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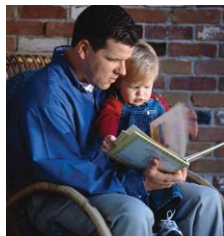
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What's Up



Celebrate Family Literacy Day at the Library!

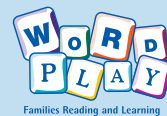
January 27 is Family Literacy Day and there's no better place to celebrate than Halifax Public Libraries, especially now that several branches are offering new Imagination Stations for preschoolers.

Imagination Stations are specially designed to help toddlers learn through play by engaging them in games that develop their thinking, reasoning, literacy and motor skills. The Stations, which feature bead and lacing toys, colourful magnetic toys, puzzles, blocks, pegboards and more, are custom-built to suit the branch and community where they are located. The first three Imagination Stations are currently open at the Halifax North, Keshen Goodman and Tantallon

branches. The rest will be built and installed over the coming months.

The Imagination Stations are part of a larger family literacy initiative made possible thanks to a generous donation of \$150,000 from Athena Colpitts, a former teacher who was passionate about literacy. Her donation has also allowed the Library to enhance services to children and families by purchasing new books, introducing new family programs and expanding staff training.

Many branches are also celebrating Family Literacy Day with special programs that are fun for all ages. For complete program details, see page 19.



Hackmatack Children's Choice Award 2007

The Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award allows children to choose their favourite Canadian and Atlantic Canadian titles from a selection of forty recent books in both English and French categories.

Most children participate as part of a Hackmatack reading group at their school. However, any child can participate at their local library. Just sign up, get a copy of the 2007 list of nominations and

start reading. Once you've read at least half the titles in a category, you can vote for your favourite by coming into the library and filling out a ballot. April 1 is the deadline, so start reading!

You can find the list of nominated titles on the Hackmatack website, hackmatack.ca, or in the "Kids@ the Library" section of halifaxpubliclibraries.ca.

For more information, ask a librarian at your local branch or call 490-5748.

Teens Taking the Lead at Sheet Harbour Library

Teen volunteers are making a big difference by participating in the **Leading Readers** program at the Sheet Harbour Public Library. The program helps motivate young readers and supports their reading development by pairing them with teen volunteers from the local high school for an hour of reading and language-based activities. The excitement and enthusiasm of the teen volunteers is vital to the program, and the young readers really look forward to seeing their partners each week. So far, 18 pairs of Leading Readers have completed the program, and a new session is scheduled to run from January to May.



Volunteer Opportunities

Adult Literacy and Upgrading Volunteer Tutor Program

Right now, about 12 million Canadian adults have trouble reading and writing. By becoming a volunteer tutor you can help someone in your community improve his or her basic literacy skills. No experience is necessary, and training and support are available. Check page 11 for detailed schedules and contact information, or come to a volunteer information session to find out more. Call 422-7648 to register.

Tutoring in Adult Literacy Info Sessions:

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY
Wednesday, January 16/6:30-8:30 p.m.

KESHEN GOODMAN
Tuesday, January 23/6:30-8:30 p.m.

BLOOMFIELD CENTRE
Monday, January 29/6:30-8:30 p.m.

SPRING GARDEN
Thursday, February 1/6:30-8:30 p.m.

ESL for Adults Volunteer Tutor Program

With a two to three hour weekly time commitment, you can help an adult in your community improve his or her English language skills. No experience is

necessary, and training and support are available. Check page 11 for detailed schedules and contact information, or come to a volunteer information session to find out more. Call 490-5990 to register.

Tutoring in ESL Info Sessions:

KESHEN GOODMAN
Monday, January 15/6:30-8:30 p.m.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY
Wednesday, January 17/6:30-8:30 p.m.

Home Delivery Services

By delivering reading and listening materials to homes throughout the region, you could make a difference in someone's life. Volunteers are currently needed at the Alderney Gate, Cole Harbour, Dartmouth, Sackville and Woodlawn branches. Deliveries are made every three weeks and volunteers must supply their own vehicle. For more information, call 490-5885 (Dartmouth area) or 869-4448 (Sackville).

Children's Reading Support

If you love reading and children, you may be interested in becoming a reading support volunteer at the Halifax North or Captain William Spry Public Library. For more information, contact Lana Pinsky at the Halifax North branch at 490-5779 or Dorothy Minaker at the Captain William Spry branch at 490-5714.

Training Opportunities

Adult Literacy Tutor Basics

An introductory workshop designed for new literacy tutors. Discuss the basic concepts of tutoring adult literacy, and learn tools and techniques to begin working with adult learners. Registration is required. Call Erica at 490-5990 for more information.

KESHEN GOODMAN

Thursday, January 25/6-8:30 p.m.

HALIFAX NORTH

Saturday, February 3/9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Using Phonics to Teach Reading Skills

Phonemic awareness is one of the building blocks of basic reading skills, but how can you help your learner develop it? Tutors will learn techniques for coaching learners in need of developing their phonics skills. Registration is required. Call Erica at 490-5990 for more information.

HALIFAX NORTH

Saturday, February 3/9:30 a.m. -1 p.m.

ESL Tutor Roundtable: Challenges & Strategies

Meet other ESL tutors and discuss issues and challenges related to tutoring adults in ESL. Share your favourite strategies and resources. Facilitator Erin McDonald will lead the discussion, which is open to all volunteer ESL tutors in HRM. To register, call Erica at 490-5990.

BEDFORD

Wednesday, February 7/6:30-8:30 p.m.

ESL Tutor Basic Training

This four-part workshop series covering the basics of ESL tutoring is open to all volunteer ESL tutors in HRM. Registration is required. Call Erica at 490-5990 for more information.

Black Romance is Hot!

This African Heritage Month, spice up your Valentine's Day with one of these new romance titles from black authors. Whether you like your romance coy and shy or down and dirty, modern urban or rural historic – one of these books is sure to appeal to you.

Always a Chance
by Angela Winters. 2006

Candy Licker
by Noire. 2005

Dirty Red
by Vickie Stringer. 2006

Ex-girl to the Next Girl
by Daaimah Poole. 2006

Fever
by Geneva Holliday. 2006

Good Woman Blues
by Lynn Emery. 2005

Her Brother's Keeper
by Geri Guillaume. 2006

Love is For Keeps
by Celeste Norfleet. 2006

Nothing Has Ever Felt Like This
by Mary B. Morrison. 2005

Pink
by Marilyn Griffith. 2006

Soldier's Lady
by Michael Phillips. 2006

Trouble
by Ann Christopher. 2006



Winter weather got you down?

Going south for a holiday is a popular treat, but not all of us are able to break away from winter. If you are staying put, but dreaming of warmer weather, let one of these warm travel tales put your spirit in the sunny weather, even if your body can't be there.

The Caliph's House: a Year in Casablanca
by Tahir Shah. 2006

Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia
by Elizabeth Gilbert. 2006

The Greek for Love
by James Chatto. 2005

An Innocent in Cuba
by David McFadden. 2005

A Load of Bull: An Englishman's Adventures in Madrid
by Tim Parfitt. 2006

Mexican Days: Journeys Into the Heart of Mexico
by Tony Cohan. 2006.

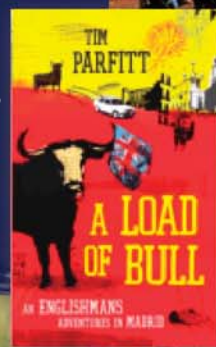
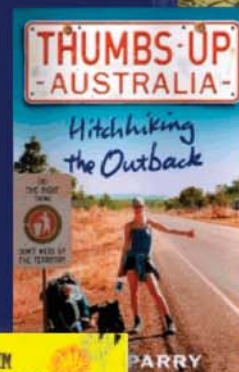
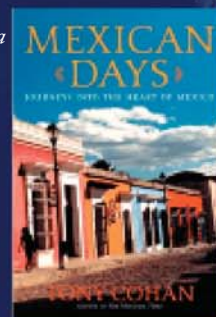
Mexico, A Love Story: Women Write About the Mexican Experience
by Camille Cusumano. 2006

Midnight Tales: A Woman's Journey Through The Middle East
by Rosina-Fawzia al-Rawi. 2006

My Heart is Africa: A Flying Adventure
by Scott Griffin. 2006

The Olive Route
by Carol Drinkwater. 2006

Thumbs Up Australia: Hitchhiking the Outback
by Tom Parry. 2006



CONFRONTING RACE

with
Sobaz Benjamin



Sobaz Benjamin is a man fascinated by race. It's a fascination so intense, some might say it borders on obsession.

"Race, in North America and Europe, is a very strong identity-forming structure," says the filmmaker, who was born in London, England, spent much of his teenage years in Grenada and now calls Halifax his home. "At some point in your life, if you're a person of colour, you're going to have to confront what race means to you."

Judging from his first long form documentary, *Race is a Four-Letter Word*, Benjamin isn't afraid of a little confrontation.

The documentary, filmed in Halifax and Toronto, tells the stories of a white man who was raised by a black family; a black woman who reconstructs herself as a symbol of Canadian identity known as Miss Canadiana and another black woman who returns to England to escape what she perceives as Canada's racial cold war.

At the heart of the film is Benjamin's own story.

"I've been making this film for a very long time," he says. "It's a story that I've been trying to tell formally since 1997, but it's based on experiences that I've been trying to make sense of for most of my life."

As a young boy growing up in London, Benjamin says he struggled with the concept of his own race and sense of identity. For years, he tried to bleach his skin with chemicals because he thought being lighter was somehow better.

His struggle to understand and appreciate the meaning of his own culture and

heritage continued long after his childhood, and has been the driving force behind his career as a filmmaker.

His two independent shorts, *Black Skin*, *White Masks* and *Weekend Warrior* also explore issues surrounding race and identity, and Benjamin says those films were like seeds that developed into *Race is a Four Letter-Word*, which he calls a "landmark" in his career.

"This film is about being human and how a person experiences themselves as an individual and within a group. It's about all the contradictions and beauty that are part of that experience."

"Race is a four-letter word, but so is love."

