



The Twelfth Annual Virginia Festival of the Book *March 22-26, 2006*

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African American Authors and Interest

Wednesday, March 22

Neglected Histories--Fascinating Tales

Fintan O'Toole, Melvin Patrick Ely (*Israel on the Appomattox: A Southern Experiment in Black Freedom from the 1790s Through the Civil War*), and Lindsay Robertson. (Sponsored by University of Virginia Bookstore)
6 p.m. UVa Culbreth Theatre

Making History: John Hope Franklin and Rita Dove

John Hope Franklin (*Mirror to America: The Autobiography of John Hope Franklin*) and Virginia Poet Laureate Rita Dove (*American Smooth*) reading from their works, followed by a conversation between them on personal and cultural history. (Sponsored by University of Virginia Bookstore)
8 p.m. UVa Culbreth Theatre

Thursday, March 23

Women Poets Writing Past: A Reading

Virginia poets of historically-based collections-- Sarah Kennedy (*Double Exposure*), Claudia Emerson (*Late Wife*), and Camille Dungy (*What To Eat, What To Drink, What To Leave for Poison*)--read and discuss their research processes.
6 p.m. New Dominion Bookshop

Friday, March 24

Race in America

With Nick Kotz (*Judgment Days: Lyndon Baines Johnson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Laws That Changed America*) and Sheryll Cashin (*The Failures of Integration: How Race and Class Are Undermining the American Dream*). Moderated by Faith Childs.
10 a.m. McIntire Room, Central Library

Foreign Worlds, Dangerous Settings

With Masha Hamilton (*The Distance Between Us*), Leora Skolkin-Smith (*Edges: O Israel, O Palestine*), and Uzodinma Iweala (*Beasts of No Nations*).
10 a.m. New Dominion Bookshop

Book Club Selection: A Sunday In June

Author Phyllis Alesia Perry (*A Sunday in June*) tells the story of three sisters who can see into the future, feel the pain of the past, and wrap themselves around your heart. (African American Authors Book Club)
Noon McIntire Room, Central Library

Strange Worlds: Exploring Fantasy and Horror

Paul Witcover (*Tumbling After*), Kevin Brockmeier (*Brief History of the Dead*), Brandon Massey (*Within the Shadows*), and River Jordan (*The Messenger of Magnolia Street*).
6 p.m. McIntire Room, Central Library

Gathering Ground: African American Poets from Page to Stage

This reading presents Fellows from Cave Canem's renowned writing retreat in connection with *Gathering Ground: A Reader Celebrating Cave Canem's First Decade*. Their work incorporates a range of styles, from spoken word to narrative to lyric.
8 p.m. Gravity Lounge

Murder and Mayhem: An Evening with Mystery Writers

Michael Connelly (*The Lincoln Lawyer*), Jeffery Deaver (*The Twelfth Card*), Karin Slaughter (*Faithless*), and Paula Woods (*Strange Bedfellows*). Moderated by Willetta Heising (*Detecting Men, Detecting Women*).
8 p.m. Culbreth Theatre

Saturday, March 25

Turning Up Dead: Crime Wave Panel

Investigating homicides with Ian Smith (*The Blackbird Papers*), Bob Morris (*Jamaica Me Dead*), Andy Straka (*Cold Quarry*) and Marcia Talley (*This Enemy Town*). Moderated by Willetta Heising.
10 a.m. Omni Hotel Preston Room

Looking for Love: Fiction

Lynn Isenberg (*The Funeral Planner*), Judi McCoy (*Wanted: One Sexy Night*), Cassandra Darden Bell (*Mississippi Blues*), and Cheri Paris Edwards (*Plenty Good Room*).
10 a.m. Barnes & Noble

New Voices: Fiction Reading

A sampler of recent fiction by African American writers Brandon Massey (*Within the Shadows*), Cassandra Darden Bell (*Mississippi Blues*), and Cheri Paris Edwards (*Plenty Good Room*).
Noon McIntire Room, Central Library

Living Your Best Life: Unraveling the Mystery of a Healthy Lifestyle

Author, physician and celebrity fitness guru Dr. Ian Smith speaks about getting off the yo-yo ride of dieting and exercising effectively as explained in his book, *The Take Control Diet: A Life Plan for Thinking People*. (Living Your Best Life)
2 p.m. Burley Middle School

The Games Black Girls Play: Learning the Ropes from Double dutch to Hip-hop

Kyra Gaunt will talk about her book and demonstrate Double Dutch Jumping. Audience Participation is encouraged. Bring jump ropes.
4 p.m. Herman Key Recreation Center

Agents Roundtable

With Faith Childs (Faith Childs Literary Agency), Bill Gladstone (Waterside Productions), Deborah C. Grosvenor (Grosvenor Literary Agency), Jeff Kleinman (Folio Literary Management), and Simon Lipskar (Writers House).
4 p.m. Omni Hotel Ballroom BC

The Investigator Next Door: Crime Wave

John Lescroart (*The Hunt Club*), M.J. Rose (*The Delilah Complex*), J. M. Redmann (*Lost Daughters*), Austin Camacho (*Damaged Goods*), and Greg Herren (*Mardi Gras Mambo*). Moderated by Tom Nolan.
4 p.m. Omni Hotel Ballroom A

Pressing Charges: Crime Wave Panel

Official investigations with Paula L. Woods (*Strange Bedfellows*), Pat MacEnulty (*Time to Say Goodbye*), Michele Martinez (*The Finishing School*), and Karin Slaughter (*Faithless*). Moderated by book reviewer David Montgomery.
4 p.m. Omni Hotel James Monroe

Open Mic: Hosted by Hilda Ward

Join local poet and television host Hilda Ward for an evening of spoken word. Signups begin at 7:30 p.m.
8 p.m. Charlottesville Ice Park

Sunday, March 26

Celebration Brunch (presented by The Links, Inc.)

Join festival authors and community members for a special brunch celebrating the African American Literary Experience. Advance tickets only. Contact 434-961-5372 or email tturner@pvcc.edu
11:45 a.m. Omni Hotel