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## **Black History Month at Union County Public Library**

**February 3, 2016, Monroe, NC** - In honor of Black History Month, Union County Public Library will host a series of programs and displays throughout the Library system.

- **Friday, Feb. 12 at 5 p.m., Marshville Library—Friday Night Movie: Lilies of the Field**  
Sidney Poitier’s Academy Award winning performance as Homer Smith, an ex-GI and drifter, who finds himself stranded in a small southwestern town working for a group of Catholic nuns who fled their homeland in communist East Germany. Bound by their position as outsiders, Homer and the nuns struggle to understand each other until the construction of a chapel brings the community together.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Monroe Library (Dickerson Room)**  
**Finding Your Union County African American/Slave Ancestor First Steps**—Learn to use the Dickerson Room’s books and collected files to pinpoint your early African American or slave ancestors. Questions? Contact Patricia Poland at 704-283-8184 x 224 or [ppoland@union.lib.nc.us](mailto:ppoland@union.lib.nc.us) for more information.
- **Saturday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m., Monroe Library--- Move the Crowd DJ Workshop (Griffin Room)**  
Instructors from **With These Handz DJ Academy** will introduce teens to the art of DJing. Hands on instruction will be provided. **Registration required.** Contact Gypsy at 704-283-8184 ext. 232 or [ghouston@union.lib.nc.us](mailto:ghouston@union.lib.nc.us) for more information.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 23, 4:30 p.m. Union West Library—Dave the Potter**—Ages 7-12. In celebration of Black History month, listen to the story and work with clay, create your own pinch pot. No registration required.
- **Saturday, Feb. 20, 3:00 p.m., Monroe Library-- Race, Religion, and the Pulpit: A Book Talk with author, Dr. Julia Marie Robinson** (Griffin Room)  
Dr. Robinson, an associate professor of African American Religion at UNCC and an ordained Presbyterian minister will discuss her book, *Race, Religion, and the Pulpit*. Contact Gypsy at 704-283-8184 ext. 232 or [ghouston@unoin.lib.nc.us](mailto:ghouston@unoin.lib.nc.us) for more information.

- **Thursday, Feb. 25, 4 p.m., Monroe Library— Discover the Underground Railroad** Free for families of all ages! Celebrate diversity and work together to build a felt freedom quilt in honor of Black History Month! While supplies last. Contact Monroe Children’s department at 704-283-8184 ext. 231 for more information.
- **Saturday, Feb. 27, 2 p.m., Marshville Library— Bet You Can’t Eat Just One** (All ages) Join us as we learn about the history of the #1 snack. Enjoy some jazz, stories and a taste test to vote for your favorite brand. Contact Kim at 704-624-2828 for more information.
- **Saturday, Feb. 27, 1:30 p.m., Union West Library-- Decorate Your Past**—This craft program will provide patrons with a keepsake photo frame that we will decorate with African themed fabric. Patrons will also be able to add woven straw embellishments to the outside of their frames. This is a creative and fun way to celebrate Black History Month! A surprise gift raffle will take place at the program! Space is limited and **registration is required!** Please contact Stephanie at 704-821-7475 ext. 3 to register.

**Displays and more (Feb. 1 – Feb. 29)**

- **Monroe Library— Children’s African American history themed displays and informational packets**
- **Monroe Library—Jim Crow in Union County**
- **Monroe Library—Black Heritage Stamp and Black History Facts displays in the Alcove Gallery**
- **Union West Library—African American themed display**
- **Union West Library --- Black History Trivia contest** Patrons are invited to come in and pick up the trivia questions, which can be completed utilizing library resources or at home. All trivia answer sheets must be turned in to a Union West staff member by the end of the day on Feb. 29. Prizes will be awarded to two of the patrons with the most correct answers!

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