



CALENDAR OF PUBLIC PROGRAMS AT-A-GLANCE

September 2023 – July 2024

(Programs Subject to Change)

SEPTEMBER 2023

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

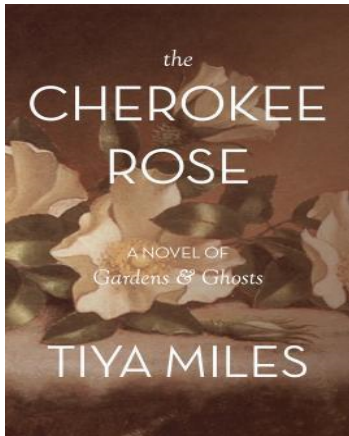
CBL Book Club Meeting

***Cherokee Rose*, Tiya Miles**

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

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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.

LITERARY SALON
in collaboration with the
Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts
(MoCADA)
September 28, 2023
MoCADA Gallery
80 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217

Gather for a stimulating and engaging evening in celebration of *Black Fire This Time*

Reception 5:30 to 6:30 pm
Program Conversations Moderated by Heather Buchanan | 6:30 pm
Book Signing to follow
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Keisha-Gaye Anderson | James E. Cherry | Judy Juanita | Quincy Troupe | Heather Buchanan

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

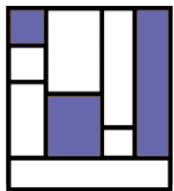
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM ET

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



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NOVEMBER 2023

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023

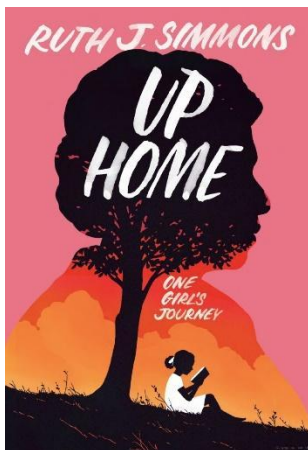
CBL Book Club Meeting

***Up Home: One Girl's Journey*, Ruth J. Simmons**

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JANUARY 2024

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

CBL Book Club Meeting

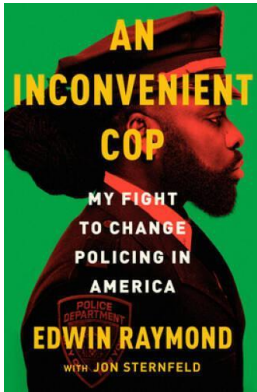
***An Inconvenient Cop: My Fight to Change Policing in America*, Edwin Raymond**

6:30 PM–8:00 PM ET



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FEBRUARY 2024

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

Launch of *The History and Legacy of the Center for Black Literature: An Online Exhibition (Black History Month)* Collaboration with Medgar Evers College Black History Month Committee

HYBRID: IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF THE CENTER FOR BLACK LITERATURE: AN ONLINE EXHIBITION

The Center for Black Literature, in partnership with the Medgar Evers College Library Archives Team, presents *The History and Legacy of The Center for Black Literature: An Online Exhibition*.

Join us as we launch CBL's newly digitized archives, showcasing over 20 years of the Center's inception, growth, and enduring legacy.

Thursday, February 15, 2024
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm ET.

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

Register Here

Logos for Center for Black Literature, Medgar Evers College, and BRESI (Black, Black and Black Studies Institute) are included.

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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.

Breana Clark, Fiction Workshop Leader

Bridgett M Davis, Memoir Workshop Leader



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

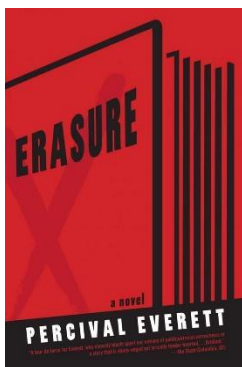
CBL Book Club Meeting

Erasure, Percival Everett

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MARCH 2024

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

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

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

A Film Series and Discussion Presented by African Voices/Reel Sisters of the Diaspora Film Festival and Lecture Series

Reel Sisters of the Diaspora Film Festival and Lecture Series was founded in 1997 by African Voices magazine publisher **CAROLYN A. BUTTS**. It is the first Brooklyn-based festival devoted to supporting films produced, directed, and written by women of color.

