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## **Black History Month at East Cleveland Public Library**

East Cleveland, Ohio January 25, 2017 - The East Cleveland Public Library February schedule is packed to honor Black History Month. Whether you are looking for arts and cultural events, educational programming, children's activities, or family fun, ECPL offers something for everyone. Just a peek at February events includes a Jazz concert, movies through the ECPL film series and in conversation with the Greater Cleveland Urban Film Festival, special children's programming, a performance by Fam Fest, a performance by Cleveland's own Muntu Poets, a renowned expert on Black Inventors, and much more.

The first Saturday in February kickstarts the arts and cultural programs for the month with what will be an exciting performance. The **Nancy Redd Jazz** concert starts at **3pm, February 4<sup>th</sup>**, in the Greg L. Reese Performing Arts Center. Later in the month, welcome the Muntu Poets to the stage. These legendary Cleveland poets of the 1960's have recently released an anthology and begun touring the country. The powerful voices against oppression produced revolutionary work that fused politics, poetics, and performance, and remains as relevant today as ever. Join us at the **Muntu Poets performance February 25 at 6pm**.

**The Black History Month Film Series** features screenings of two contemporary classics, ***Selma* February 8** and ***Four Little Girls* February 22**. Both screenings will take place at 3:30pm in the Greg L. Reese Performing Arts Center and will also include a post-film dialogue. *Selma* chronicles Martin Luther King's campaign for voting rights and the epic march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965. *Four Little Girls* is a documentary of the notorious racial terrorist bombing of an African American church during the Civil Rights Movement.

ECPL's Children's Black History Month activities include **Jazzy Sounds** workshop on the 1<sup>st</sup>, a **Scavenger Hunt** on the 8<sup>th</sup>, **Trivia Contest** February 13-17, and a special **Storytime every Thursday** afternoon. All activities are scheduled after the snack program ends, and for complete details on Children's events for Black History or the rest of February, check out the February newsletter or spring schedule.

In the Greg L. Reese Performing Arts Center there are events for families and adults like the movie and discussion of ***Life Essentials with Ruby Dee***, facilitated by the **Cleveland Urban Film Festival on February 23 at 6:00pm**. This intergenerational nontraditional documentary is about art, love, and activism. Another exciting family friendly event is the speaker **Keith C. Holmes, author of *Black Inventors: Crafting Over 200 Years of Success***. Mr. Holmes, founder of Global Black Inventor Research Projects, is a renowned expert in the field, and he will visit ECPL to share his extensive knowledge on the topic **February 27 at 4:15pm**.

East Cleveland Public Library is open from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 10:00 am through 6:00 pm Friday and Saturday. For details on these or other ongoing programs call 216-541-4128 or visit [www.eastclevelandpubliclibrary.org](http://www.eastclevelandpubliclibrary.org).

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