

Schedule of Events

Opening Day Ceremony

John F. Germany Public Library
Saturday, January 16

Reception

2 p.m.
Featuring Negro League experts Dr. Lawrence Hogan and Dr. Robert Cvornyek, acclaimed book author and illustrator Kadir Nelson, Sharon Robinson, daughter of Jackie Robinson and former Negro League players. Book signing will follow. Light refreshments.

Dr. Hogan is an expert on the history of black baseball and his touring exhibit on the subject has traveled nationwide. He is also the author of *Shades of Glory: The Negro Leagues and the Story of African-American Baseball*.

Dr. Cvornyek is a professor of History at Rhode Island College, where he specializes in Sport History. He is the curator of a traveling exhibit titled "Black Grays and Colored Giants: Black Baseball in Rhode Island."

Kadir Nelson is an award-winning artist and illustrator. He won the Coretta Scott King Author Award and the Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award for *We Are the Ship* which tells the story of Negro League baseball from its beginnings in the 1920s through its decline after Jackie Robinson crossed over to the majors in 1947.

"If It Ain't Got That Swing: Black Baseball and Music in the Jim Crow Era"

3 p.m.
Presentation by Negro League experts Dr. Lawrence Hogan and Dr. Robert Cvornyek.

Throughout the day, patrons can pick up a Wii-mote to play baseball or enjoy *Baseball. Fifth Inning, 1930-1940, Shadow Ball, a film by Ken Burns*.

(Funding provided by the Friends of the John F. Germany Public Library.)

Teen Sweets and Treats: Baseball Park Food

Bloomingtondale Regional Public Library
Monday, January 11 3:30 p.m.
(Funding provided by the Friends of the Bloomingtondale Regional Public Library.)

Celebrate the great American pastime by making your own favorite ball park food.

Presentation: Sharon Robinson

John F. Germany Public Library - Auditorium
Sunday, January 17 2 p.m.
Sharon Robinson will share memories of life with her legendary father Jackie Robinson. Book signing will follow.

Presentation: Artist Kadir Nelson

John F. Germany Public Library - Auditorium
Sunday, January 17 3 p.m.
Kadir Nelson will discuss the research involved with writing the manuscript for *We Are the Ship* and share his experiences with visiting original fields, meeting players, and recreating the events to assist with the illustrations included in the book. Book signing will follow.

African-American Baseball Experience for Kids

West Tampa Branch Library
Tuesday, January 19 3 p.m.
Celebrate the origins of the African-American Baseball experience through stories, poetry, and song. Children will create a keepsake folder with pictures and information on players and teams of the historic league.

Microsoft For Kids: Terrific Trading Cards

Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library
Wednesday, January 20 3:30 p.m.

Brandon Regional Library
Wednesday, February 3 2:30 p.m.

College Hill Branch Library
Monday, February 8 3:30 p.m.

John F. Germany Public Library
Tuesday, February 9 7 p.m.

Bloomingtondale Regional Public Library
Saturday, February 27 4 p.m.

Create some terrific baseball trading cards featuring popular African-American players from the Negro League using Microsoft software.

Bedtime Stories: Bottom of the 9th

Bloomingtondale Regional Public Library
Thursday, January 21 6:45 p.m.

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
Monday, February 8 7 p.m.

Celebrate the great American pastime, baseball! Wear pajamas and bring a blanket for stories, songs and activities in this 30-minute program. For families.

Baseball in Florida, Negro League Players and Discrimination

John F. Germany Public Library - Auditorium
Saturday, January 23 3 p.m.
Authors Wes Singletary, Ph.D., and Dr. Susan Greenbaum, Ph.D., will serve as featured panelists to discuss the impact of racial discrimination on Negro League baseball in Florida.

Singletary is a Tampa native and author of two books on baseball.

Greenbaum, a professor of Anthropology at University of South Florida, is the author of *More Than Black: Afro-Cubans in Tampa* which has a section on baseball and Negro League players.

Book Discussion: Fences by August Wilson

John F. Germany Public Library - Auditorium
Sunday, January 24 3 p.m.
Join us for a book discussion of the award-winning play.

Movie Maker: Make Your Own "Jackie Robinson Story"

Bloomingtondale Regional Public Library
Monday, January 25 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 28 6:30 p.m.
Create a baseball inspired Movie Maker project to take home!

Movie Maker For Kids: Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Bloomingtondale Regional Public Library
Saturday, January 30 4 p.m.
Use pictures, music, and special effects to create a baseball-themed movie to take home!

The Legacy of African-American Baseball Players on the Internet and More

New Tampa Regional Library
Wednesday, February 3 7 p.m.
Join us for a fascinating multimedia program highlighting the history of African-Americans in baseball. Photographs, interesting facts and vintage video will be shown in this family program.

Meet Former Negro League Players

Bloomingtondale Regional Public Library
Saturday, February 6 2 p.m.
(Funding by Friends of the Bloomingtondale Regional Public Library.)

John F. Germany Public Library
Saturday, February 13 2 p.m.
Join us for the seventh inning stretch as we listen to the legendary Tampa Rocket baseball players: Raydell Maddix, Clifford Brown and Walter Gibbons share their unique sports experiences as part of the Negro Baseball League in Tampa during the 1940's.

Afro-Cuban Baseball: Nuestra Historia

West Tampa Branch Library
Monday, February 8 6 p.m.
Join Dr. Susan Greenbaum and Alberto Chico Arenas, son of Hipolito Arenas a former Afro-Cuban baseball great, for an evening of discussion and remembrances on the exciting and unforgettable era of Afro-Cuban baseball.

The Proud Legacy of the Belmont Heights Little League

College Hill Branch Library
Tuesday, February 9 6:30 p.m.
A celebration of the College Hill neighborhood Little League that has brought forth great major league talent since 1968 and participated in two Little League World Series.

Wii Gaming: 1946 World Series - Kansas City Monarchs vs Newark Eagles

SouthShore Regional Library
Thursday, January 28 4:30 p.m.
(Funding provided by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library.)

College Hill Branch Library
Friday, February 12 3 p.m.
(Funding provided by the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries.)

Pick up a Wii-mote and get ready to bat for one of the two contending teams in the 1946 Negro League World Series. Snacks provided.

Pride & Passion Exhibit Discussion with Former Negro League Players

John F. Germany Public Library - Auditorium
Saturday, February 13 2 p.m.
Dr. Robert J. Kerstein will discuss the timeline surrounding the existence of the Negro Leagues. Former players Raydell Maddix, Benjamin Felder, Clifford Brown, and Walter Gibbons will share their personal experiences with the League during the 1940s.

Wii Gaming for Adults: Baseball

Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library
Monday, February 16 2 p.m.
(Funding provided by the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries.)

Pick up a Wii-mote and play some baseball of your own.

Microsoft for Kids: Batter Up!

College Hill Branch Library
Monday, February 22 3 p.m.
Create a flyer featuring popular African-American players from the Negro League using Microsoft Word.

Some programs have registration requirements. Call 813-273-3652 or visit hcplc.org for more information.