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Partnership Events in St. Mary's County

Lexington Park, MD - The National Association For The Advancement of Colored People St. Mary's County Branch #7025 has partnered with local community organizations and below are upcoming event conversations on race.

To register and for more information: go to <https://www.stmalib.org/events/adult-events/community-conversations-on-race>

Read Woke Reading Challenge | October 5, 2020 – May 31, 2021

St. Mary's County Library invites community members of all ages to join the Read Woke Challenge! Register on the Beanstack Tracker app or on the Beanstack website and then choose a book to match each month's badge. You'll read books by Hispanic-Americans, Women, Asian-Americans, LGBTQ+ authors, and more!

See more information and register for the Challenge!

Acrylic Painting with Local Artist Monet Brady | October 23 & 30 (Each session is a new painting; you can attend all four, but it is not required)

Local Artist Monet Brady will virtually guide participants in creating acrylic paintings. During this time, we will have a Q&A with her to talk about her experience in the art world and how her race may have affected it.

Fridays, 6 p.m.

Register for the October 23 or 30 session

Drayden African American Schoolhouse Open House | Monday, October 12, 6 p.m.

Watch online as the museum division takes us on a tour of the Drayden African American Schoolhouse. Learn about life in the schoolhouse, and how it contrasts with the white schools of the day.

The program will air on Facebook.

Seeing Beauty in Each Other | Thursday, October 15, 7 p.m.

Join the conversation! Our panel will be discussing artist Titus Kaphar's TED talk: "How can beauty open our hearts to difficult conversations?" Panelists knowledgeable in diversity and the arts will offer their perspectives on how we can talk meaningfully to each other about the racial issues brought out in Kaphar's art. The TED talk will be shown as part of this program and participants will be able to participate through chat.

Register to receive the link to the event.

Desegregation in St. Mary's County | Monday, October 26, 12 noon

Join this live online discussion with community members as they talk about their experiences during desegregation.

Register to receive the link to the event.

Be an Unlikely Ally | Thursday, November 12, 7 p.m.

Join the conversation! Our panel will be discussing equity consultant Nita Mosby Tyler's TED talk: "Want a more just world? Be an unlikely ally." Panelists knowledgeable about conflict resolution and mediation will offer their perspectives on how we can better talk about racial issues by sharing our stories and speaking up for anyone we encounter who is suffering from injustice. The TED talk will be shown as part of this program and participants will be able to participate through chat.

Register to receive the link to the event.

Teen Book Discussion: Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You | Monday, November 16, 4 p.m.

Join other teens online to discuss this critical and pivotal work by one of the top authors in YA literature today. Teen librarian Miss Elizabeth will facilitate a conversation on Jason Reynolds' adaptation of the adult work *Stamped* from the Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi.

Register to receive the link to the discussion.

Book discussion: In Relentless Pursuit of an Education | Tuesday, November 17, 7 p.m.

For American Education Week, we are discussing the local history book *In Relentless Pursuit of an Education*. In their own words, residents of St. Mary's County, Maryland, tell of the separate and unequal black schools that existed until the county complied with *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1967. This virtual discussion will feature students whose experiences are in the book and guest speakers from the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions who will be talking about their experience interviewing former students of segregated schools.

Register to receive the link to the book discussion.

Check out a physical copy of the book from the Library

Download the SimplyE app to check out a digital copy

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