Celebrating its 27th year, Reel Sisters of the Diaspora Film Festival & Lecture Series returns to the National Black Writers Conference to screen another series of thought-provoking films followed by a moderated discussion and audience Q&A.

Sponsor: African Voices

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6:00 PM – 8:00 PM ET

Pre-Conference Event: Open Mic Competition & Music Cafe

Presented in partnership with the Office of Student Life, get ready for a night of unforgettable performance, good vibes, and endless inspiration at our open mic night!

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

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Opening Keynote: *All That We Carry, We Do We Go From Here?*

Farah Jasmine Griffin in Conversation with Michael Eric Dyson

REMARKS: Dr. Antoinette A. Coleman, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, Medgar Evers College

EMCEE: Dr. Brenda Greene, Founder and Executive Director, The Center for Black Literature

Drawing on the theme of the Conference, *All That We Carry: Where Do We Go From Here?*, Griffin will engage Michael Eric Dyson in a conversation on how we move forward in a public space characterized by environmental racism, social injustice, an attack on the Black body, domestic violence, terrorism, and an absence of empathy and peace. **The discussion will be followed by a Q & A from the audience and book signings by Dyson and Griffin.**

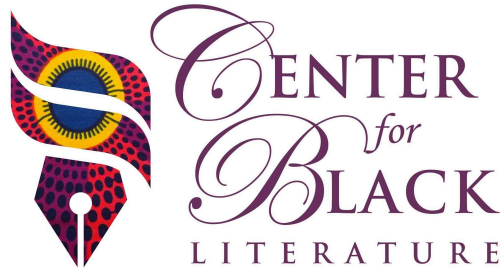
***FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM ET

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





10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Jennifer Baker in Conversation with Jason Reynolds

10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson in Conversation with Renée Watson

Medgar Evers College: Founders Auditorium (1650 Bedford Avenue) and AB1 Dining Hall (1638 Bedford Avenue) (School Audiences Only)

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11:00 AM – 3:00 PM ET

Virtual Scholarly Presentations on Conference Theme

Sponsor: College Language Association (CLA) and African American Studies Committee

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3:30 PM - 5:00 PM ET

Readings from Members of the Dr. Edith Rock Elders Writing Workshop
Medgar Evers College, 1638 Bedford Avenue, Edison O. Jackson Auditorium, Brooklyn, NY

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Poetry Café

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM ET

Poetry Café
Sponsor: Central Library, Brooklyn Public Library
10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY

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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER DR. TIYA MILES IN CONVERSATION WITH DR. BRENDA M. GREENE

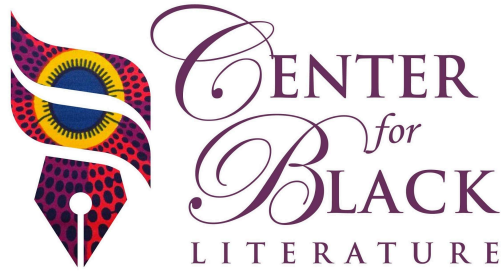
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM ET

Drawing on award-winning Tiya Miles’s historical works, Greene will engage Miles in a conversation on the process she used in writing *All That She Carried*; *Wild Girls: How the Outdoors Shaped the Women Who Challenged a Nation*; *The Cherokee Rose*; and the challenges of using fiction to recreate history. The discussion will be followed by a Q & A from the audience and a book signing by Tiya Miles.

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

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FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024



17th National Black Writers Conference Roundtables:

1:00 PM -2:30 PM ET

Technology, Social Media and the Fight for Racial Justice

Moderator: Christina Greer (Jelani Cobb)

Speakers: Marc Lamont Hill, Bettina Love, Wesley Lowery, Emily Raboteau

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3:00 PM - 4:30 PM ET

The Healing Power of Literature

Moderator: Rachel Eliza Griffiths

Speakers: Patricia Spears Jones, Kalisha Buckhanon, Marita Golden, Kevin Powell

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5:00 PM - 6:30 PM ET

Black Writers’ Letters to America

Moderator: Donna Hill

Speakers: Victoria Christopher Murray, Pamela Newkirk, Thabiti Lewis, Khalil Gibran Muhammad

