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UCPL to host local author Aza Njeri Dec. 4

Join us at 10 a.m. Dec. 4 for a visit from local author Aza Njeri, who will discuss her memoir, *Hip Hop, You Saved My Life*.

Aza Njeri is a St. Louis-based mental health professional, griot, author, award-winning filmmaker, educator, and second-generation hip hop recording artist who uses hip hop to inspire and heal the masses. She earned a B.S. in psychology from the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, where she studied under African scholars who groomed her to appreciate self-knowledge and enlightenment. Aza believes we all have a story to share.

Her memoir discusses how she uses hip hop to assist in trauma recovery, and traces her African ancestry while going into the intentions and healing components of hip hop.

The program is free and open to all. For more information call 314-727-3150.

Library wants your opinions!

Over the past couple of months, UCPL has been actively seeking public comment on plans for the Library's future. While we have received excellent comments and criticisms, we will continue to seek input into the new year.

Focus groups will be held at UCPL at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4 and at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. Check our website and social media accounts for announcements on meetings elsewhere in the community.

During the meetings, Library representatives will discuss the challenges facing the Library and get input from attendees on how best to address those issues.

Another way to offer your opinion is to visit our website, www.ucitylibrary.org, and fill out a brief survey. If you have questions or would like more information, call 314-727-3150.



Gallery to feature Bryan Robertson

This December, the Gallery at University City Public Library (6701 Delmar Blvd, 63130) will feature *Body Politic*, an exhibition of large paintings by local artist Bryan Robertson.

A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. The work will be on display Dec. 2 through 28 and may be viewed during normal library hours. Exhibits in The Gallery are made possible in part by a grant from the Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis.

Important dates in December

- Wednesday, Dec. 5 — CALOP Short UCity Film Workshop, 5 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 10 — Orcs & Aliens Book Group, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 12 — CALOP Short UCity Film Workshop, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 18 — Read the Classics Book Group, 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 19 — U City Book Group, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 24 — Close at noon for Christmas
- Tuesday, Dec. 25 — Closed for Christmas
- Monday, Dec. 31 — Close at noon for New Year's Eve



For more information about our programs,
visit www.ucitylibrary.org/ucplevents or call 314-727-3150.

December Events in Youth Services

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5 Treehouse Book Club, grades 4-6, 7 p.m.	6 Read to a Dog, 4:30 p.m.	7	8
9	10	11	12 Show Me Book Club, grades 2-3, 7 p.m.	13 Teen Spot Gaming, grades 6+, 7 p.m.	14	15
16	17	18 Tuesday Night Tales, 6:30 p.m.	19	20 Movie Matinee: <i>Teen Titans Go! to the Movies</i> , 4:30 p.m.	21	22 Preschool Dance & Play, ages 3-5, 10 a.m.
23	24	25 CLOSED	26	27 Teen Spot Gaming, grades 6+, 7 p.m.	28	29
30	31					

**Storytime Schedule
Nov. 14-Dec. 20**

Mondays at 10 a.m.
Ages birth-23 months

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
All Ages

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
Ages 2-3 years

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3-5 years

Storytimes are free and open to all, but please register in advance with Youth Services staff.

Kids! Learn to code in 2019

We're excited to partner with GlobalHack to offer an eight-week Coding Camp for kids in grades four through six! Instructors from GlobalHack, a St. Louis-based company dedicated to driving social impact through technology, will teach participants how to use the computer to design music, create instruments and music videos, and learn how technology is used in the music industry. Participants will use Scratch and Google CS First Curriculum, two online coding resources designed specifically for kids.

Class will meet on Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m., Jan. 7 through March 11 (excluding Jan. 21 and Feb. 18) in Lil's Treehouse. No previous computer experience is necessary and the Library will provide all the supplies.

Space is limited! Register today by calling 314-727-3150 or visit the Youth Services Department to sign up.

Thanks for your support!

Alice Bloch & Frank Flinn
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