)**

**12 noon – 1:00 p.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.

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**Steven James Dixon Relationship Expert: “ 11 Things You Need To Know About Men & Relationships (basement Auditorium, African American Museum)**

**12 noon-1:00 pm**

**Adults**

Steven James Dixon is a Husband, Author and Relationship Expert. Steven's book "Men Don't Heal, We Ho" - A Book About the Emotional Instability of Men is a surefire conversation starter. Since the release of Steven's book he has toured the country spreading his positive message about challenging men to heal from broken relationships. When asked what sets him apart from other relationship experts Steven had this to say "I have developed a principle that will save all marriages. That principle is that the success or failure of all marriages is based solely upon the leadership of men." While both Steven's message and principle are controversial, his expertise has been requested from all forms of media. You can find Steven on TV on everything from CNN to the "Frank & Wanda Show" in Atlanta to "You & Me This Morning in Chicago". Steven has been on the radio all across the across from LA, to New York, to Miami, Chicago, Houston and on and on. Additionally Steven has been on as many as four nationally syndicated radio stations including Tom Joyner, Rickey Smiley, Doug Banks and Sirius Satellite Radio. You can catch him blogging for *Essence.com* almost weekly. Steven is all over the place, but if you were to ask him what his favorite thing to do is, his response would be "Sitting in a room with a man and woman saving their marriage."

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**Lynette Norris Wilkinson: UNTOLD: The New Orleans 9<sup>th</sup> Ward You Never Knew (1<sup>st</sup> floor, Helen Giddings Room, African American Museum)**

**1-2:00 p.m.**

**Adults**

Some of the first images you saw of New Orleans under water during Hurricane Katrina were the mangled houses and cars, and drowned bodies of the people from the Lower 9th Ward. Before Hurricane Katrina, few had even heard of this close-knit, predominately African American community nestled less than five miles from world-famous Bourbon Street. New Orleans native Lynette Norris Wilkinson gives a glimpse into the lives of 16 Hurricane Katrina survivors from the Lower 9th Ward where she grew up.

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**Dr. Terri Tyler: Checkmate, A Woman's Place: The Ultimate Challenge** (Basement Auditorium, African American Museum)

**1-2:00 p.m.**

**Adults**

Dr Tyler's faith based message is designed to raise awareness and to challenge women to learn the value of their place and understand that a woman in her position has power in her place. After walking in this knowledge God will honor her prayers and anoint her household.

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