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Coming Soon @ the Mary Livermore Library

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This semester the Mary Livermore Library will sponsor several engaging events.

These events begin with “A Spring Faculty Showcase” on January 27, 2010. This showcase will feature **Dr. Mordechai Inbari** and **Dr. Craig Shoulders**, who will discuss their latest publications at 10:15 a.m. in the main reading room of the Library. Dr. Inbari will discuss his book *Jewish Fundamentalism and the Temple Mount: Who Will Build the Third Temple?* Dr. Shoulders will discuss his book *Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting: Theory and Practice*.

The next events will take place in February and will be held in celebration of Black History Month. The month is chock-full of exciting programs.

The kick-off event for Black History Month, on February 2, will be a program that will feature **Eleanora E. Tate**, an award-winning author, folklorist, short story writer, creative writing teacher, and former newspaper reporter. During the day, Ms. Tate will conduct a workshop with Hoke County public school teachers on incorporating her stories into their school curricula. This workshop will be followed by an evening presentation at UNC Pembroke in the main reading room of the Library.

This event will be a double-header because a dynamic group of young people, called **The Prometheus Bound Poets**, will follow Ms. Tate’s presentation. These young performers describe themselves as “the Voice of Urban Youth Through Spoken Words” and they only speak “The Truth,” the truth of their lives, the truth of their roots. Their appearance should place the exclamation point after what will prove to be a spellbinding appearance by Ms. Tate. The Library presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a reception to follow.

This dynamic-duo presentation by Ms. Tate and The Prometheus Bound Poets will be the first activity for the campus celebration of the 21st National African American Read-In. The Read-In initiative is co-sponsored nationally each year by the National Council of English Teachers (NCTE) and the Black Caucus of NCTE. The overall goal of the Read-In is to make the celebration of African American literacy a traditional part of Black History Month activities. This will be the third year that the Read-In has been observed at UNCP. Locally, Read-In activities are co-sponsored by **Dr. Betty Brown**, a professor in the School of Education; **Robert L. Canida, II**, Director of the UNCP Office of Multicultural and Minority Affairs; and **Anne H. Coleman**, Assistant Dean for Research Services at the Mary Livermore Library.



Dr. Mordechai Inbari

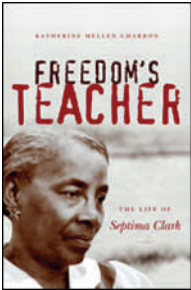
Photo provided by Dr. Inbari



Dr. Craig Shoulders

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The next Black History Month activity is scheduled for February 4 and will feature **Dr. Katherine Mellon Charron**, noted historian and civil rights scholar, who will discuss her book, *Freedom's Teacher: The Life of Septima Clark*. This presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the main reading room of the Library, with a reception following the presentation.

During the month, there will be three additional African American Read-In activities. On February 10th and/or 12th, a group of UNCP education majors will go to an elementary school to read African American literature to groups of students. This activity, the Children's Hour, will take place at R.B Dean Elementary School in Maxton or at Pembroke Elementary School in Pembroke. Definite schedules still need to be worked out with the individual schools.

On February 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m., a recitation program featuring works of African American literature will take place in the main reading room of the Library. As in the past two years, the headliner for the recitation program will be **Ms. Trin-A-Thoughtz**, NC NAACP Poet. The program will also feature dramatic recitations from a diverse group of speakers that will include UNCP students, faculty, and staff, as well as local community members.

A final African American Read-In activity is planned for the week of February 21. The program will feature a highly acclaimed keynote speaker, like **Howard Lee**, former mayor of Chapel Hill, or **President Dianne Boardley Suber** of Saint Augustine's College, who will highlight the importance of literacy among African Americans. The speaker for this event has not yet been finalized.

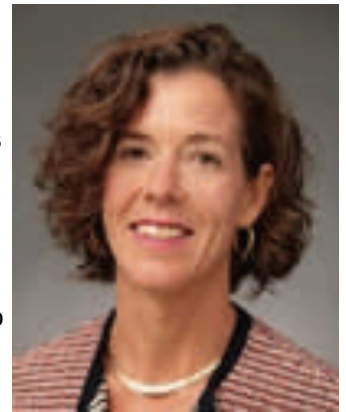
On March 31, a second "Spring Faculty Showcase" will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the main reading room of the Library. This showcase will feature **Dr. Catherine Parisian**, an assistant professor in the Department of English and Theatre, and **Dr. Antonio Valle de Antón**, an assistant professor in the Department of Foreign Languages. Dr. Parisian will discuss her forthcoming book, *The First White House Library: A History and Annotated Catalogue*, while Dr. Valle de Antón will discuss his recently published book, *Two Romance Tenses and the Atlantic in Between: A Study of 'Present Perfect' and 'Preterit' Usage in Present-Day Spanish*.

Library events will continue in April with the celebration of National Library Week, April 4-10, 2010. As with the Black History Month programs, several activities will take place during National Library Week. The Library will sponsor its annual Poetry/Short Prose Contest and a bibliography of campus scholars will be compiled. A recognition reception will be held on April 7 in the main reading room of the Library in order to honor/acknowledge the contest winners and the UNCP campus scholars. The Library will also hold its annual book sale during National Library Week.



Finally, the crowning event of the year, the Friends of the Library's Annual Benefit Event, will be held on April 17, 2010. Each year, the benefit is held to raise scholarship money for UNCP students and to fund other Friends of the Library projects. This year's benefit, "We ♥ NC Barbecue @ the Library," will feature **John Shelton Reed**, co-author of *Holy Smoke: The Big Book of North Carolina Barbecue*. Tickets for this event are \$50, and the evening includes a wonderful speaker, fabulous food, and superb auction items. It is always a fun evening for everyone with very positive results: financial assistance for our students.

So please take note of the outstanding calendar of Library events planned for the upcoming year and try to participate in as many as possible. Each one will be a treat and a learning experience. You won't want to miss any of them.



Dr. Catherine Parisian

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Dr. Antonio Valle de Antón

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