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CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Las Vegas, NV—The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District will offer a variety of programs throughout the month of February to celebrate African American History Month and the contributions African Americans have made to our community. All events are free and open to the public. Visit www.lvccld.org for more information. Highlights of the month include:

The Pride and Perseverance of African-Americans in West Las Vegas

Clark County Library Theatre
1401 E. Flamingo Rd., 702.507.3459
Thursday, February 5 at 7 p.m.

Author and filmmaker Trish Geran will discuss the untold story of African-Americans who arrived in the early 20th century.

Las Vegas Contemporary Dance Theater 7th Annual Concert Series

West Las Vegas Library Theatre
951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989
Friday, February 6 at 7 p.m.
Saturday, February 7 at 1 p.m.

The Las Vegas Contemporary Dance Theater (LVCDT), a multicultural, five-star American dance company will perform under the artistic direction of Bernard H. Gaddis, the company's founder; associate director emeritus Kevin C. Gibbs and associate director Marie-Joe Tabet.

Choreographic works include: Past Present Future—"Solstice" by Bernard H. Gaddis and "Crashing Through" by Hope Boykin, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater company member and choreographer, along with new works by LVCDT Founding Director Bernard H. Gaddis, "Take 5" and "Free" world premieres.

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Embracing Las Vegas Arts - The Rolle Project

West Las Vegas Library Theatre
951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989
Sunday, February 8 at 1 p.m.
Thursday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Experience a dance arts performance designed to ignite active arts involvement within our communities, with a special emphasis on highlighting Autism Awareness. Co-sponsored by Dance Connection Las Vegas and produced by The Rolle Project.

Inspirational Showcase and Luncheon

West Las Vegas Library Theatre
951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989
Tuesday, February 10 at 11 a.m.

Join us for song, dance and oratory followed by a light brunch. Please call 702.229.6125 to RSVP to attend brunch by February 3. Co-sponsored by the city of Las Vegas.

Soul Sparking Sessions with Toni

Session Topic – Love: Love Thy Self
West Las Vegas Library Theatre
951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989
Saturday, February 14 at 2 p.m.

Clarity coach Toni T. Ellis will teach you how to press toward an elevated purpose in life and overcome adversities. Co-sponsored by Soul Sparking Worldwide, LLC.

West Prep 8th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Competition and Art Festival

West Las Vegas Library Theatre
951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989
Wednesday, February 18 at 5 p.m.

Students will showcase and celebrate their formal oratorical and art skills in this recitation and performance oratory competition. Co-sponsored by the Clark County School District.

3rd Annual Love of Literacy Festival

West Las Vegas Library Theatre
951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989
Saturday, February 21 at 10 a.m.

Learn how literacy and creativity are vital to learning and having fun. Co-sponsored by festival co-creators Dana Satterwhite and Joseph Watson, Metro Arts Council of Southern Nevada and the city of Las Vegas.

Once on This Island

West Las Vegas Library Theatre
951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989
Wednesday, February 25 at 10 a.m.

Clark County Library Theatre
1401 E. Flamingo Rd., 702.507.3459
Friday, February 27 at 10 a.m.

This one-act musical with book and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty, is based on the 1985 novel *My Love, My Love* by Rosa Guy. Set in the French Antilles in the Caribbean Sea, the story is about a peasant girl on a tropical island who uses the power of love to bring people of different social classes together. Co-sponsored, produced and directed by Broadway in the Hood, A Source of Joy Theatricals, Inc.

First Annual Black Weekend

West Las Vegas Library Theatre
951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989

Short Film Screening and Discussion
Thursday, February 26 at 7 p.m.

Join us for the *Two Roads* screening, a My Brother's Keeper initiative project. Co-sponsored by Truth Seekers Productions, Nevada Partners, Inc. and Studio 11 Films.

Guest Lecture Featuring Professor James Small
Friday, February 27 at 7 p.m.

Join us as Professor James Small shares his four decades of insights in making African spirituality relevant and useful today. Co-sponsored by Truth Seekers Productions and the city of Las Vegas.

Book Talk Featuring Brenda Williams

West Las Vegas Library Theatre
951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702.507.3989
Saturday, February 28 at 1 p.m.

Author Brenda Williams, co-author Tisha Harris and several of the contributing storytellers will talk about the book, *Westside School Alumni Stories: Our School, Our Community, Our Time (1923-1967)*, a collage of first-hand experiences and photographs from former students, teachers and employees who attended and worked at the oldest standing school in Las Vegas. Book sales and signing are available after the book talk.

Tuskegee Love Letters

West Charleston Library Lecture Hall
6301 W. Charleston Blvd., 702.507.3964
Saturday, February 28 at 7 p.m.

Based on the book by Kim Russell, the play follows the lives of an African American pilot and his wife from wartime newlyweds to entrepreneurs during peacetime. Together they battle the loneliness of war, wrestle with racial segregation and triumph to pursue their dreams until their appointment with destiny. Discussion and book signing will follow.