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Cobb libraries celebrate African American History Month with stories, movies, author visits, and more

MARIETTA, GA (January 24, 2012) – The Cobb County Public Library System (CCPLS) is honoring the contributions and lasting legacies of African Americans throughout history with several events during January and February. All events are free and open to the public.

The highlight of the library system's celebration will be the second-annual **African American History Month Gala** on **Saturday, February 11** at **2 pm** at the **Central Library**. This informal event will feature performances by the Zion Liturgical Dancers, the AL Burruss Unity Drummers, the South Cobb High School Steppers, saxophonist Ravan Durr, and special readings by Mrs. Deane Bonner. This event is appropriate for all ages. For more information, please call Thelma Glover, event coordinator and Associate Director, at (770) 528-2335. The Central Library is located at 266 Roswell Street in downtown Marietta.

Other events for adults include the following:

January 31: African American Genealogy Presentation. 6:30 pm, Central Library (266 Roswell Street, Marietta). Carolyn Crawford, head of the CCPLS' Georgia Room, will highlight specific tools for researching genealogy, including online databases and local resources. For more information, please call (770) 528-2333.

February 2: Author Visit: Shelia P. Moses. 3:30 pm, Vinings Library (4290 Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta). Ms. Moses will discuss her background and how she researched and wrote several of her historical fiction novels for young readers. She will also take questions from the audience and do a book-signing. Books will be for sale through the Friends of the Library, which is also sponsoring the event. For more information, please call (770) 801-5330.

February 6: Film Screening: The Help. 5:30 pm, Central Library (266 Roswell Street, Marietta). PG-13, 146 minutes. An aspiring author during the civil rights movement of the 1960s decides to write a book detailing the African-American maid's point of view on the white families for which they work, and the hardships they go through on a daily basis. Film based on the book. Part of our Monday evening film series; future movies have also been scheduled on February 13, 20, and 27. For a full title list, please visit <http://www.cobbcat.org/african-american-history-month>.

February 13: Author Visit: Alisha Thomas Morgan. 5:45 pm, Stratton Library (1100 Powder Springs Road, Marietta). Join us for a discussion of "No Apologies: Powerful Lessons in Life, Love, and Politics," with author and State House Representative Alisha Thomas Morgan. For more information, please call (770) 528-2522.

Events specifically for children and families have also been planned and include:

February 3: African American History Month Story Time. 3:30 pm, South Cobb Regional Library (805 Clay Road, Mableton). Join us for stories, songs, and fun. For more information, please call (678) 398-5834.

February 4: Family Craft Program. 11 am, West Cobb Regional Library (1750 Dennis Kemp Lane, Kennesaw). Drop in for a fun craft; this week's theme is African masks. On **February 20** we'll make Underground Railroad Quilt Squares. For more information, please call (770) 528-4699.

Begins February 4: Film Festival. 3:30 pm, West Cobb Regional Library (1750 Dennis Kemp Lane, Kennesaw). Each Saturday at 3:30 pm in February we'll screen a different family-oriented movie. Bring your snack! Movie titles include: *Daddy Day Care* (2/4); *Akeelah and the Bee* (2/11); *Michael Jackson's This Is It* (2/18); and *The Princess and the Frog* (2/25). For more information, please call (770) 528-4699.

February 22 and 29: Special Programs. 4:15 pm, East Cobb Library (4880 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta). We'll have a special story time on February 22 and a series of short films on February 29 related to African American history. For more information, please call (770) 509-2730.

February 29: African American History Month Bingo. 3:30 pm, West Cobb Regional Library (1750 Dennis Kemp Lane, Kennesaw). School age children are invited to play games and win small prizes. For more information please call (770) 528-4699.

More information about these events can be found by visiting <http://www.cobbcat.org/african-american-history-month> or by calling Patty Latch, program coordinator, at (770) 528-2342.

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