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Ego Trippin' With Nikki Giovanni



*"I was born in the Congo
I walked to the Fertile Crescent and built the Sphinx
I designed a pyramid so tough that a star that only glows every one hundred years falls into the center
giving divine perfect light
I am bad..."*

(Black Feeling, Black Talk, Black Judgment 1968)

* Pictured above L to R: Angela Williams, Librarian; Giovanni and Betty Reid, MLK Evening Supervisor

So begins the poem that served to acknowledge the lineage and greatness of Black people in a manner that only its author, the un-yielding-no holds barred, Nikki Giovanni could deliver. An icon of the heightened cultural consciousness of the 1970's, Giovanni served as WellsLink's 10th annual Transitions Ceremony keynote speaker on November 1 in Hendricks Chapel. The celebrated poet, writer, commen-

tator, activist, and educator spoke to a capacity audience as she read selections from her new book, **Chasing Utopia**. Prior to her keynote address, Professor Giovanni, who currently serves as a distinguished faculty member in English at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (also known as Virginia Tech), toured the MLK library where she met with students and staff. A self-described library advocate and supporter, Nikki

Giovanni discussed her passion for great literature and collections while taking time to review the multifaceted holdings of the MLK Library. Her enthusiasm for student-centered initiatives such as the creation and development of the library was reflected in the manner by which she eagerly discussed shared areas of interest with patrons. Many of the students who greeted Giovanni while touring the library noted her approachable manner and ability to relate to the ever-changing nuances that effect young people in today's society.

Lead Out Loud

LEAD OUT LOUD was the theme of this year's Texas Library Association meeting held in April. The culturally rich city of San Antonio was the venue for the 2014 assembly. MLK Librarian, Angela Williams was an invited speaker for a panel discussion entitled "Building Diversity with Electronic Resources: From Books to Databases" sponsored by the Black Caucus Round Table. The discussion centered on best practices and strategies for building diverse e-collections. The Texas Library Association was established in 1902 and is the largest state library association in the U.S. with over 7,000 members.



(TLA photo courtesy of Jurhee Curtis, UNT)



Black & Banned

Students and faculty participated in the Black and Banned Campus Read-In held last September in celebration of Banned Books Week. The event was one of two, with the initial gathering hosting community and local groups for a Black and Banned Read Out at the Beauchamp Branch Library. The events were co-sponsored by the Black Syracuse Project and the MLK Library.

Brown Girl Dreaming

by Jacqueline Woodson

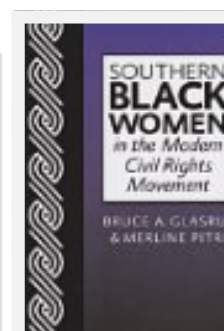
(Autographed)

Southern Black Women

by Bruce A. Glasrud

Women of a New Tribe

by Jerry Taliaferro



New Books in MLK

Lest We Forget: Remembering Dr. Cooper-Noble



Dr. Bessie Cooper-Noble, an orator, educator, author, humanitarian, 94, of Port St. John, Florida, asleep no more, since February 7, 2014, with family by her side. Born to

the late Charles and Emma Cooper, October 18, 1920. Survived by two sons; William, (Atlanta), Christopher, (Florida), niece; Cynthia (Arkansas), one granddaughter; Maya, one grandson; William Henry Ford-Noble and one great-

granddaughter; Madison.

Raised in Cincinnati, Ohio by the late Harriet and Mack Pearson, she received her Doctorate of Education from Syracuse University and 2 Master Degrees from the University of Cincinnati. She then moved to Syracuse, New York providing them excellence in education until her retirement. Her final resting place being Port St. John, Florida where she continued to motivate others.

She modeled her life after the great Harriet Tubman paying her a published literary tribute. She saved many

a soul through inspiration, discipline and tutelage. She will be greatly missed. Divine memorial in Cocoa Beach, Florida on March 8, 2014, 11:00.a.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.



Our Time Has (Finally) Come



Our Time Has Come Scholars

In 1987, the office of Program Development announced the Our Time Has Come Scholarship Campaign. This year's award recipients included MLK student assistant and newsletter graphic designer, Camille Bell. For more visit <http://syr.edu/alumni/progdev/>

(Courtesy of the Office of Program Development)

"It is my belief that the Our Time Has Come Scholarship is motivation. With a large majority of donors being people who look like me or identify as ethnic minorities, I'm encouraged to enter my respective field and become a part of the platform that tells a future generation that their time is here."

~Kamille Stewart

New Media in MLK

Sun Kissed — Examines the plight of a Navajo family and the legacy of their people's past genocidal encounter

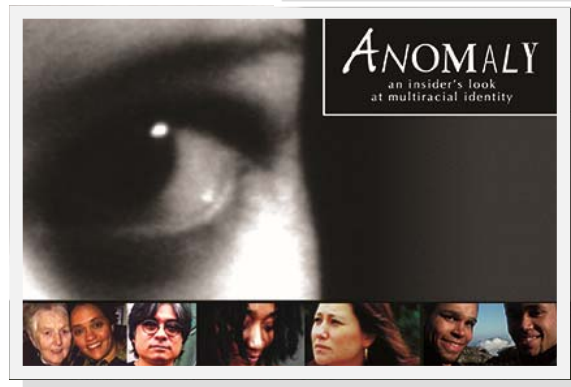
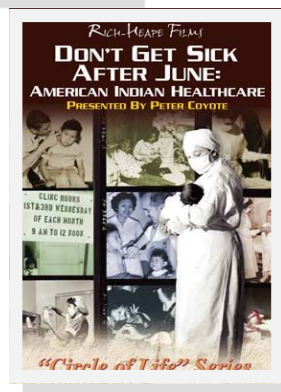
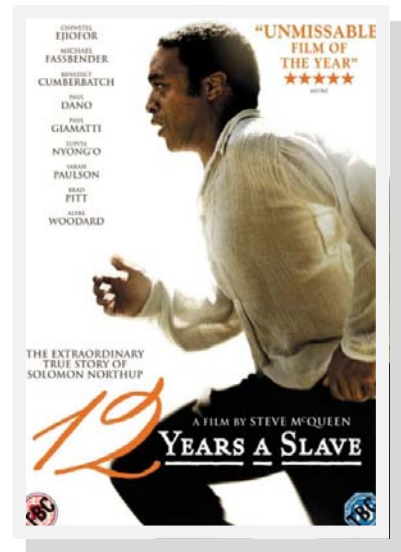
Anomaly: An Insider's Look at Multicultural Identity— This film addresses the "one that is difficult to classify" and seeks to bring voice to those navigating identity, family and community.

Don't Get Sick after June: American Indian Healthcare— Discusses the healthcare issues among a people and as a tenet of US and Native treaties and their unfulfilled promise.

12 Years A Slave— Academy Award Winning Director Steven McQueen brings to life the remarkable story of Solomon Northup's nightmare journey into the depths of slavery.

New Media in MLK Cont'd.

42: The Jackie Robinson Story— Retelling the legendary baseball hero's rise beyond the barriers of discrimination and his triumph to stardom and lasting impact on the sport.



Acquisitions

Donor: **Dr. Judith Wellman, People's AME Zion Church and the Committee to Save 711 East Fayette (Former Site of Church)**

A Historical Resume of People's AME Zion Church

- History and related documentation
- Grant submissions
- Various related newspaper articles and supplements

Status— **PROCESSED**

Donor: **Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs**

East African Studies— Assorted newspaper articles, photographs and publications

Status— **UNPROCESSED**



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