Coming up with an appropriate title for the film was challenging, says Benjamin. He mulled over many options before finally deciding on one.

"It was not my motivation to say that race is bad," says Benjamin. "Race is a four-letter word, but so is love. The title is meant to capture the ambiguity and complexity of the word."

Although Benjamin's film focuses on the complexities and contradictions surrounding race, he says the goal of the film is not necessarily to find answers. Instead, he hopes to raise even more questions about what race means to people.

"If my film is able to take someone to a place they haven't been before, or make them think about things they've never thought of before, then I am grateful."

***Race is a Four-Letter Word* will be shown at the Spring Garden Road Public Library on Thursday, February 8 at 7 p.m. Sobaz Benjamin will be there to answer questions.**

adult Programs



Book Clubs

The libraries' book clubs are a great way to meet people, explore new authors, share ideas and celebrate the joy of reading.

BEDFORD

Tuesday, January 30/2 p.m.

Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden
Registration begins Dec. 27.

Tuesday, February 27/2 p.m.

Rockbound by Frank Parker Day
Registration begins Jan. 30.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY

Wednesday, January 17/7 p.m.

Burden of Desire by Robert MacNeil

Wednesday, February 21/7 p.m.

Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky

KESHEN GOODMAN

Wednesday, January 10/1 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14/1 p.m.

For reading list, call Eve Shiers at 445-3681.

SACKVILLE

Wednesday, January 17/7 p.m.

The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck

Wednesday, February 21/7 p.m.

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

SPRING GARDEN

Thursday, January 11/7 p.m.

The Stone Angel by Margaret Laurence
Registration required.

Thursday, February 8/7p.m.

A Confederacy of Dunces by John Kennedy Toole
Registration required.

TANTALLON

Tuesday, January 9/7 p.m.

Blind Assassin by Margaret Atwood

Tuesday, February 13/7 p.m.

Any Easy Rawlins Mystery by Walter Mosley

WOODLAWN

Wednesday, January 10/7 p.m.

The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold
Registration required.

Wednesday, February 7/7 p.m.

The Birth House by Ami McKay
Registration required.

Writers & Writing

Life Writing

Winter is a time for reflection, and a great opportunity to write the stories that shape our lives. What is your new beginning: Are you new to Canada? A new parent? A surviving spouse? Join author and Halifax's Poet Laureate, Lorri Neilsen Glenn, for this two-hour workshop that will inspire your writing regardless of your age or experience. Registration required.

KESHEN GOODMAN

Thursday, January 11/2 p.m.

Writers Without Boundaries

Is writing your passion? Would you like to know more about the craft of writing and the publishing industry? Join Writers Without Boundaries, Sackville's writing group. No experience necessary.

SACKVILLE

Thursdays, January 18 & February 15/7 p.m.

Recapturing the Joy with Deborah Anthony

Deborah Anthony, a Beaver Bank resident, lost her daughter to a tragic accident more than 20 years ago. Her struggle in dealing with the grief process has resulted in a self-help book, *Recapturing the Joy, A Journal for Bereaved Parents*. Join Deborah as she discusses how her book came to be and how it can help you or someone you know.

SACKVILLE

Wednesday, January 31/7 p.m.



Emil Sher

Page to Stage Mourning Dove with playwright Emil Sher

Inspired by the story of Robert Latimer, *Mourning Dove* explores the unspeakable dilemma faced by the father of a severely disabled girl asking difficult questions about mercy killing, family loyalty and personal ethics versus public morality. *Mourning Dove* will be on stage at Neptune Theatre Feb. 13 - Mar. 4.

SPRING GARDEN

Thursday, February 15/7 p.m.



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Hobbies & Interests

Women's Group

The weather may be cold, but the conversation and coffee are always warm at the weekly meeting of the Halifax North Branch Women's Group. Drop by for movies, crafts, guest speakers and discussions on everyday issues affecting the lives of women. Contact the branch for a weekly schedule.

HALIFAX NORTH

Wednesdays/10 a.m.

Scrabble Night

More than 100 million Scrabble boards have been sold worldwide and the game, invented in the early 1930s, is still growing in popularity. Bring your board and meet other Scrabble enthusiasts for an evening of word-making fun.

KESHEN GOODMAN

Monday, January 15/7 p.m.

Monday, February 19/7 p.m.

Outdoor Winter Fun

Winter can be a great time to enjoy the outdoors. Join Terri Peace from the Adventure Earth Centre to learn about activities like snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, tobogganing, winter picnics or walks along a trail by the light of the moon.

KESHEN GOODMAN

Wednesday, January 17/7 p.m.

Intro to Digital Photography

Cut through the technical jargon and find out what to look for in a digital camera, how to get the most out of your camera, how to take photos and what to do with your picture once you've snapped the shot.

KESHEN GOODMAN

Wednesday, January 24/7 p.m.

with Andrew Lloyd from Carsand Mosher

SACKVILLE

Wednesday, January 24/7 p.m.

with members of Sackville Photography Club. Registration required.

Choosing the Right Dog for You

If you're planning on bringing a dog home this spring, now is the time to plan. Christine Graham, of Wyndenfog Kennels, will share advice on choosing a breed, SPCA adoption, purchasing from pet stores and other things to be aware of before selecting a puppy or adult dog.

SPRING GARDEN

Thursday, January 18 /7p.m.



Seniors' Drop-in

Join Const. Maloney from the Tantallon Detachment of the RCMP for a discussion on a variety of safety issues for seniors. Anyone over the age of 55 is welcome.

TANTALLON

Friday, January 19/2 p.m.

Friday, February 16/2 p.m.

University Courses



**Saint Mary's
University**

Saint Mary's University Lunch & Learn Lecture Series

You may attend one or all lectures with no registration or charge. Feel free to bring your lunch. *Co-sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education of Saint Mary's University.*

Introduction to Drama II with Glenn Walton ENGL 2342.2 DL

This course covers plays ranging from the Restoration of Drama in England in 1660

up to the present time. Particular emphasis will be on late 19th century Realism and 20th century experiments in form and content.

ALDERNEY GATE

Tuesdays/12 p.m.

beginning January 9 (no class Feb. 20)

The Study of Short Fiction with Louise Burley ENGL 2391.2 DT

Short stories often use the intensely symbolic and vivid language of poetry, while relying on the traditional elements of narrative such as setting character and plot. This course will include what happens, where and to whom, but will also extend to what the story is about in terms of a controlling idea.

SPRING GARDEN

Wednesdays/12 p.m.

beginning January 3 (no class Feb. 21)

The Enlightenment with Elizabeth Haigh HIST 3411.2 DT

The intellectual, social and philosophical milieu of the Western world was profoundly altered in the 17th and 19th centuries. Largely in response to the scientific revolution, European political and social assumptions and foundations were questioned. The re-examination led to a profound reshaping of the foundations of European institutions. The course will examine this process and its development.

SPRING GARDEN

Thursdays/12 p.m.

beginning January 4 (no class Feb. 22)

Mount Saint Vincent University Lecture Series

Canada's Twentieth Century

Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier promised that the 20th century would belong to Canada. From the vantage point of the early 21st century, Dr. Janet Guildford of the MSVU Department of History, will assess Laurier's claim and explore the impact of a century of fast-paced change on the lives of Canadians.

KESHEN GOODMAN

Fridays

January 19-March 9/1:30 p.m.

(no class Feb. 23)

Jan. 19 - The Twentieth Century Belongs to Canada: 1896-1911

Jan. 26 - The Impact of the First World War: 1914-1929

Feb. 2 - Surviving the Depression: 1929-1939

Feb. 9 - The Impact of the Second World War: 1939-1960

Feb. 16 - Sex, drugs and rock-n-roll? Reform and Protest in the 1960s and 1970s

Mar. 2 - A New Constitution for Canada: 1960s-1990s

Mar. 9 - Postmodern Multicultural Canada

Wal-Town: The Film
NFB Film Club



Interspersing frank exchanges between activists and Wal-Mart shoppers with interviews with a range of characters from either side of the issue, *Wal Town: The Film* takes us to the front lines of the ongoing debate over the company's increasing dominance in the Canadian retail market. 2006. -67 mins.

SPRING GARDEN
Sunday, February 4/2:30 p.m.

Harmonica Workshop

Ages 14+
Join harmonica teacher, Catriona Sturton to learn basic skills and listen to advanced techniques. You are welcome to bring a harmonica in the key of "C" (10 holes). Sturton is a former member of Halifax indie-rock group, Plumtree and has

toured Canada with Joel Plaskett and The Weakerthans. Registration required.

SPRING GARDEN
Saturday, February 10/1 p.m.

Art Display

Local artists are invited to display their work in the library. Works in a variety of media are welcome. Contact the branch for details.

TANTALLON
January - Mixed media by James Darley
February- Photographs from Upper Hammonds Plains Black community

WOODLAWN
Paintings by Bill Duggan

Music, Art & Film

Flamenco in February Festival

Last year's Flamenco in February Festival, the first ever in Canada, met tremendous response. The Festival returns to the Library to heat up your winter with flamenco dance and music! These programs are co-sponsored by JazzEast and Maria Osende Flamenco Co. For more information visit www.flamencofestival.ca.

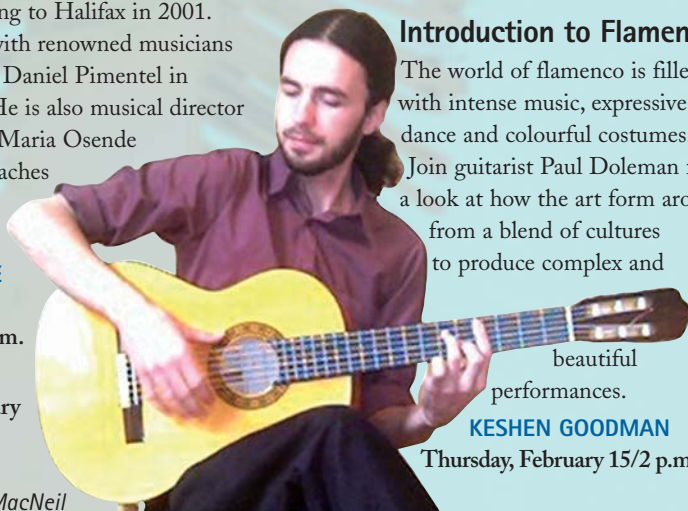
Flamenco Guitar
with Daniel MacNeil

Daniel MacNeil began playing flamenco guitar after moving to Halifax in 2001. He has studied with renowned musicians Juan Martin and Daniel Pimentel in Madrid, Spain. He is also musical director and guitarist for Maria Osende Flamenco and teaches flamenco guitar and percussion.

