

# Winston-Salem helps WFU alumnus celebrate reading

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"A lot of times, this part of the city is bypassed," Andrew Snorton said in East Winston in explaining why he chose to promote reading there in honor of his birthday.

The Wake Forest University alumnus from Snellville, Georgia, held a program called "The Literacy Project" on Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Malloy-Jordan East Winston Heritage Center in East Winston.

"The biggest positives [from the event] was that different people from the writing community and people all across the city came to East Winston" for the event.

Snorton said he wanted to get people in East Winston as well as Winston-Salem to learn and develop skills young and old need. He said read-



*Snorton*

ing and vocabulary are linked to strength in writing and public speaking, which leads to analytical thinking.

"The earlier we promote consistent exposure with children, and adults, too, it's going to be better across the board," Snorton said. Why not turn the negative perceptions into positive ones? he asked.

Group readings were conducted, and representatives spoke about their groups linked to literacy.

Kim Bell, secretary of the Friends of the Malloy-

Jordan East Winston Library, spoke about her organization. She spoke about the children's programs at the library. Children can get help with homework and tutoring.

"Any way we can help, we help," she said.

Bell said the library is trying to raise money to get iPads and tablets for children to check out to help with their homework.

Also, those who attended the program were asked to bring books and take a book if desired. The books that were not taken are being donated to the East Winston library.

Maurice Graham, 9, who started fourth grade at Petree Elementary School on Monday, Aug. 29, was excited to get a backpack, school planner, tickets to a Wake Forest football game and other goodies from "The Literacy Project." He writes books, including



*Photo by Donna Rogers*

**Maurice Graham holds his brother Doquann "Baby D.J." Reid at "The Literacy Project" at the Malloy-Jordan East Winston Heritage Center on Saturday, Aug. 27. On his back is the backpack the project gave him.**

fairy tales, and reads as much as he can, including to his infant baby brother Doquann "Baby D.J." Reid every night.

"I have some items for school, but I can use more," Maurice said. He came to the library with his grandmother, Kim Bell.

Snorton said he's always done a community

service and outreach piece when celebrating his birthday, which is Aug. 31. He said he comes to Winston-Salem on business, especially as a member of the Wake Forest University School of Divinity board.

East Winston has a rich history, Snorton said as he pointed to the walls holding historic photos. He

wants to help residents and others learn about the history and keep it going.

"How can we continue to breathe life for the things that are here and break ground for new things?" he asked.

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## Exhibit-related programs for 'Selma to Montgomery'

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Raleigh — The N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh will offer a variety of programs in conjunction with the exhibit "Selma to Montgomery: A March for the Right to Vote: Photographs by Spider Martin," opening Saturday, Sept. 3. The programs, for children and adults, are free unless otherwise noted.

Spider Martin (1939-2003), a photojournalist with The Birmingham News, walked with the pro-

testers, capturing powerful images that brought international attention to the Civil Rights movement. The exhibit features 46 of his photographs.

Selma to Montgomery is curated and circulated by the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. The exhibition is made possible, in part, by the City of Birmingham and contributions to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute's Corporate Campaign.

### Programs

\*First Fridays at the

Museum: "Selma to Montgomery" "Sneak Peek"

Friday, Sept. 2, 5-9 p.m.

Be one of the first to see the traveling exhibit before it officially opens, and learn some background with a 6 p.m. screening of the feature film "Selma" (details below). Samples from Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery (Farmville) will also be available, while they last, and the Museum Shop will be open throughout the evening, along with our lobby-level exhibits.

\*Film Screening:

"Selma"

Friday, Sept. 2, 6 p.m.

MPAA rating: PG-13

L,V; run time: 128 min.

Discover some of the Selma to Montgomery exhibit's context with the movie "Selma." The historical drama, featuring David Oyelowo as Martin Luther King Jr., depicts the marches from Selma, Ala., to the state capital in Montgomery during the African-American struggle to gain voting rights.

Michelle Lanier, director of the N.C. African American Heritage Commission, will discuss

the film's facts and flaws beforehand; afterward, Thomas Easley, a descendant of one of the march's organizers, will highlight his family's role in the march. The program is co-sponsored with the N.C. African American Heritage Commission.

\*History à la Carte: Nina Simone — Art, Music and Civil Rights

Wednesday, Sept. 14, noon-1 p.m.

Register at [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com) and purchase a boxed lunch — or just bring your own.

Beverages provided. For information, call 919-807-7969.

Michael A. Ausbon, associate curator of Decorative Arts, will talk about Simone.

An icon in American music, this native of Tryon, N.C., became a formidable champion during the Civil Rights movement, using the power of her music as a political weapon to combat racism and violence. Learn how she became a griot, demanding change and consciousness for the black experience, in the troubled 1960s in America.

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