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ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ORANGE COUNTY, NC (January 17, 2013)—The Orange County Public Library is celebrating Black History with special events for all ages. Visit the library in February to check out books, movies and more that you can take home to celebrate Black History Month.

Community Read

The book entitled, “The Emancipation Proclamation” by John Hope Franklin, was selected by the Orange County Human Relations Commission. The public is invited to at the Main Library for a discussion of the book with special guest speaker Dr. Reginald Hildebrand of UNC on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. Use your library card to request a copy of the book online at

<http://bit.ly/ocplcatalog>

Special Events

African Folktales a Bright Star Theatre production that presents exciting tales traditionally passed down by word of mouth. The event will take place at the Main Library at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 20.

With imaginative costumes and lots of audience participation, these stories bring to life the vastness of the African landscape and a variety of clever animals, and include valuable character-education themes. Celebrate world cultures, literature and the art of storytelling with these tales from across the African continent. Ideal for all age groups.

Experience the story of Frederick Douglass, who was born into slavery in 1818, but would eventually become a best-selling author, lecturer and leader fighting for the end of slavery and equal rights for all. The event will take place at the Main Library at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20. The Bright Star Touring Theatre will present the 45-minute play followed by a question and answer session. The show is geared toward students in grades two and up as well as adults.

Visit the Carrboro Branch Library to hear the tale of John Henry at this special story time with Miss Elizabeth. The event will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 23. Story times at the Carrboro Branch Library, which is located inside the McDougle Middle School, are designed for children ages five and younger and their parents or caregivers.

Family Movie at the Main Library will take place from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27. The film tells the true story of Ruby Bridges, an African-American girl who in the 1960s was only six when she helped to integrate the all-white schools of New Orleans. She was the only black girl at the school, and she eventually broke down a century-old barrier forever, a pivotal moment in the civil-

rights movement. This movie was made for TV, not rated. While the titles of movies cannot be posted online, details are available if you call the Library at 919.245.2536. See you at the movies!

For more information or to view the library's complete schedule of events, please visit bit.ly/ocplevents

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