ALDERNEY GATE
Wednesday,
February 7/12 p.m.

COLE HARBOUR
Saturday, February
3/2 p.m.

Daniel MacNeil



Flamenco Guitar
with Bob Sutherby

Bob Sutherby discovered flamenco guitar ten years ago and his career took an unexpected turn when he founded the group El Viento Flamenco with dancer Evelyne Benais. He studied with Juan Martin, Juan del Gastor, Patricio Tito and Miguel Aragon and currently works with El Viento Flamenco, Los Flamencos and solo.

BEDFORD
Tuesday, February 6/7 p.m.
Registration required.

SPRING GARDEN
Friday, February 2/12 p.m.

Introduction to Flamenco

The world of flamenco is filled with intense music, expressive dance and colourful costumes. Join guitarist Paul Doleman for a look at how the art form arose from a blend of cultures to produce complex and

beautiful
performances.

KESHEN GOODMAN
Thursday, February 15/2 p.m.



Maria Osende

Photo: Jennifer Payne

History of Flamenco Guitar

Daniel MacNeil will explore the history of flamenco guitar including its origin, influences, instruments, techniques, famous players and styles. He'll also discuss the creative process of flamenco from the birth of its song (cante) to how contemporary artists continue to push the boundaries.

SPRING GARDEN
Friday, February 9/12 p.m.

The Flamenco Festival is also offering youth programs. See pages 15 and 18.



Employment & Money Matters

Women's Employment Outreach Workshops:

Career Decision Making

This series will help you make well-informed personal decisions, taking into account your values and interests and current labour market trends.

Information on local upgrading and retraining options will be supplied. To register, call 422-8023.

ALDERNEY GATE

January 10, 17, 24, 31/10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
February 7/10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Basic Computer Skills for Job Search

This four-part workshop focuses on using a mouse, basic formatting techniques of Microsoft Word, modifying a document on disk, accessing and searching the Internet, setting up an email account and sending/receiving emails. To register, call 422-8023.

KESHEN GOODMAN

February 13, 15, 20, 22/1:15-3:15 p.m.

Enhanced Computer Skills for Job Search

This four-part workshop includes navigating Windows, learning more Microsoft Word formatting techniques, perfecting Internet job searches and online job applications and sending resumés as an email attachment securely. To register, call 422-8023.

KESHEN GOODMAN

March 20, 22, 27, 29/1:15-3:15 p.m.

Skills and Learning Portfolio Development

In this 10-session course, you'll learn to prepare a portfolio that will represent you and your life experiences as it relates to your personal, educational and career goals.

KESHEN GOODMAN

February 5, 12, 19, 26/1-4 p.m.
March 5, 19, 26/1-4 p.m.
April 2, 16, 23/1-4 p.m.

Small Business Startup

Got a great business idea but don't know where to begin? Find out what the Library has to offer budding entrepreneurs, and discover the tools you need to make your business a success. Registration required.

ALDERNEY GATE

Wednesday, January 17/7 p.m.

SPRING GARDEN

by appointment - 490-5710

Investing Basics



Christopher Stewart

Explore investment basics from assessing your current financial situation to managing your risk including budgeting, inflation, RRSPs, GICs and bonds and mutual funds. Hosted by Christopher Stewart, an Investment Advisor with Edward Jones Investments.

ALDERNEY GATE

Monday, February 5/7 p.m.

SPRING GARDEN

Thursday, January 25/7 p.m.

Computer Security Seminar

For many of us computers are a daily part of our lives, but how secure are they? Greg Nason, of L&N Computer Consulting, will discuss how we can protect ourselves against identity theft, viruses, worms and spam. Registration required.

BEDFORD

Tuesday, January 23/7 p.m.

Financial Planning for Retirement

The countdown to retirement can be a pleasant ride if you have a fine-tuned strategy. Learning about making contributions, tax efficient investing, growth factors, diversification, rebalance and beneficiary designations are all part of the strategy. Meet with Financial Advisor, Celena Matwawana of Investors Group as she explores options to meet your needs.

COLE HARBOUR

Wednesday, January 24/7 p.m.

Employment Counselling

Get free advice on choosing a career, creating a return-to-work plan and discovering new opportunities. This service is provided by Job Search Services of Dartmouth. To book an appointment, call 435-0957 ext. 227.

WOODLAWN

Wednesdays/1-4 p.m.

Computer and Internet Job Search Help

A representative from Job Search Services will help you create a dynamic resumé and navigate the Internet for job resources. To book an appointment, call 435-0957 ext. 227.

WOODLAWN

Fridays/10 a.m.-1p.m.

Getting On Track to a Sound Financial Future

The road to financial security doesn't have to be a rough one. Craig Mercer of Investors Group will offer tips on getting started. Registration required.

WOODLAWN

Wednesday, January 31/7 p.m.

Wills, Power of Attorney & Funeral Preplanning

Getting your affairs or the affairs of someone else in order doesn't have to be a daunting task. Ian MacDonald, of Mattatall's Funeral Home in Dartmouth, will explain how to take some of the stress out of one of life's most stressful events, and minimize the emotional burden of those left behind. Registration required.

WOODLAWN

Wednesday, February 28/7 p.m.

Health & Wellness

Mi'kmaq Plant Medicines: Natural Healing Traditions

Laurie Lacey, medicine maker, naturalist and author of *Mic Mac Medicines: Remedies and Recollections*, will share slides, stories and information on the traditional uses of plants and trees by the Mi'kmaq people of Atlantic Canada. Lacey has been involved in the field of local medicines since 1974.

COLE HARBOUR

Wednesday, January 31/7 p.m.



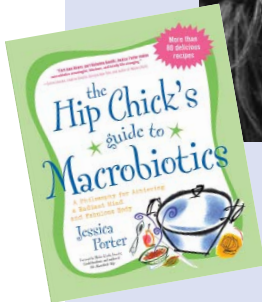
Laurie Lacey

Macrobiotics

The word macrobiotic comes from “macro” which means “large” and “bios” which means “life”. Macrobiotic chef Jessica Porter will discuss how women can strengthen their mind and body through the right balance of food. Porter is the author of *The Hip Chick's Guide to Macrobiotics: A Philosophy for Achieving a Radiant Mind and a Fabulous Body*. Books will be available for purchase.

SPRING GARDEN

Thursday, January 11/7 p.m.



Public Health Information with Nancy Worth

Comfort, Play and Teach: A Positive Approach to Parenting

(Parents of children ages 0-3 years)

This program will focus on the everyday routines and activities that experts agree are the most important in helping children reach their full potential.

TANTALLON

Tuesday, January 9/2:30 -3:30 p.m.

Growth and Development

(Parents of children ages 0-6 months)

Learn how to use the activities of comfort, play and teach to explore your child's cognitive, socio-emotional and language development during the first six months.

TANTALLON

Tuesday, February 13/2:30-3:30 p.m.

Smart Start with Rachel Stone from Nubodys

The Smart Start program offers information on how to modify your behaviour in order to make a successful lifestyle change. This session includes a self-discovery exercise, information on the stages of change, stages of action, time management and goal setting information.

TANTALLON

Saturday, January 27/2 p.m.

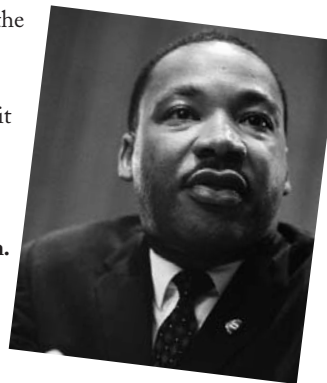
Environmental & Social Issues

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration

In 1954, Nova Scotia desegregated its schools while the United States Supreme Court handed down its landmark decision in *Brown vs Board of Education*. In 1957, Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas played a pivotal role in the enforcement of that decision. Join us as we look back at the events at Central High thorough video and discuss how they shaped the pursuit of education as part of the pursuit for civil rights.

HALIFAX NORTH

Thursday, January 18/7 p.m.

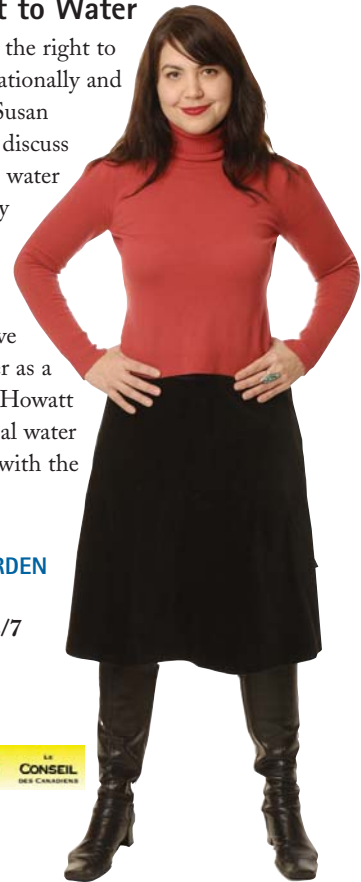


The Right to Water

Learn about the right to water internationally and in Canada. Susan Howatt will discuss the threat to water in Canada by shortages, pollution and the growing move to treat water as a commodity. Howatt is the national water campaigner with the Council of Canadians.

SPRING GARDEN

Thursday, February 22/7 p.m.





English as a Second Language (ESL)

Get help with your English language skills at Halifax Public Libraries. Programs are free and open to permanent residents, refugee claimants and Canadian citizens.

ALDERNEY GATE

Tuesdays/4-6 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fridays/12-2 p.m. & 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Call Shirin at 490-4268.