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7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ET

Summit Keynote with Honorees

Moderator, Gloria Browne Marshall

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

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

17th National Black Writers Conference

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM ET

Wild Seeds Writers Retreat Alumni Reunion

Invitation Only Event



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11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ET

TALKSHOPS

Publishing: Tracy Sherrod: VP Executive Editor/Little Brown/Hachette Book Group

Book Proposals & Finding an Agent: Regina Brooks, Founder and president of Serendipity Literary Agency

Poetry: Darrel Holnes: *Stepmotherland* and *Migrant Psalms*

Fiction: Kalisha Buchanon: *Running to Fall* and *Speaking of Summer* Donna Hill, *Ayah*, and *Confessions in B Flat*

Memoir: Patrick Dougher: *If By Some Impossible Miracle*/Little Brown and Company

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ROUNDTABLES

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET

The Power of Historical Narratives

Moderator: Diane Richards

Speakers: A.J. Verdelle, Ayana Mathis, WB Garvey, Maryemma Graham

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3:00 PM - 4:30 PM ET

Black Writers: Crossing Boundaries and Borders

Moderator: Jasmine Claude Narcisse

Speakers: Edwidge Danicat, Kwame Dawes, Stephanie Martelly and Patrice Nganang

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5:00 PM - 6:30 PM ET

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

Moderator: Yahdon Israel

Speakers: Regina Brooks, Karen Hunter, Christopher Jackson, Lisa Lucas, Jamia Wilson



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7:00 PM – 7:45 PM

Awards Program

Emcee & Host: Jacqueline Woodson

Peniel Joseph, Paul Coates, Bernice McFadden, Percival Everett

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

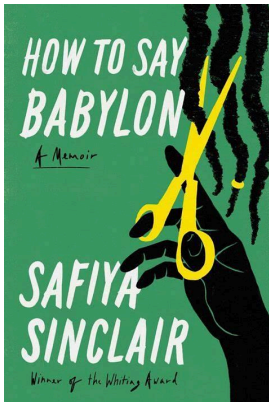
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CBL Book Club Meeting

How to Say Babylon: A Memoir, Safiya Sinclair

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APRIL 2024

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

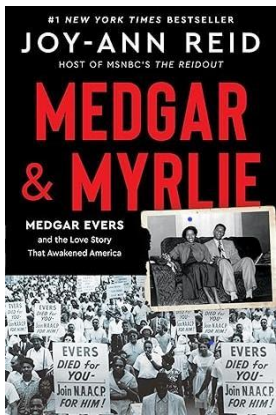
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

CBL Book Club Meeting

Medgar and Myrlie: Medgar Evers and the Love Story That Awakened America, Joy-Ann Reid

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MAY 2024

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

VIRTUAL

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Black Writers: Percival Everett in Conversation with E. Ethelbert Miller

Speakers: Percival Everett





WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024

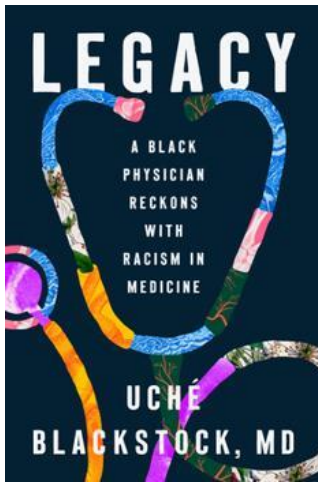
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ET

CBL Book Club Meeting

Legacy: A Black Physician Reckons with Racism in Medicine by Uche Blackstock

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JUNE 2024

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM ET

Re-Envisioning Our Lives Through Literature (ROLL) Closing Program for PS5 Elementary Students

Dr. Ronald E, McNair Public School 5, 820 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, NY

(School Audiences only)

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM ET

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

Medgar Evers College, 1638 Bedford Avenue, AB1 Dining Hall, Brooklyn, NY

(School Audiences only)



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

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

More details TBA

JULY 2024

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

Wild Seeds Retreat for Writers of Color

SUNY Polytechnic Institute (Utica, NY)

Facilitators

Dahlma Llanos-Figueroa (Fiction)

Nick Powers (Creative Non-Fiction/Memoir)

Jamal Joseph (Screenwriting)





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