



**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, 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 and Virginia Poet Laureate Rita Dove reading from their works, discussing 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, Claudia Emerson, and Camille Dungy--read and discuss their research processes.
6 p.m. New Dominion Bookshop

Friday, March 24

Race in America

With Nick Kotz and Sheryll Cashin. Moderated by Faith Childs.
10 a.m. McIntire Room, Central Library

Foreign Worlds, Dangerous Settings

With Masha Hamilton, Leora Skolkin-Smith, and Uzodinma Iweala.
10 a.m. New Dominion Bookshop

Book Club Selection: A Sunday In June

Author Phyllis Alesia Perry tells the story of three sisters who see into the future, feel the pain of the past, and grab your heart.
(African American Authors Book Club)
Noon McIntire Room, Central Library

Strange Worlds: Exploring Fantasy and Horror

Paul Witcover, Kevin Brockmeier, Brandon Massey, and River Jordan discuss their works and genre.
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*.
8 p.m. Gravity Lounge

Friday, March 24 (Cont.)

Murder and Mayhem: An Evening with Mystery Writers

Michael Connelly, Jeffery Deaver, Karin Slaughter, and Paula Woods. Moderated by Willetta Heising.
8 p.m. Culbreth Theatre

Saturday, March 25

Turning Up Dead: Crime Wave Panel

Investigating homicides with Ian Smith, Bob Morris, Andy Straka and Marcia Talley. Moderated by Willetta Heising.
10 a.m. Omni Hotel Preston Room

Looking for Love: Fiction

Lynn Isenberg, Judi McCoy, Cassandra Darden Bell, and Cheri Paris Edwards.
10 a.m. Barnes & Noble

New Voices: Fiction Reading

Recent fiction by African American writers Brandon Massey, Cassandra Darden Bell, and Cheri Paris Edwards.
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
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. Bring jump ropes.
4 p.m. Herman Key Recreation Center

Agents Roundtable

With Faith Childs, Bill Gladstone, Deborah C. Grosvenor, Jeff Kleinman, and Simon Lipskar.
4 p.m. Omni Hotel Ballroom BC

The Investigator Next Door: Crime Wave

John Lescroart, M.J. Rose, J. M. Redmann, Austin Camacho, and Greg Herren. Moderated by Tom Nolan.
4 p.m. Omni Hotel Ballroom A

Pressing Charges: Crime Wave Panel

Official investigations with Paula L. Woods, Pat MacEnulty, Michele Martinez, and Karin Slaughter.
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 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 Tamyra Turner: 434-961-5372 or email tturner@pvcc.edu
11:45 a.m. Omni Hotel