BEDFORD

Mondays/1:30-4 p.m.
Thursdays/6:30-9 p.m.
Call Tatjana at 490-5757.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY

Wednesdays/10 a.m.-12 p.m.
and 1-4 p.m.
Call Marian at 490-5715.

HALIFAX NORTH

Tuesdays/10 a.m.-12 p.m.
and 6-9 p.m.
Call Pam at 490-5779.

KESHEN GOODMAN

Tuesdays/10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.
Thursdays/10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.
Call Marian at 490-6408.

SPRING GARDEN

Tuesdays/1-3 p.m. & 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays/4-6 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Call Frances at 490-5990.

Literacy & Upgrading

Improve your reading, writing and math skills with Halifax Public Libraries and the Halifax Community Learning Network. The programs are free and open to all adult learners in need of basic education upgrading.

BLOOMFIELD CENTRE

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays
/5-7:30 p.m.
Fridays/12:30-3 p.m.
Call Laura at 453-6246 ext 23.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY

Tuesdays/1-3 p.m. & 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Thursdays/9:30-11:30 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.
Call Linda at 490-5715.

HALIFAX NORTH

Wednesdays/9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
and 6-9 p.m.
Fridays /9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Call Jennifer at 490-5779.

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and 5:30-8:30 p.m.
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Call Melissa at 490-6408.

SPRING GARDEN

Tuesdays/6-9 p.m.
Thursdays/3-6 p.m.
Fridays/2-5 p.m.
Call Jennifer at 490-5990.

Other Literacy and ESL Opportunities

Literacy Networks:

Halifax Community Learning Network, 422-7648
Bedford-Sackville Literacy Network, 869-3838
Dartmouth Literacy Network, 464-3444
Eastern Shore-Musquodoboit Literacy Network, 885-3473
Preston Area Learning Skills Society, 462-6042
Western HRM Community Learning Network, 225-6320

ESL tutoring and services for new immigrants:

Metro Immigrant Settlement Association, 423-3607
Centre for Diverse and Visible Cultures, 445-0946
YMCA Newcomers Centre, 457-9622

For information on volunteer tutor opportunities, see page 3.

MCCE is an organization committed to promoting adult learning. Check out MCCE's Opportunities for Learning booklet published three times a year. It can be found at the local libraries, learning institutes and other public venues throughout the community. Visit mccc.ca for details.

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promoting adult learning communities



Wednesday, February 7/7 p.m.
New Immigrants: Sharing Their Stories

KESHEN GOODMAN

Recent immigrants from different countries of Africa will share stories about their countries of origin and what customs, art and values they have to offer. They will also discuss their settlement process – what’s been challenging, what’s been funny, what’s been rewarding and how they were welcomed. This is an opportunity to explore what we can change in order to become more inclusive as a community. *Co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association (MISA).*

Thursday, February 1/7 p.m.
Opening Night

HALIFAX NORTH

Bring your family and celebrate the official opening of the 23rd African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia. There will be special guests, proclamations, a libation ceremony and entertainment. *Co-sponsored by the Black History Month Association.*

Sunday, February 4/2:30 p.m.
Batá Drumming



ALDERNEY GATE

The batá drums have a legacy lasting over 500 years, traveling from the land of the Yorùbá in Nigeria to Cuba to North America and beyond. Batá drums are a family of three double-headed, hour-glass-shaped drums that were traditionally used to recite prayers, praise leaders, make announcements and tell jokes and stories. Join Lisa Lindo and friends as she shares stories and sings songs that go along with the drum patterns. *Co-sponsored by JazzEast*



Thursday February 8/7 p.m.
History of Reggae Music

HALIFAX NORTH

Music is an important feature of African culture. From jazz to R&B to reggae, music tells the stories of a people and defines a culture. Musician Harvey Millar and friends will perform and discuss the history of reggae music and the influence of this musical style.

Thursday, February 8/7 p.m.
Race Is a Four-Letter Word
NFB Film Club



SPRING GARDEN

Speaking biologically, race is a spectral concept. Black, brown, red, white and yellow, considered purely as skin colours, merit no more significance than a tattoo. Director Sobaz Benjamin strips away the masks of race to reveal the vulnerable and human, creating a measured, witty and insightful response to the question of colour. Sobaz will be on hand to answer questions. 2006. -55 mins.

Saturday, February 10/1:30 p.m.
African Drumming

COLE HARBOUR

See and hear a demonstration of the art of African drumming with Dr. Henry Bishop of the Black Cultural Centre of Nova Scotia. Adults and youth are invited to take part in this interactive workshop.



Saturday, February 10/2:30 p.m.
African Social Mixer

COLE HARBOUR

Anyone of African descent who is new to the community is invited to drop by the library for some refreshments and a chance to meet new people and check out the Adult Black Fiction and Local Black History collections. This program will follow the African Drumming program featuring Dr. Henry Bishop.

Tuesday, February 13/7 p.m.
Eyes on the Prize
Episode 2: Fighting Back

DARTMOUTH NORTH
 (See Feb. 6 for description)



Tuesday, February 6/7 p.m.
Eyes on the Prize
Episode 1: Awakening

DARTMOUTH NORTH

In 1987, the landmark series Eyes On the Prize made its television debut. It chronicled the Civil Rights Movement in the United States, and 20 years later the series is as important now as it was then. Join us for three weekly screenings of this important series, which tells the story of the struggle for equal rights and justice.



Wednesday, February 7/10:30 a.m.
Loyalties
NFB Film Club

HALIFAX NORTH

The story of two women whose meeting brought together two halves of a whole story - that of slave owner and slave. 1999 -57 mins.

Wednesday, February 7/7 p.m.
Brother 2 Brother
NFB Film Club

COLE HARBOUR

This film portrays the emotional journey of young black males before, during and after their encounter with older black mentors at an intense retreat. 2004 -40 mins.



Tuesday, February 13/7 p.m.
Breakin' In: the Making of a Hip-Hop Dancer
NFB Film Club



SACKVILLE

This edgy documentary follows three young Black women as they compete for roles in hip-hop music videos. Through their eyes, we see how this world has impacted their personal values, their career ambitions and their concepts of beauty and self-image. 2005 -45 mins.

Wednesday, February 14/10:30 a.m.
A Brief look at the Blues

HALIFAX NORTH

Nobody knows who wrote the first Blues song, but we do know that the Blues started in the late 1800s as a combination of different Black music forms throughout the Southern States. Join Marty Williams, founding member and vice-chair of the East Coast Blues Society and musician as he discusses the evolution of the Blues.

Wednesday, February 14/7 p.m.
Loyalties
NFB Film Club



COLE HARBOUR

(See Feb. 7 for description)

Thursday, February 15/7 p.m.
African Heritage Month
Celebrity Quiz

HALIFAX NORTH

A fun-filled family event! Teams from Halifax and Dartmouth featuring well known members of the African Nova Scotian community will face off against each other in a game show quiz to determine which city knows the most about African history and culture.

Saturday, February 17/2 p.m.
Capoeira



DARTMOUTH NORTH

This ancient Brazilian art form evolved from the diverse African cultures that were brought to Brazil as a result of the slave trade. Through music and song, slaves concealed the combative purpose of capoeira, while illustrating the strength and beauty of cultural sharing. Join Paula and Azeitona da Silva as they demonstrate how capoeira combines elements of fight, dance, poetry, acrobatics, folklore, ritual and music.

Tuesday, February 20/7 p.m.
Eyes on the Prize
Episode 3: Bridge to Freedom

DARTMOUTH NORTH

(See Feb. 6 for description)



Wednesday, February 21/7 p.m.
Hardwood
NFB Film Club

COLE HARBOUR

Director Hubert Davis, son of former Harlem Globetrotter Mel Davis, explores how his father's decisions affected his life and those of his extended family through the power of redemption and the healing of bonds between fathers and sons. 2004 -29 mins.

Wednesday, February 21/10:30 a.m.
Halifax North Branch
Women's Group
Sharing Our Stories Craft Session

HALIFAX NORTH

Bring in a family photo and make a fabric picture frame inspired by African designs. Share your family stories while making this keepsake. Registration required.

Thursday, February 22/7 p.m.
Holland Remembered

HALIFAX NORTH

In 1945, North Preston native, Arnold Johnson Sr. helped liberate Holland. Sixty years later, Johnson and his two sons, Alistar and Arnold (Mark), Jr. travelled to Holland for a one-week visit. Johnson's granddaughter and independent filmmaker, Angela Johnson, accompanied them to record the trip. Join us for a screening of this film and a discussion with the filmmaker.

Capoeira is co-sponsored by JazzEast.

Saturday, February 24/2 p.m.
Telling Our Story in Music and Word with the Emmanuel Baptist Church Choir

TANTALLON

Join members of the choir as they sing songs from their rich African heritage and tell stories from the old days in the black community of Upper Hammonds Plains.

Saturday, February 24/2:30 p.m.
African Drum and Dance Group

BEDFORD

Join Toria Aidoo, music teacher and native of Ghana, West Africa and some of her students from Shannon Park School. Aidoo and her group will share the rich and complex rhythms found in African music while drumming, playing axatse, gankogui, xylophone (marimba) as well as singing and dancing. All ages welcome. Registration required.

Sunday, February 25/2:30 p.m.
Reggae Music



KESHEN GOODMAN

Sekou Nkruma, leader of local roots/rock/reggae band Verbal Warnin', brings messages of peace, love and respect for diversity to his audiences. Join "King Sekou" and his band as they celebrate African heritage with a reggae performance. *Co-sponsored by JazzEast.*

Wednesday, February 28/10:30 a.m.
Woman of Distinction

HALIFAX NORTH

Join members of the Halifax North Branch Women's Group as they honour Jean Skinner. Jean has been a member of the Woman's Group for 27 years, has raised 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, and is a proud resident of the North End community.

Wednesday, February 28/7 p.m.
Breakin' In: the Making of a Hip-Hop Dancer
NFB Film Club



COLE HARBOUR

(See Feb. 13 for description)

Computer Programs

If you're looking to advance your computer skills, the IT programs offered by Halifax Public Libraries may be just the training you need. All classes are 90 minutes and require registration and a library card. Space is limited. For more information, contact your local branch.

