



CALENDAR OF PUBLIC PROGRAMS AT-A-GLANCE

September 2023 – July 2024

(Programs Subject to Change)

SEPTEMBER 2023

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

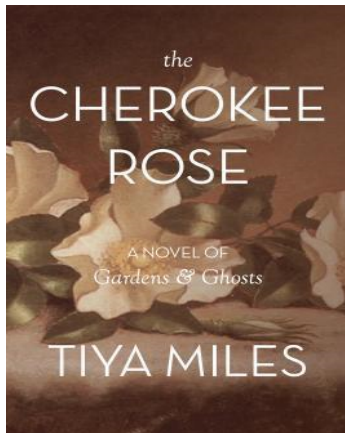
CBL Book Club Meeting

Cherokee Rose, Tiya Miles

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

VIRTUAL

RSVP for the book club meeting at info@centerforblackliterature.org



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

Brooklyn Book Festival Book End Event

Literary Salon

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

MoCADA, 10 Lafayette Avenue (via steps of 300 Ashland Pl.) Brooklyn, NY

The Center for Black Literature, in collaboration with Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MoCada) and Aquarius Publishing, presents Conversations with Keisha-Gaye Anderson, James Cherry, Judy Juanita, and Quincy Troupe, contributors to *Black Fire This Time*, by Kim McMillon (Editor) and Ishmael Reed (Foreword) *Black Fire This Time* explores all facets of the Black Arts Movement and features over 100 poets and writers on the theme of “Black is Beautiful, Black is Powerful, Black is Home.” The conversation will be moderated by Heather Buchanan, with a book signing to follow.



OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

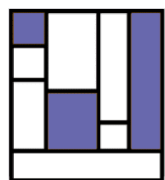
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM ET

Brooklyn Book Festival, Festival Day and Literary Marketplace

Brooklyn Borough Hall

209 Joralemon St, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Come visit with the Center for Black Literature and learn more about CBL's programs, and visit with our participating authors who will be reading and signing their books. Participating authors are: **Donna Hill**, **N Jamiyla Chisholm**, and **Kia Corthron**.



**BROOKLYN
BOOK FESTIVAL**
September 24 - October 2, 2023



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

CBL Book Club Meeting

Lone Women, Victor LaValle

6:30 PM–8:00 PM ET

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NOVEMBER 2023

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023

CBL Book Club Meeting

Up Home: One Girl's Journey

6:30 PM–8:00 PM ET

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FEBRUARY 2024

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

Killens Reading Series (Black History Month) Collaboration with Medgar Evers College Black History Month Committee

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024, to SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM ET

Winter Wild Seeds Retreat for Writers of Color

The Wild Seeds Retreat provides writers of color with an opportunity to meet other writers; to workshop their writing among peers; and to engage with published writers about concerns and issues related to writing and publishing. Through its writing workshops leaders, the Retreat provides the public with an opportunity to become knowledgeable about the range and diversity of the work produced by writers of color.

Breena Clark, Fiction Workshop Leader

Bridgett M Davis, Memoir Workshop Leader

VIRTUAL

MARCH 2024

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

Killens Reading Series (Women's History Month) Collaboration with Medgar Evers College Women's HerStory Month Committee (MEC WHMC)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

Pre-Conference Activities for the 17th National Black Writers Conference: *All That We Carried, Where Do We Go From Here?*

Literary Film Screenings & Discussion

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Medgar Evers College, 1638 Bedford Avenue, Edison O. Jackson Auditorium, Brooklyn, NY

Presented by Reel Sisters & ImageNation



Poetry Slam and Open MIC

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

Medgar Evers College, 1638 Bedford Avenue, AB1 Lobby, Complex I, Brooklyn, NY

Presented by Office of Student Affairs & Dean of Students

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, to SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

17th National Black Writers Conference: *All That We Carried, Where Do We Go From Here?*



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

Opening Keynote & Community Night (Free)

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Michael Eric Dyson and Farah Jasmine Griffin

Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Avenue, Founders Auditorium

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

Re-Envisioning Our Lives Through Literature (ROLL) Youth Program

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM ET



Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Avenue, Founders Auditorium

Scholarly Papers Presentations on Conference Theme: *All That We Carried, Where Do We Go From Here?*

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM ET

VIRTUAL

Readings from Members of the Dr. Edith Rock Elders Writing Workshop

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM ET

Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Avenue, Founders Auditorium, Brooklyn, NY

Poetry Café

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

Central Library, Brooklyn Public Library

10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

17th National Black Writers Conference Roundtables:

Technology, Social Media and the Fight for Racial Justice

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET

Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Avenue, Founders Auditorium, Brooklyn, NY

The Healing Power of Literature

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM ET

Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Avenue, Founders Auditorium, Brooklyn, NY

Black Writers' Letters to America

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM ET

Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Avenue, Founders Auditorium, Brooklyn, NY

Summit with Selected Honorees

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ET

Paul Coates, Peniel Joseph, Bernice McFadden and Percival Everett

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024



**17th National Black Writers Conference
Wild Seeds Writers Retreat Alumni Reunion**

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM ET

Medgar Evers College, 1638 Bedford Avenue, AB1, 3rd Fl.

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17th National Black Writers Conference Talkshops & Roundtables:

TALKSHOPS

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ET

Fiction, Memoir, Poetry, Publishing

Medgar Evers College, 1638 Bedford Avenue, AB1 Lobby, Complex I, Brooklyn, NY

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ROUNDTABLES

The Power of Historical Narratives

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET

Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Avenue, Founders Auditorium, Brooklyn, NY

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Black Writers: Crossing Boundaries and Borders

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM ET

Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Avenue, Founders Auditorium, Brooklyn, NY

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Myth and Reality: The World of Publishing for the Black Writer

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM ET

Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Avenue, Founders Auditorium, Brooklyn, NY

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Awards Program

7:00 PM

Bernice McFadden, Paul Coates, Peniel Joseph, and Percival Everett

Medgar Evers College, 1638 Bedford Avenue, Dining Hall, 2nd Fl., Brooklyn, NY

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

CBL Book Club Meeting

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

Book TBA

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APRIL 2024

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

John Oliver Killens Reading Series (National Poetry Month) In Collaboration with Brooklyn Public Library
Central Library, Brooklyn Public Library
10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

CBL Book Club Meeting

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

Book TBA

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MAY 2024

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024

CBL Book Club Meeting

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

Book TBA

VIRTUAL

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JUNE 2024

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

Re-Envisioning Our Lives Through Literature (ROLL) Closing Program

More details TBA

Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Avenue, Founders Auditorium, Brooklyn, NY

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024 or SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

Closing Program for the Dr. Edith Rock Writers Workshop for Elders

More details TBA

Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Avenue, Founders Auditorium, Brooklyn, NY



JULY 2024

MONDAY, JULY, 15, 2024 - SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024

Wild Seeds Retreat for Writers of Color

SUNY Polytechnic Institute (Utica, NY)

Visit www.centerforblackliterature.org for more details on registration details.



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