

WLV Library Celebrates Black History Month

ENTRIES ACCEPTED FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT

The cultural richness of Afro-Americans and the celebration of Black History Month will be commemorated throughout the month of February at the West Las Vegas Library.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson established the annual observance in 1926 to emphasize the importance of the Black African background, to promote an appreciation of the life and history of Blacks, and to encourage future understanding of the race.

A noted authority on Afro-American history, Woodson was named the "Father of Black History" for his systematic gathering of basic source materials as well as prolific writings about the history of his people. In

1915, he founded the "Association for the Study of Negro Life and History," and on January 1, 1916, he issued the Association's first quarterly publication, "The Journal of Negro History." From this came the A.A. Schomburg Collection, which includes thousands of books and pictures on Black life and history.

In addition to a salute to Martin Luther King, a special film festival, and an ethnicity contest, the second annual Art Exhibit in Honor Black History Month will be on display at the library.

Local artists are invited to begin submitting works for the second annual Art Exhibit in Honor of Black History Month to the West

Las Vegas Library, 1402 "D" St., Tuesday thru Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day through Jan. 24.

According to Debbie Richards, program coordinator, "all mediums will be accepted, including oils, pastels, charcoals, pencils, acrylics and sculptures."

Richards noted that there is no entry fee, but said "each work must reflect the history of Afro-American culture."

The exhibit is open to artists 16 years of age or older. Additionally, artists may submit up to two pieces which must be ready for hanging.

The entry deadline for the art exhibit is Jan. 24, to be followed by a gallery opening and reception on Wednes-

day, Feb. 1 from 6-8 p.m. at the West Las Vegas Library.

The exhibit will be on display thru Feb. 29.

For additional information about Black History Month activities, call 647-2118.

Suggested Readings

The Shaping of Black America, Lerone Bennett, Jr.; *Black Heroes in Our Nation's History*, Phillip T. Drotning; *Malcolm X Speaks*, Malcolm Little; *Black Business Enterprise*, Ronald W. Bailey; *To Be Young, Gifted & Black*, Lorraine Hansberry; *Manchild in the Promised Land*, Claude Brown; *The Black Presence in the Era of the American Revolution, 1770-1880*, Sidney Kaplan.

America's Black Congressmen, Maurine Christopher; *Voice of Black Nevada*, Bureau of Governmental Research UNR; *Lift Every Voice*, Dorothy Sterling and Benjamin Quales; *The Revolt of the Black Athlete*, Harry Edwards; *The Black Manager: Making it in the Corporate World*, Floyd Dickens, Jr. & Jacqueline B. Dickens.

Blacks in Classical Music, Raoul Abdul; *Selma 1965: The March that Changed The South*, Charles E. Fager; *Great Documents in Black American History*, George Ducas.

All of the above titles are available at the WLV Library. Additional copies may be available at other branches.

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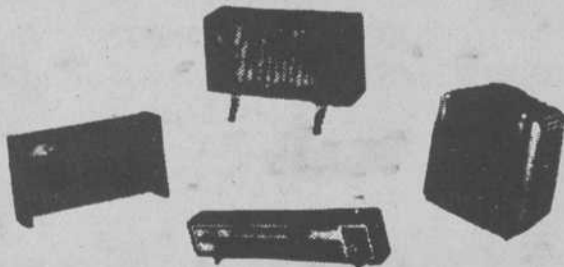
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