Hands-On Computer Basics

An introduction to the computer mouse, Windows desktop, Start and program menus and icons. No computer experience required.

ALDERNEY GATE
Friday, January 26/10 a.m.

BEDFORD
Monday, January 29/9:30 a.m.

KESHEN GOODMAN
Friday, January 12/2:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 18/10 a.m.

SACKVILLE
Friday, January 26/2:30 p.m.

SPRING GARDEN
Monday, January 15/10 a.m.
Monday, February 12/10 a.m.

TANTALLON
Wednesday, January 17/1:30 p.m.

Beyond the Basics

Building on skills learned in **Hands-on Computer Basics**, learn to use Windows and Explorer and manage files and folders.

ALDERNEY GATE
Friday, February 2/10 a.m.

KESHEN GOODMAN
Friday, January 26/2:30 pm
Thursday, February 1/10 a.m.

TANTALLON
Wednesday, January 24/1:30 p.m.

How to Navigate the Internet

Learn how the Internet works, and how to use browser basics such as menus, buttons, options, history and favourites. Participants must be familiar with Windows and mouse skills.

BEDFORD
Monday, February 26/9:30 a.m.

SACKVILLE
Friday, February 9/2:30 p.m.

SPRING GARDEN
Friday, January 19/10:30 a.m.
Friday, February 9/10:30 a.m.

TANTALLON
Wednesday, February 21/1:30 p.m.

Internet Searching Made Easy

Learn tips and tricks to streamline your Internet searching and find out what to look for when judging the value of the information you find on the Net. Participants must be familiar with information covered in **How to Navigate the Internet**.

KESHEN GOODMAN
Friday, February 9/2:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 15/10 a.m.

SPRING GARDEN
Friday, January 26/10:30 a.m.
Friday, February 16/10:30 a.m.

TANTALLON
Wednesday, February 28/1:30 p.m.

WOODLAWN
Monday, January 29/1 p.m.



Email Basics

Get connected by learning how to compose, reply to and delete email. Learn about email etiquette and how to access your email help desk. Participants must be familiar with the information covered in **How to Navigate the Internet**.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY
Monday, January 15/9:30 a.m.
Monday, February 19/9:30 a.m.

SACKVILLE
Friday, February 16/2:30 p.m.

SPRING GARDEN
Monday, January 22/10 a.m.
Monday, February 19/10 a.m.

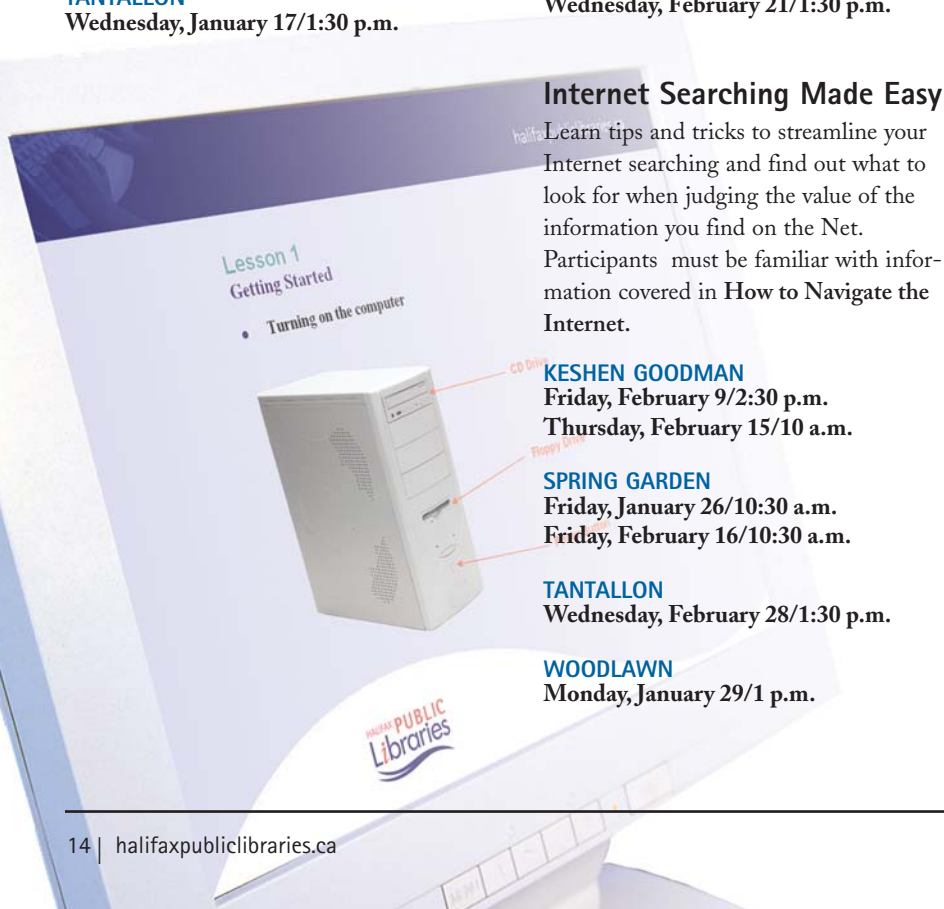
WOODLAWN
Monday, February 26/1 p.m.

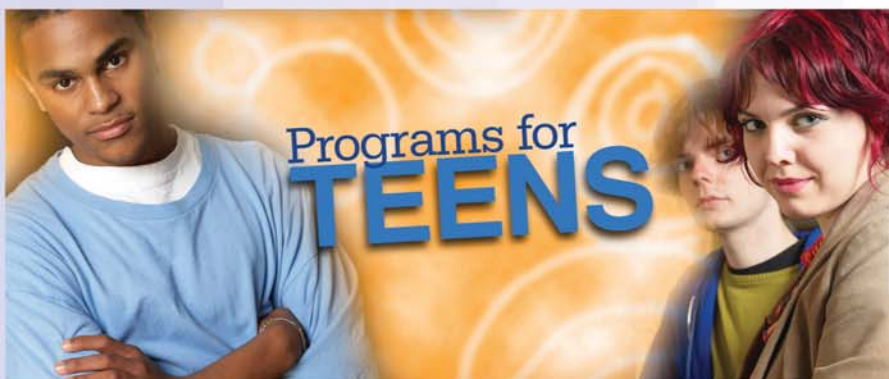
Advanced Email

Use your email account to send and receive attachments and learn how to handle bulk email. Participants must be familiar with information covered in **Email Basics**.

COLE HARBOUR
Monday, January 8/1 p.m.

KESHEN GOODMAN
Friday, February 23/2:30 p.m.





Teen Drop-in

Ages 12+
Laptops, games and art supplies are available for your creative, work and entertainment needs. You can also join discussions about making a difference in your community.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY
Thursdays/6:30-8:30 p.m.



African Heritage Month Youth Quiz 2005



Flamenco in February Festival

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Flamenco Film and Workshop

Ages 8+
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CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY
Saturday, February 10/2 p.m.

Flamenco Dance Workshop

Ages 8+
Flamenco dancing consists mainly of stamping your feet on the ground while moving your arms and torso to the fascinating rhythms of gipsy flamenco music. This fun program will include a demonstration with Maria Osende and students of the Flamenco for Young People program.

SPRING GARDEN
Saturday, February 3/2 p.m.



FLY-W

Ages 12-15
FLY-W is an innovative leadership program for young women focused on leadership skills and having fun. Visit www.ywcahalifax.com for more information. Co-sponsored by YWCA Halifax. ~120 mins.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY
Wednesdays/4 p.m.
January 10-February 28

SPRING GARDEN
Tuesdays/4 p.m.
January 9-February 27



HUB

Ages 12-15

HUB is a drop-in program for young women featuring homework help, healthy snacks and lots of fun and friendship. Crafty activities include pottery-painting and bracelet-making. Visit www.ywcahalifax.com for more information.

Co-sponsored by YWCA Halifax. -120 mins.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY

Fridays/4 p.m.

January 12-March 2



SPRING GARDEN

Thursdays/4 p.m.

January 11-March 1

So You Think You Can Perform?

This performance-based workshop features actor, playwright and spoken word artist, Ann-Marie Woods and special guest Jugular, producer, musician and one of Toronto's best known beat-boxers.

HALIFAX NORTH

Saturday, January 27/2 p.m.

Open Mic

All ages

Open Mic is here and we want YOU! Sign up and share a song, skit, poem, dance move or just come and listen. Everyone is welcome and a good time is guaranteed. Registration is required for performers.



KESHEN GOODMAN

Tuesday, January 9/7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6/7 p.m.

SACKVILLE

Monday, January 29/7 p.m.

Teen Zone Computer Drop-in

Ages 12+

Join other teens in the program room and check out our wireless computers. Computers are equipped for chatting, web surfing, emailing and more. Bring your friends, play on the computers, hang out and just relax.

SACKVILLE

Thursday, January 4/7 p.m.

Thursday, February 8/7 p.m.

African Heritage Month

Saturday, February 3/2 p.m.

Hip Hop Dance Workshop

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY

Ages 8+

Meet dancer, actor and storyteller Natalie Hodgson in this interactive hip hop workshop. Learn the latest dance moves and put together a unique dance routine. Registration required.



Tuesday, February 6/7 p.m.

Open Mic

KESHEN GOODMAN

Celebrate the Black Nova Scotia experience with Tracey Williams, member of ECMA nominated hip hop group, Universal Soul.

February 8, 9, & 15

African Heritage Month

Youth Quiz

In an annual tradition that spans more than 20 years, students from local junior high schools will compete in a game show style quiz that tests their knowledge of black history and culture. Preliminary rounds will be held in Cole Harbour and Halifax, and then the winning teams will move forward to play for the championship. Come on out and cheer for your favourite team!

Dartmouth/Cole Harbour Contenders:

Graham Creighton, John Martin, Ross Road, Sir Robert Borden

Halifax Contenders:

Highland Park, Oxford, Rockingstone Heights, St Patrick's Alexandra

Dartmouth/Cole Harbour Preliminaries

Thursday, February 8/9:30-11:30 a.m.

