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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. Visit [www.lvccld.org](http://www.lvccld.org) or call 507-3989 for more information. All events are free and open to the public. Highlights of the month include:

#### **What's All That Jazz About?**

Wednesday, February 1 at 2 p.m.

Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 507-3500

Saturday, February 4 at 10:30 a.m.

Spring Valley Library, 4280 S. Jones Blvd., 507-3820

Through a combination of live performance, lecture and prepared listening examples, jazz saxophonist Shenole Latimer educates his audience how to follow along with jazz tunes, as well as learning how to listen to and appreciate music from the jazz idiom.

#### ***Shotgun***

Friday, February 3 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 4 at 1 p.m.

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 507-3989

After the collapse of the levees in New Orleans, a white man and his teenaged son rent half of a shotgun duplex from an African American woman, whose father has lost his home and moved in with her. For mature audiences. Written by John Biguenet, directed by Crestcencia Ortiz, and produced by Broadway in the Hood, A Source of Joy Theatricals, Inc. and Torrey A. Russell.

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**African American Authors Symposium**

Saturday, February 4 at 2 p.m.

Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd., 507-3459

Book fair and panel discussion featuring local African American authors in the children's literature industry.

**Our Music, Our Culture: A Journey through Jazz History**

Saturday, February 4 at 4 p.m.

Windmill Library, 7060 W. Windmill Ln., 507-6030

Join jazz saxophonist Shenole Latimer for a multi-media journey through the history of jazz, with an emphasis on African American roots and why it has been called America's classical music.

**Las Vegas Contemporary Dance Theater**

Friday, February 10 at 7 p.m. (An Evening of Dance)

Saturday, February 11 at 1 p.m. (An Afternoon of Dance)

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 507-3989

Enjoy moving dance performances by the Las Vegas Contemporary Dance Theater, under the artistic direction of the company's founder Bernard H. Gaddis, associate director emeritus Kevin C. Gibbs, and associate director Marie-Joe Tabet.

**Blacks in Hollywood and Film**

Workshop for Youth

Saturday, February 11 at 3 p.m.

Film Screening: *Sounder* (G)

Sunday, February 19 at 2 p.m.

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 507-3989

Explore the history of African American actors, actresses and behind-the-scenes professionals. Guests include UNLV Professor of Theatre Nate Bynum, singer Merald "Bubba" Knight, singer/actress Mary Wilson, actress/Instructor of Theatre Rayme Cornell, singer/actress/dancer Primrose Martin, rapper/producer Tony Madd KD, and more. Co-sponsored by the Las Vegas Chapter of the Links, Inc.

**Gospel Brunch Inspirational Showcase**

Tuesday, February 14 at 11 a.m.

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 507-3989

Enjoy singers, dancers, poets and speakers followed by a light brunch. Call 229-6374 to RSVP by February 7. Co-sponsored by the City of Las Vegas.

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**African American Youth Leadership Conference 2012**

Friday, February 17, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 507-3989

Join Clark County Commissioner Lawrence Weekly and County Liaison Kelly Benavidez for an educational conference for youth.

**The World Famous Ink Spots in Concert**

Saturday, February 18 at 2 p.m.

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 507-3989

The Ink Spots will sing the songs generations have heard and loved, as well as new ones. Co-sponsored by the City of Las Vegas, Office of Cultural Affairs, West Las Vegas Arts Center.

**West Prep Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Competition and Festival**

Wednesday, February 22 at 5 p.m.

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 507-3989

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

**Author's Speakeasy**

Saturday, February 25 at 2 p.m.

West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 507-3989

Author Keith Brantley (*Swimming in a Cesspool*) shares his latest work and artistry in a communal in-gathering. Facilitated and moderated by playwright, poet and spoken word performance artist, Ms. China.

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