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## HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**(Belcamp, Maryland – February 6, 2015)** Throughout February, Harford County Public Library is offering a variety of programs to celebrate Black History Month. Programs cater to both adults and children and include interactive activities, film screenings, and author and guest visits.

To kick off the festivities, on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Aberdeen Library held the first session of its month-long collaborative quilt-making project where attendees were invited to create paper quilt blocks. As more participants contribute to the community art work, the quilt blocks will be joined to form a vibrant mosaic to be displayed through the end of the month.

Visitors to the Aberdeen Library also can celebrate Black History Month by viewing specially selected films, which will be shown on Sunday afternoons, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Those interested in attending can call the branch one week before each screening to find out the title to be shown.

Other branches will bring black history to life with guest visits. Each February, members of the Iota Nu chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity present an assortment of books to the Library and host a speaker. This year, the group will honor author Rohulamin Quander as he shares his latest release, *50+ Omega Inspired Years: Tracing an Omega Legacy to 1931*, at the Abingdon Library at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Another distinguished writer and speaker will visit the Bel Air Library at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Author Daniel Stashower will talk about his True-Crime Edgar Award-winning book, *The Hour of Peril: The Secret Plot to Murder Lincoln before the Civil War*, which follows detectives Allan Pinkerton and Kate Warne as they unravel the "Baltimore Plot" to kill President Abraham Lincoln as he traveled by train to his inauguration.

Lincoln himself, played by Eric Richardson, will return from the past when he comes to the Jarrettsville Library at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> to provide insight into the Emancipation Proclamation, his thoughts on the Civil War and what lies in store for the nation.

The achievements of talented African-American inventors will be highlighted at two Library programs. On Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., the Edgewood Library will hold LEAP: Salute to Black Inventors and Scientists, where presenters David and Sharoll Williams-Love will provide an interactive look at the African-Americans who have made our lives better through their imagination and determination. Attendees who want to learn more about African-American inventors can visit the Aberdeen Library on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 6:45 p.m. when it hosts a program about Garrett Morgan, inventor of the traffic light.

Library customers can learn about black history not only in February but any time throughout the year by taking advantage of the many resources Harford County Public Library has to offer. A list of items in the Library's collection from the Iota Nu chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is available at [hcplonline.org/celebratingblackhistory.php](http://hcplonline.org/celebratingblackhistory.php). Titles on African-American inventors can be found at [hcplonline.org/africanamericaninventors.php](http://hcplonline.org/africanamericaninventors.php), and a booklist celebrating African-American authors and illustrators of children's books can be found at [hcplonline.org/celebrationofafricanamerican.php](http://hcplonline.org/celebrationofafricanamerican.php). Library staff members can share additional information and provide assistance to visitors curious about research.

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The Library serves over 191,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 4.1 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading within the community.

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