COLE HARBOUR

Halifax Preliminaries

Friday, February 9/12:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m.

HALIFAX NORTH

Semi-finals and Finals

Thursday, February 15/9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

HALIFAX NORTH

Tuesday, February 13/7 p.m.

Film - *Breakin' In: the Making of a Hip Hop Dancer*

SACKVILLE

This edgy documentary follows three young black women as they compete for roles in hip hop music videos. Through their eyes, we see how this world has impacted their personal values, their career ambitions and their concepts of beauty and self-image. 2005 -45 mins.



Tuesday, February 20/7 p.m.

Film - *Rize*

SACKVILLE

An incredible profile of the groundbreaking dance phenomenon of Krumping and Clowning that's exploding on the streets of South Central, LA. The aggressive and visually stunning dance modernizes moves indigenous to African tribal rituals and features mind-blowing, athletic movement sped up to impossible speeds.



Natalie Hodgson



After School Programs

Crafty Recycling

Ages 8-12

We dug through our supply closets and cubby holes, and found lots of crafty bits and pieces to put your imagination to work. See what you can create from our leftover treasures. ★

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY

Wednesday, January 17/3:45 p.m.

Craft Fun at the Library

Feeling creative? Unleash your inner artist at the library by creating fun and cool crafts. -45 mins.

DARTMOUTH NORTH

Ages 5-7

Thursday, January 25/3:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 15/3:30 p.m.

J.D. SHATFORD

Ages 5+

Wednesday, January 24/3:30 p.m.

Stories and Crafts

Ages 5+

Enjoy great books, fun games and make a cool craft to take home. -45 mins.

J.D. SHATFORD

Wednesday, January 10/3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14/3:30 p.m.

(Valentine theme)

TANTALLON

Thursdays, January 11 & 25/3:30 p.m. ▲

Thursdays, February 8 & 22/3:30 p.m. ▲

Jan. 11 - Can I Keep Him?

Jan. 25 - Medieval Castle

Feb. 8 - Valentine's Day

Feb. 22 - Ethiopian Masks

Lab Gab

Ages 8-13

Lab Gab provides a safe, supportive and supervised space for young people to hang out. Play on the computers, gab with your friends and just relax.

SACKVILLE

Tuesdays/3-5 p.m.

Hawaiian Hot Hula Hop

Ages 8-12

Banish those winter chills at our Hawaiian party. Make a flower garland, learn to hula dance and enjoy the sunshine.

SACKVILLE

Thursday, January 18/3:30 p.m.

Frame it!

Ages 8-12

Whether you want to make a gift for your Valentine, or just a piece of art to keep for yourself, a funky picture frame that you created is the perfect choice.

-45 mins.

SACKVILLE

Thursday, February 8/3:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day Celebration

Join us for these special Valentine programs featuring stories and crafts. ★

ALDERNEY GATE

Ages 5-7

Wednesday, February 14/3:45 p.m.

Registration begins Jan. 31

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY

Ages 8-12

Wednesday, February 14/3:45 p.m.

COLE HARBOUR

Ages 5-7

Thursday, February 8/3:30 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Wednesday, February 14/3:30 p.m.

MUSQUODOBOIT

Ages 7-10

Friday, February 9/3:30 p.m.

SHEET HARBOUR

Ages 5-7

Wednesday, February 7/3:15 p.m.

Pirateology

Ages 5-7

SHEET HARBOUR

Wednesday, January 10/3:15 p.m. ★

Let it snow!

Ages 5-7

SHEET HARBOUR

Wednesday, January 24/3:15 p.m. ★

Sleuths, Spies and Private Eyes

Ages 5-7

Test your detective skills and solve a mystery as we explore the adventures of the spy world. You never know where the clues will lead. ★

SHEET HARBOUR

Wednesday, February 21/3:15 p.m.

Marvelous Magic

Ages 8-12

SHEET HARBOUR

Tuesday, January 30/3:15 p.m. ★

Bead it!

Ages 8-12

SHEET HARBOUR

Tuesday, February 27/3:15 p.m. ★

Saturday Programs

Musical Theatre for Kids

Ages 5-10

Teachers from Andrea's Music Studio in Dartmouth will lead a fun, introductory workshop on self expression through music and performance. Learn to express yourself onstage in a creative and energetic way. -60 mins. ★

ALDERNEY GATE

Saturday, January 20/1 p.m.

BEDFORD

Saturday, February 17/1 p.m.

COLE HARBOUR

Saturday, January 13/1 p.m.

KESHEN GOODMAN

Saturday,
February 3/1 p.m.

WOODLAWN

Saturday,
February 10
/1 p.m.



Chess Club

School-aged players at all levels are invited to learn chess in a fun atmosphere, guided by local experts. Play against others, take on new challenges and develop your own strategies. For details, call Don Bidgood at 463-7667. The annual March Break Chess Tournament will be held on March 10. Check the March-April issue of the *Library Guide* for registration details.

ALDERNEY GATE

Saturdays/1-4 p.m.
beginning January 6

Family Puppet Making with Lani Gerity

Ages 5+

Bring Mom, Dad, Grandma or Grandad down to the library for a chance to meet puppet-maker, Lani Gerity. She'll show the whole family how to use their imaginations to create some very interesting puppets. ★

WOODLAWN

Saturday, January 27/2 p.m.

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CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY

Saturday, February 10/2 p.m.

Support for Students

Children's Reading Support

This mentorship program helps children connect with a variety of reading materials through the guidance of a volunteer tutor. Books, art, games and computers provide a fun learning atmosphere. ★

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY

Tuesdays -Thursdays/3:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturdays/10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Call Dorothy at 490-5714 for details.

HALIFAX NORTH

Tuesdays-Thursdays/3-6 p.m.

Saturdays/10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Call Lana at 490-5779 for details.

Flamenco Dance Workshop

Ages 8+

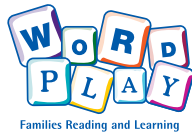
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SPRING GARDEN

Saturday, February 3/2 p.m.



Family Literacy Celebrations



The Wacky, Wonderful World of Words

The group that brought you *A Hoppin' Drop of Aesop* is back to celebrate the wonderful world of words. Join Janice and the Cruddas kids from MITE for Families as they sing, dance and share their love of laughter and language in this terrific tongue-twistin' wacky, wordy program for preschoolers and their families and caregivers. -60 mins.

ALDERNEY GATE
Wednesday, January 24/10:30 a.m. ▲

COLE HARBOUR
Friday, January 26/10 a.m.

SPRING GARDEN
Thursday, January 25/10:30 a.m. ▲ ■

WOODLAWN
Thursday, January 18/10:15 a.m.



Rhythm, Rhyme and Reading Time

Join library youth programmers, Cindy and Carrie, as they celebrate the joy of reading. This fun, interactive family program features the three Rs: Rhythm, Rhyme and Reading. As a grand finale, enjoy a bonus R – Refreshments! -45 mins.

ALDERNEY GATE
Saturday, January 27/10:30 a.m. ▲

Sharing the World of Tales

Dynamic storyteller Liz Newkirk shares some terrific tales in this special

program for audiences of all ages.

BEDFORD
Saturday, January 27/2 p.m.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY
Tuesday, January 23/10:30 a.m.

TANTALLON
Saturday, January 27/10:30 a.m.

Musical Show with Sheila Margeson

Don't miss Sheila's special brand of FUNTASTIC entertainment in this lively, musical show for families.

DARTMOUTH NORTH
Wednesday, January 24/10:30 a.m.

Family Literacy Day at Halifax North

Join us for this day-long celebration featuring a variety of literacy-based activities including puppet shows, storytelling and a scavenger hunt.

HALIFAX NORTH
Thursday, January 25
10:30 a.m. - Puppet Show (ages 0-5)
11:30 a.m. - Storytelling with Cindi (ages 0-5)
3 p.m. - Scavenger Hunt (ages 5+)

Magic with Lamar

You can read about magic in books, and now you can see magic before your very eyes! Lamar has been amazing audiences for more than 20 years, and he is sure to impress you with his tricks.

KESHEN GOODMAN
Saturday, January 27/10:30 a.m.

Tell Me Tales

Celebrate literacy through the magic of oral storytelling, rhythm and rhyme. Join storyteller and singer, Cindy Campbell of StorySong Express, for a toe tappin', tale tellin' good time.

SACKVILLE
Tuesday, January 23/10:30 a.m.

Puppet Show and Book Display

SPRING GARDEN
Saturday, January 27/10:30 a.m.

African Heritage Month



Thursday, February 1/3:30 p.m.
African Zulu Hats

TANTALLON
Ages 8-12
Join in the African Heritage Month celebrations as we make African Zulu hats. -60 mins. ★ ▲

Saturday, February 3/2 p.m.
Hip Hop Dance Workshop

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY
Ages 8+
Meet dancer, actor and storyteller Natalie Hodgson in this interactive hip hop workshop. Learn some dance moves and put together a unique hip hop routine. ★

Wednesday, February 21/3:30 p.m.
Rosa's Brave Bus Ride

SACKVILLE
Ages 5-7
Learn the amazing story of Rosa Parks' bus ride and how it changed history, then make a unity wreath. -45 mins.

Saturday, February 24/2 p.m.
Family Drumming Workshop

WOODLAWN
Ages 5+
Join Ayo Aladejebi as he demonstrates authentic African drumming beats. You'll also have a chance to try it yourself, so don't forget to bring Mom or Dad along to see who can best keep the beat. ★

Wednesday, February 28/3:30 p.m.
African Heritage Hand Puppets

J.D. SHATFORD
Ages 5+
Make your own African animal hand puppet and then join in the puppet parade. -60 mins.





Programs for PRESCHOOLERS

Babies & Toddlers

Mother Goose Time

Ages 0-35 months

Join us for stories, songs and rhymes followed by a chance to play and learn with other babies, toddlers and caregivers.

-45 mins.

