

Soul Passages: a Book Club Community Book Festival Program

September 22, 2012

9 am to 2 pm

Wexler Grant School, New Haven, Connecticut 06511

Community Book Discussion, Featured Authors & Poets (Main Stage)

- 9:00** Opening Ceremony African Drum Call Ronald Edens
Book Festival Co-Chairpersons: Dr. Gloria F. Perry, Sandra Stepherson
- 9:15** Community Book Discussion 32 Candles by Ernessa T. Carter
Moderator: Evelyn Knight, Soul Passages: a Book Club
- 10:30** Verse and Flow
Moderator: Kate Rushin, Poet, Writer, Teacher
Panelist: Shireal, MindEvolution. Darell Fitzgerald, Ct Youth Team members Maggie Kearney and Evan Knoll, Richard Michelson
- 11:30** Rita Williams-Garcia award winning author of One Crazy Summer reads and answers questions about her books
Introduction: Patricia Melton, Executive Director of New Haven Promise
- 12:30** Solomon Jones talks about writing the Coletti trilogy, The Last Confession, The Gravedigger's Ball, and The Dead Man's Wife in addition to his other novels and Daddy's Home: A memoir of fatherhood and laughter
Moderator: Barbara Davis, Soul Passages: a Book Club
- 1:45** Closing Ceremony on Main Stage

Conversations with Authors (Library)

- 9:30** Richard Michelson award winning poet and writer reads from his book *Twice As Good* illustrated by Eric Velasquez
Moderator: Marie Baskerville, Soul Passages (FREE COPY OF BOOK TO FIRST 10 CHILDREN)
- 10:30** Exploring family values from an African American male perspective with David Asbery , Ph.D., author of *My Wife, My Kids, My God*
Moderator: Penny Smith, Soul Passages
- 11:30** Ex-con Randy Kearse who chose to take a different path talks about his book *Changing Your Game Plan: How to use Incarceration as a Stepping Stone for Success*
Moderator: Sandra Christie, Soul Passages

Workshops on Writing and Money Management (Classroom1)

- 10:00** Dr. Richard Hammond shares wisdom and answers questions about his book *Practical Money Management and Wealth Creation*
- 11:00** Benjamin J. Janey author of *Up The Way* talks about his novel and writing Urban Fiction
- 12:00** Memoir writing: unwrapping the gift of memory with Cindy Brown Austin author of *By the Rivers of Babylon*

Panel Discussions about Book Clubs, Self-Publishing, and Political Literacy (Classroom 2)

9:40 The 411 about Book Clubs

Moderator: Paulette Moore, Soul Passages: a Book Club

Panelist: Gwendolyn Williams, Soul Passages Member, Patricia McClellan, Sister 2 Sister,
Other Book Book Clubs are welcome to join Panel

11:00 So You want to Write a Book? Self Publishing, The Good, The Bad, The Truth

Moderator: Rosalind Z. Wiggins, Esq., Emerging Writer

Panelist: David Caines, True Bloodline, Junie Boy's Funeral, After The Pain, rJo Winch, Lime Light, Loving
One Man, Welcome Home, Xavier Richard Wright, How I Became The Most Hated Man In America,
Walter Cloud, Romancing The Soul , Alfonso McGriff III, The Book of ABE

12:30 Political Literacy: Your Rights, Your Money, Your Vote

Moderator: Susan Monroe,

Panelist: RJo Winch, Celeb Pilgram, Chairman of NAACP Legal Redress, Quentin "Q" W. Phipps, City
Treasurer City of Middletown, Brandon McGee, Ronald Knight, Soul Passages: a Book Club

Kids Pavilion (Classroom 3) African Story Telling, Money Matters for Kids, Interactive Reading and Dance (GOODIE BAGS WHILE THEY LAST)

9:30 African Story Telling by Okey Ndibe author of Arrows of Rain

10:30 TD Bank Wow! Zone financial literacy for children program presented by Shadece McFadden, TD Bank Waterbury

11:30 Eric Velasquez illustrator of My Friend Maya Loves to Dance written by Cheryl Willis, and read by Marie Baskerville along with dance presentation by Unity Dance Ensemble of Waterbury (Wear your tutu and join the fun!)

**Make Your Own Book Workshops For Children
(Art Room)**

(LIMITED NUMBER MUST SIGNUP AT SOUL PASSAGES ENDOWMENT FUND TABLE)

10:30 Drawing Kids Faces with Eric Velasquez ??

11:30 Artist Martina Allen Johnson hands on book binding workshop (Must signup at Soul Passages Vendor Table)

12:30 Turning your Beautiful Name into a Pretty Poems with Martina Allen Johnson

**Open Mic for Poets, Authors & Emerging Writers
(Classroom 4)**

(MUST SIGNUP AT SOUL PASSAGES ENDOWMENT FUND TABLE IF NOT ALREADY ON PANEL)

11:30 Open mic for Poets on Panel and others
Moderator: ??

12:30 Open mic for Authors on Panel and Emerging Authors
Moderator: Michelle McFarland, Hartford Public Library

**Meet and Greet Authors, Book Signing Ongoing Festival Activities
(Cafeteria)**

9:30 -1:45 FACE PAINTING AND TEMPORARY TATOOS
VOTER REGISTRATION

10:30 -1:45 AUTHORS & POETS MEET & GREET & BOOK SIGNING SCHEDULE

10:30 Okey Ndibe

11:00 Solomon Jones, Martina Allen Johnson, Dr. Richard Hammond

11:30 David L. Asbery, Ph.D.,

12:00 Benjamin J. Janey, Rosalind Z. Wiggins, Esq., David Caines, rJo Winch, Xavier Richard Wright, Walter Cloud, Alfonso McGriff III,

12:30 Rita Williams Garcia, Richard Michelson, Eric Velasquez, Randy Kearse
Kate Rushin, MindEvolution, Darrell Fitzgerald, Maggie Kearney, Evan Knoll

01:00 Cindy Brown Austin, Susan Monroe

(Note: Solomon Jones and Martina Allen Johnson will do signing and meet & greet before stage appearance)

Golf Clinic (Gym)

9:15 -1:00 First Tee of New Haven Mini Golf Clinics and Assistance