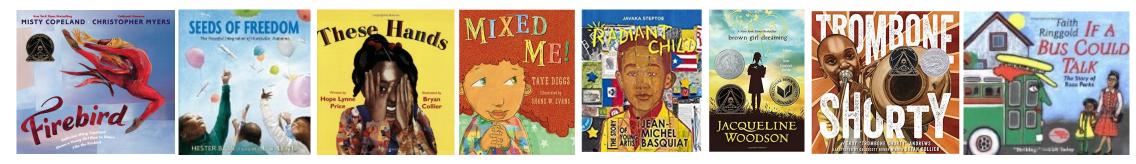




# CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH THROUGH LITERACY

The South Sound Reading Foundation is honoring Black History Month this February by showcasing that talents of black authors, as well as stories that highlight the rich history, culture, joys, and challenges of children of all colors. We strive to promote diversity and an acceptance of all walks of life to the communities we serve. Black folks have been underrepresented in children's literature, and it is imperative that kids of all backgrounds are exposed to books that share black history and bring the black experience to life. Below is a selection of outstanding children's books featuring black protagonists and authors. Check one out this month and share it with a kid in your life!



### **COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDAR**

Look for our van, mascot, free books, and/or literacy materials at these locations! If you are interested in helping out with any of these events, please contact volunteer coordinator Ellen Jilek at ejilek@nthurston.k12.wa.us.

We also have a live, online calendar located at: <u>http://www.southsoundreading.org/event-calendar/</u>. Please get in touch if anything there catches your interest! \*\*\*Events in pink could use volunteer assistance\*\*\*

F 2/2	Super Family Literacy Night	4-7	Grand Mound Elementary
F 2/2	Free Friday Night Book Giveaway	4:30-8	НОСМ
M 2/5	Rochester Toddler Time	9:45-11	Rochester Library
M 2/5	Creative Writing Club	4:150-5:30	Lacey Boys & Girls Club
Tu 2/6	BHR Harvest Program Shelton	9:45-12	BHR Shelton
Tu 2/6	Tuesday Volunteer Opportunities	10-12	SSRF
Tu 2/6	Tumwater OTC	4:30-5	Tumwater Old Town Center
W 2/7	Adopt a Daycare at Head Start	11:30-1	Head Start Lacey
Th 2/8	CIELO Storytime	4:30-5	Shelton
Th 2/8	Seven Oaks Family Literacy Night	5-7	Seven Oaks Elementary
F 2/9	Family Partnership Center PM Story Time	1-2	Family Partnership Center
F 2/9	Tumwater Boys & Girls Club	3:30-4	Tumwater Boys & Girls Club
Sa 2/10	OSD Countdown to Kindergarten	9:30-11:30	Capital High School
Sa 2/10	Saturday Volunteer Opportunities	10-12	SSRF
M 2/12	Pleasant Glade Clubhouse	3:30-4	Pleasant Glade Elementary
, Tu 2/13	Tuesday Volunteer Opportunities	10-12	SSRF
Tu 2/13	Family Partnership Center AM Story Time	10:20-11:20	Family Partnership Center
Tu 2/13	Adopt a Daycare @ Tutor Time	11:30-1	Tutor Time, Lacey
W 2/14	Busy Bees Storytime	10-11	Busy Bees Daycare
W 2/14	Olympia Boys & Girls Club	3:30-4	Olympia Boys & Girls Club
W 2/14	Evening Volunteer Opportunities	5:30-6:30	SSRF
, Th 2/15	Rochester Head Start	12-1:30	Rochester Head Start
Th 2/15	ROOF	4-4:30	ROOF, Rochester
Th 2/15	Rochester Boys & Girls Club	4:30-5	Rochester Boys & Girls Club
Th 2/15	Hood Canal Winter Carnival	5-7	Hood Canal School District
F 2/16	Peter G Schmidt Head Start AM Storytime	9:40-10:10	Peter G Schmidt Elementary
F 2/16	Meadow Blossom Daycare Storytime	11-11:30	Meadow Blossom Daycare
F 2/16	Peter G Schmidt Head Start PM Storytime	1-1:30	Peter G Schmidt Elementary
F 2/16	Black Lake Bingo for Books	6-8:30	Black Lake Elementary
Tu 2/20	Tuesday Volunteer Opportunities	10-12	SSRF
W 2/21	Adopt a Daycare at Head Start	11:31	Head Start Lacey
Th 2/22	Harvest BHR Tumwater	10-12	BHR Olympia
F 2/23	Pleasant Glade Clubhouse Parent Night	4:30-7	Pleasant Glade Elementary
F 2/23	Lacey Boys & Girls Club	4:30-5	Lacey Boys & Girls Club
M 2/26	Meadows Clubhouse	4-4:30	Meadows Elementary
Tu 2/27	Tuesday Volunteer Opportunities	10-12	SSRF
Tu 2/27	Squaxin Island Storytime	10:45-11:45	Squaxin Island Child Dev Center
Tu 2/27	Adopt a Daycare @ Tutor Time	11:30-1	Tutor Time, Lacey
Tu 2/27	Lydia Hawk Dr. Seuss Night	5-7	Lydia Hawk Elementary
W 2/28	Debbie's Daycare	11-12	Debbie's Daycare
W 2/28	Evening Volunteer Opportunities	5:30-6:30	SSRF
Th 3/1	LP Brown Title I Reading Night	5:30-7:30	LP Brown Elementary
Th 3/1	Lacey Loves to Read Meet the Author	7-8:30	North Thurston High School
			HOCM
F 3/2	Free Friday Night Book Giveaway	4:30-8	
F 3/2	Rochester Primary Dr. Seuss Night	5-7	Rochester Primary School
F 3/2	Mountain View Dr. Seuss Night	5:30-7:30	Mountain View Elementary

# STORYTIME TRAINING

Our storytime training has a new date! Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 28th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the SSRF office. We'll be socializing and enjoying some refreshments for the first hour, and then we'll be learning about putting on fun and educational storytimes from our guest speaker, TRL librarian Karlyn Spevacek.



Please RSVP to Hannah at hhillig@nthurston.k12.wa.us if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

#### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Our February Volunteer of the Month is Brenna English! Brenna has served on the Reading Foundation board since 2005 and on our Executive Committee since 2006. She is diligent, attentive, smart, dependable and hard working. She has just stepped off our executive committee, but continues to serve on our board and our fundraising and finance committees. She is an angel and we are fortunate she is passionate about literacy, learning and the Reading Foundation. Thank you Brenna!

Volunteers gave 93.25 hours of their time and saved the SSRF \$2,707.98! Thank you all for your continued support.

#### WISH LISTS

SSRF runs on the support of our community. We welcome any donations of the following: new and used children's books, monetary donations, and your time spent volunteering! Check out our wish lists:

- Amazon Book Wish List: <u>https://amzn.com/</u> <u>w/368Y1C96QBGOU</u>
- Amazon Supplies Wish List: <u>https://amzn.com/</u> <u>w/9M6HE70TD3K7</u>
- Usborne Book Wish List: <u>https://t3636.myubam.com/</u> wishlist/9d6e912c-1796-4988-91b2-a57a50d58c06

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