ALDERNEY GATE
Mondays/10:30 a.m.
 January 8-March 5

Tales for Tots

Ages 19-35 months

This program, featuring stories, songs, rhymes, finger-plays and other creative activities, is designed to engage toddlers' imaginations while developing early literacy skills in a fun and informal setting. Toddlers must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. -30 mins.

ALDERNEY GATE
Tuesdays/10:15 a.m.
 January 9 -March 6
 ★ Registration begins Jan. 3

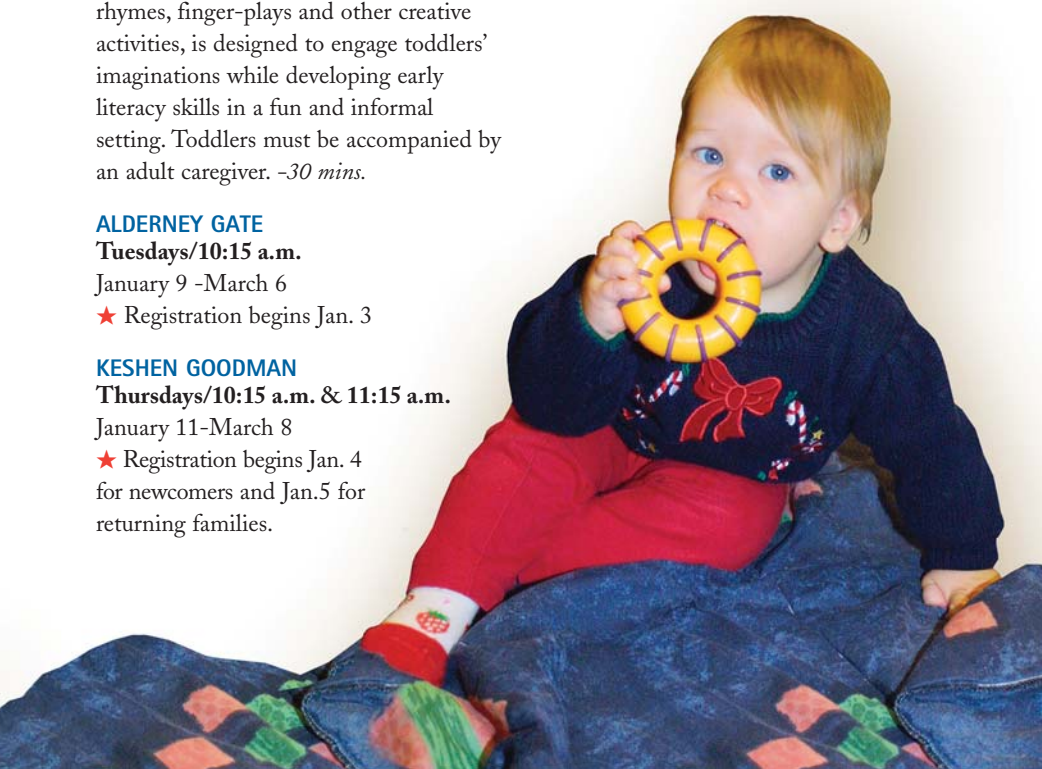
KESHEN GOODMAN
Thursdays/10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
 January 11-March 8
 ★ Registration begins Jan. 4 for newcomers and Jan.5 for returning families.

SACKVILLE
Tuesdays/10.30 a.m.

SPRING GARDEN
Thursdays/2:30 p.m.
 January 11-March 8
 ★ Registration begins Jan. 3 for newcomers and Jan. 4 for returning families.

TANTALLON
Thursdays/10:30 a.m.
 January 11-February 1
 ★ Registration begins Jan. 4

WOODLAWN
Wednesdays/9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 January 10-March 7
 ★ Registration begins Jan. 3



Baby's First Books

Ages 0-18 months

Let your little one experience the words and pictures in books, the rhythm and rhyme of music and the fun of play. These are the first steps to learning and literacy. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. -30 mins.

ALDERNEY GATE
Fridays/10:30 a.m.
 January 12-March 9
 ★ Registration begins Jan. 3

COLE HARBOUR
Thursdays/10:30 a.m.
 January 11-March 8

HALIFAX NORTH
Fridays/10:30 a.m.
 January 12-March 9

KESHEN GOODMAN
Fridays/10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
 January 12 -March 9
 ★ Registration begins Jan. 4 for newcomers and Jan.5 for returning families.

SPRING GARDEN
Wednesdays/2 p.m.
 January 10-March 7
Fridays/10:30 a.m.
 January 12-March 9
 ★ Registration begins Jan. 3 for newcomers and Jan. 4 for returning families.

TANTALLON
Thursdays/10:30 a.m.
 February 8-March 8
 ★ Registration begins Jan.30

WOODLAWN
Fridays/10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
 January 12-March 9
 ★ Registration begins Jan. 3

Baby/Toddler Drop-in

Ages 0-35 months

A great time to introduce your child to the wonderful world of books. They'll enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, puppets and musical instruments. Free tickets will be given out 15 minutes before the program.
-30 mins.

BEDFORD

Tuesdays/10:15 a.m.

January 9-March 6

Just For Twos

Age 2

Crawl through the magic tunnel and enter a world of imagination through stories, rhymes, musical instruments and crafts just right for two-year-olds. -45 mins.

★ Registration begins Jan. 5.

BEDFORD

Every 2nd Thursday/10:15 a.m.

January 11-March 8



Preschool Family Programs

Shake, Rattle & Read!

Ages 0-5

This high-energy program for young children and their caregivers promises to be an entertaining romp with a fantastic selection of music and books for preschoolers. -30 mins.

ALDERNEY GATE

Wednesdays/9:45 a.m. (groups) ■;

10:30 a.m. (families) ▲

January 10-March 7

Registration for groups begins two weeks before. (No program Jan. 24 for groups.)

Shake Rattle and Read – Valentine Special

Ages 0-5

A special Valentine edition of Shake Rattle and Read, with storytelling, songs, rhymes and music.

ALDERNEY GATE

Saturday, February 10/10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 14/9:45 a.m.

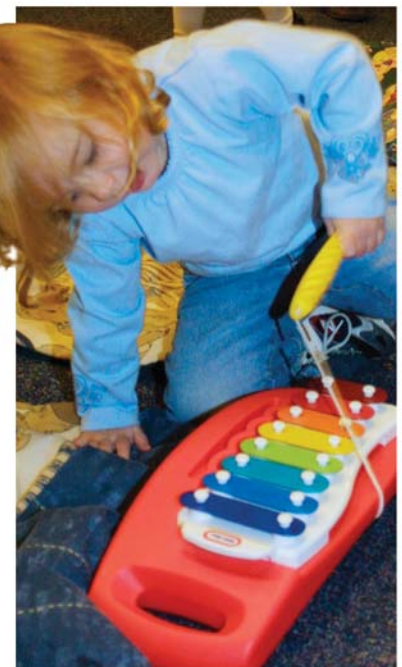
(groups) ■; **10:30 a.m.** (families) ▲

Registration for groups begins Jan. 31.

WOODLAWN

Thursday, February 8/9:45 a.m. (groups);

10:30 a.m. (families) ▲



Preschoolers (Ages 3-5)

Storytime

Ages 3-5

By interacting with stories, singing songs and acting out finger-plays and rhymes, children in this program gain pre-reading skills, develop a love of reading and learn how to listen and participate independently in a group setting. -30 mins.

ALDERNEY GATE

Thursdays/10:15 a.m.

January 11-March 8

★ Registration begins Jan. 3.

BEDFORD

Fridays/10:30 a.m.

January 12-March 9

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY

Fridays/10:30 a.m. ■

January 12-March 9

COLE HARBOUR

Wednesdays/1:15 p.m. ★

DARTMOUTH NORTH

Wednesdays/10:30 a.m.

January 24-March 7

HALIFAX NORTH

Tuesdays/10:30 a.m.

January 9-February 27

J.D. SHATFORD

Fridays/10:30 a.m.

January 12-February 23

KESHEN GOODMAN

Tuesdays/10:30 a.m.

January 9-March 6

★ Registration begins Jan. 4 for newcomers and Jan. 5 for returning families.

SACKVILLE

Fridays/10.30 a.m.

(Puppet Shows on Jan. 19 and

Feb. 16 & 23)

SPRING GARDEN

Tuesdays/10:30 a.m.

January 9-March 6

★ Registration begins Jan. 3 for newcomers and Jan. 4 for returning families.

TANTALLON

Tuesdays/11 a.m.

January 9-March 6

WOODLAWN

Tuesdays/10:15 a.m.

January 9-March 6

★ Registration begins Jan. 3.

Preschool Family Drop-in

Age restrictions may apply — check branch for details.

Babies and toddlers can play with books and toys, older preschoolers can enjoy playdough, stamping, puzzles, simple crafts and other surprises. A storytime on the big quilts will round out this informal family fun time.

ALDERNEY GATE
Saturdays/10:30 a.m.
January 13 - March 3

COLE HARBOUR
Fridays/10:30 a.m.
January 12 - March 9

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY
Tuesdays/10:30 a.m. ■
January 9-March 6

KESHEN GOODMAN
Mondays/10:30 a.m.
Saturdays/10:30 a.m.
January 8-March 10

SACKVILLE
Thursdays/10 a.m.

SHEET HARBOUR
Fridays/10:30 a.m.

SPRING GARDEN
Fridays/10:30 a.m. ▲
January 12 -March 9

TANTALLON
Fables & Frolics
Fridays/10:30 a.m.
January 12-March 9

WOODLAWN
Thursdays/10:15 a.m.
January 11-March 8

Bookworms at Play

Ages 3-5
A creative family literacy experience including storytelling, art, music, dramatic play and special guests. Children play and learn with program leaders while parents

learn about the library and have a chance to socialize. Then everyone comes together for more stories and activities. In partnership with the Eastern Shore Family Resource Centre. ★

MUSQUODOBOIT
Tuesdays/10 a.m.

Songs & Stuff

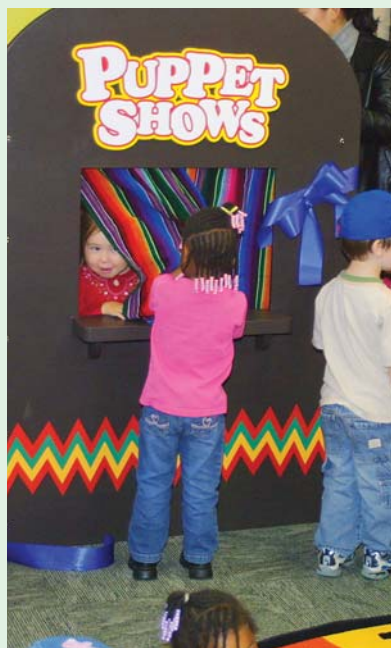
Ages 0-5
Row, row your boat on over and join us for finger snapping, hand clapping, toe tapping songs, finger-plays and stories. -30 mins.

SACKVILLE — NEW!
Wednesdays/10:30 a.m.

SPRING GARDEN
Wednesdays/10:30 a.m. ▲
January 10-March 7

Puppet Shows

All ages
Puppet shows bring favourite stories to life! -30 mins.



BEDFORD
Free tickets given out 15 minutes before.
Thursday, January 18/10:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 1/10:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 15/10:30 a.m.

COLE HARBOUR
Tuesday, January 16/3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 13/3:30 p.m.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY
Saturday, January 13/11 a.m.
Saturday, January 27/11 a.m.
Saturday, February 10/11 a.m.
Saturday, February 24 /11 a.m.

DARTMOUTH NORTH
Wednesday, January 17/10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 7/10:30 a.m.

HALIFAX NORTH
Thursdays/10:30 a.m.
January 11-February 22

J.D. SHATFORD
Saturday, January 13/11 a.m.
Saturday, February 10/11 a.m.

KESHEN GOODMAN
Saturday, January 20/10:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 10/10:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 24/10:30 a.m.

MUSQUODOBOIT
Tuesday, January 23/11 a.m.
Saturday, January 27/11 a.m.
Tuesday, February 20/11 a.m.
Saturday, February 24/11 a.m.

SACKVILLE
Friday, January 19/10:30 a.m.
Friday, February 16/10:30 a.m.
Friday, February 23/10:30 a.m.

SHEET HARBOUR
Wednesday, January 17/3:15 p.m.
Wednesday, February 14/3:15 p.m.

SPRING GARDEN
Saturdays/10:30 a.m. ▲
January 6-February 24

TANTALLON
Thursday, January 18/3:30 p.m. ▲
Thursday, February 15/3:30 p.m. ▲



African Heritage Month

Thursday, February 1/10:30 a.m.
Puppet Show - *Mrs. Chicken
and the Hungry Crocodile*

Ages 3-5

SPRING GARDEN

■ ▲ -30 mins.

Tuesday, February 20/10:30 a.m.
African Folk Tales

Ages 3-5

SPRING GARDEN

★ ■ -45 mins.

Friday, February 23/10:30 a.m.

Safari

Ages 0-5

COLE HARBOUR

Drop by the library for some swingin' safari fun! -30 mins.

Friday, February 23/10:30 a.m.

African Animals Storytime

Ages 3-5

J.D. SHATFORD

Friday, February 23/10:30 a.m.

**Storytime featuring African
Folk Tales**

SACKVILLE

Wednesday, February 28/1:15 p.m.

**Storytime featuring African
Folk Tales**

Ages 3-5

COLE HARBOUR

-30 mins.

Sunday, February 4/3 p.m.

African-Canadian Read-in

All ages

SPRING GARDEN

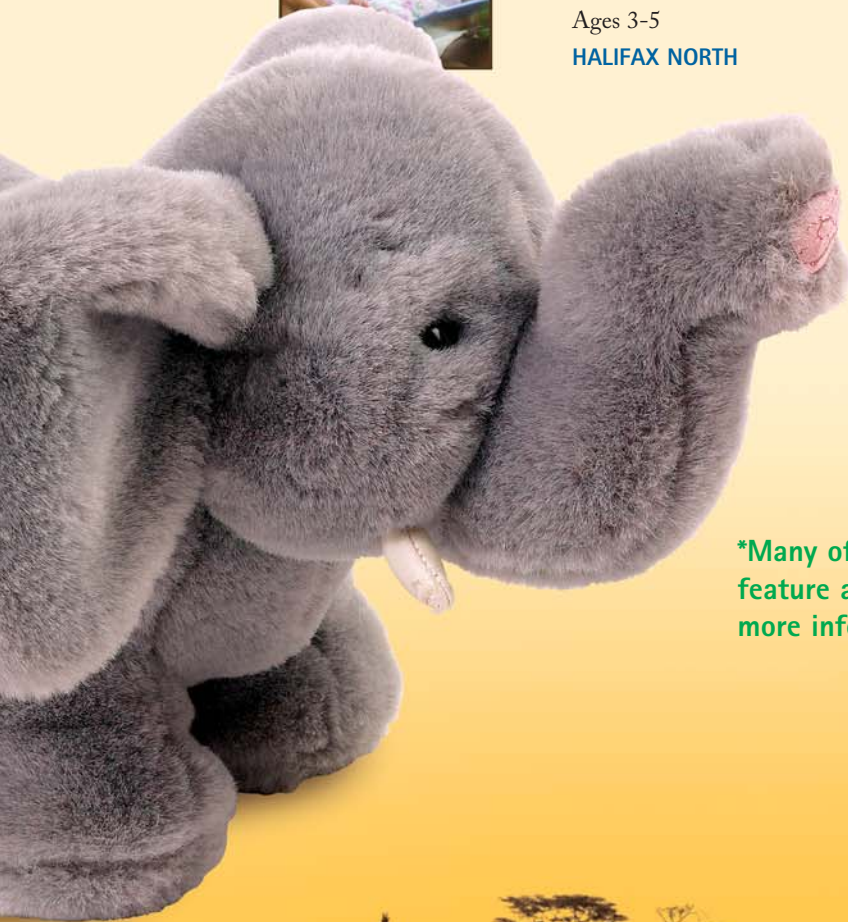
A special Storytime featuring African-Canadian authors. -30 mins.

Tuesday, February 13/10:30 a.m.

**Storytime featuring African
Folk Tales**

Ages 3-5

HALIFAX NORTH













***Many of our regularly scheduled puppet shows feature an African Heritage Month theme. For more information, contact your local branch.**

our branches

BRANCH LOCATIONS	HOURS (* Labour Day to Victoria Day)	TELEPHONE	FEATURES
Alderney Gate 60 Alderney Dr., Dartmouth	Monday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm Sunday: * 2pm - 5 pm	Adult Services: 490-5745 Youth Services: 490-5748 Circulation / Renewals: 490-5753 TDD for Hearing Impaired: 490-5770	       
Bedford 15 Dartmouth Rd., Bedford	Tuesday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm Sunday: * 2pm - 5 pm	Information Desk: 490-5757 Borrowing / Renewals: 490-5740	     
Captain William Spry 10 Kidston Rd., Halifax	Tuesday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm Sunday: * 2pm - 5 pm	Information Desk: 490-5818 Borrowing / Renewals: 490-5734 Program Registration: 490-5818	      
Cole Harbour 51 Forest Hills Parkway, Cole Harbour	Tuesday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm Sunday: * 2 pm - 5 pm	Information Desk: 434-6177 Program Registration: 434-6177 Borrowing / Renewals: 434-7228	      
Dartmouth North 134 Pinecrest Dr., Dartmouth	Tuesday & Thursday: 12 pm - 8 pm Wednesday: 10 am - 5 pm Friday & Saturday: 12 pm - 5 pm	Telephone: 490-5840	    
Halifax North Memorial 2285 Gottingen St., Hfx	Tuesday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm	General Inquiries: 490-5723 Information Desk: 490-5811	      
J.D. Shatford 10353 St. Margaret's Bay Rd., Hubbards	Tuesday: 11 am - 5 pm Wednesday: 3 pm - 9 pm Thursday: 6 pm - 9 pm Friday: 10 am - 1 pm Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm	Telephone: 857-9176	    
Keshen Goodman 330 Lacewood Dr., Halifax	Monday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm Sunday: * 2 pm - 5 pm	Information Desk: 490-6410 Borrowing / Renewals: 490-5738	         
Mobile Library	A complete schedule is available on our website including communities served.	Telephone: 869-4464 Toll free: 1-800-565-4414	
Musquodoboit Harbour Village Plaza 7900 # 7 Highway, Musquodoboit Harbour	Tuesday: 11 am - 4 pm Wednesday & Thursday: 5 pm - 8 pm Friday: 12 pm - 6 pm Saturday: 10 am - 3 pm	Telephone: 889-2227	     
Sackville 636 Sackville Dr., Lower Sackville	Tuesday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm Sunday: * 2 pm - 5 pm	Circulation/Renewals: 865-8653 Information Desk: 865-3744	        
Sheet Harbour Blue Water Business Centre, Sheet Harbour	Tuesday: 10 am - 4 pm Wednesday & Thursday: 3 pm - 8 pm Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 1 pm	Telephone: 885-2391	     
Spring Garden Road Memorial 5381 Spring Garden Rd., Halifax	Tuesday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm Sunday: * 2 pm - 5 pm	General Inquiries: 490-5700 Youth Services: 490-5707 Reference: 490-5710 TDD for Hearing Impaired: 490-5711	    
Tantallon 3646 Hammonds Plains Rd., Upper Tantallon	Tuesday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm Sunday: * 2 pm - 5 pm	Telephone: 826-3330	       
Woodlawn Staples Plaza, 114 Woodlawn Rd., Dartmouth	Tuesday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm Sunday: * 2 pm - 5 pm	Telephone: 435-8352	     

General Inquiries: 490-5753 Teleaccess: 490-5845 Book a Computer: 490-5780 (or book online) Books By Mail: 490-5599

For your convenience, materials can be returned to any of the above listed branches.

 Computer Learning Lab	 Self-Service Hold Pick-up	 Free Parking	 Meeting Rooms	 Wireless Internet
 Public Use Computers	 Self-Checkout	 Book Drop	 Café	 Wheelchair Accessible