

Library brings 8 local authors together for book signing

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On Saturday, Nov. 19, the Carver School Road branch public library will hold an "Indie Author Celebration," where they will bring together eight self-published authors for a collaborative book signing.

Charlene Edwards of the Carver School Road library said she has received inquiries from authors in the past few months that wished to have a book signing at the library. She said after attending a book signing in Durham where there were several new authors there at once, she reached out to the authors and the event

grew from there.

Latisha Stuckey, author of "Cast Down, But Not Destroyed: Destiny's Child," says after she did her initial book signing, she thought about what her next move would be. She said when the opportunity came for her to do a book signing with multiple authors, she jumped at the chance.

"Collaborating with other self-published authors is great because we can learn from one another and we can garner more exposure and show our books to more people," Stuckey said.

Shelva Davis, author of "Never Alone," says her book centers on the tragedy

that happened while traveling abroad with her daughter and the struggles both of them suffered soon thereafter. The book is converted from the journal she kept throughout the ordeal. Her daughter read her journal and told her she needed to convert this into a book.

"I still cry, and it's two years later. It's just so amazing how good God is," said Davis. "We don't know why this happened, but we just have to tell people our story."

Another author involved is Mary Carlton, who wrote "Front Pew Abuse." She said her book was birthed from a personal ordeal she dealt with while being married to her

former husband, a minister. She said the book touches on infidelity, deceit, lies and life after her husband went to prison. She says that she knows there are other women who are married to ministers that are dealing with similar issues and hopes she can help some of those women.

Teauna Vinson is author of, "When My Granny Passed Away: My Journey Under & Out of the Shadow of Grief." She said when her grandmother passed away unexpectedly, she became really stressed out and used writing the book as a venue to get over her grief. She said she hopes her book can help someone deal with the grief



of losing a loved one.

Edwards said she is just happy to just play a part in bringing the authors together. She said the library has had many best selling authors there who have spoken about being self published and now are very successful. She hopes the same for this group of authors.

Edwards went on to say, "Anything that we can do to help them or encourage them, I'm just excited to play a part in that."



The other authors included are Yolanda M. Johnson-Bryant, author of "3737 Grim Avenue"; Beverly L. Johnson, author of "My Name is Alvonnia"; Glynis W. Bell, author of "Fierce & Fabulous: A Young Lady's Guide To Inspiration and Positive Self-Image"; and Richale R. Reed, author of "Silhouette of Her Naked and Unashamed, A Poetic Journey of Faith."

Book is short on pages but long on interest

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If the walls could talk, imagine what they'd say.

They'd reminisce about family meals, holidays, celebrations and romance, take sides in arguments, and watch children grow. If those walls could talk, they'd tell of triumph, disappointment, beginnings, and endings. And, as in the new book, "The Invisibles" by Jesse J. Holland, they'd talk of freedom and history.

When Barack Obama moved into the White House in 2009, he was, by far, not the first black man to live there. From the beginning, as soon as America had a president, there were slaves residing in the Executive Mansion; in fact, says Holland, "ten of the first twelve presidents [were] slaveholders at some point in their lives."

When George Washington fought in the Revolutionary War, his "favorite" slave, Billy Lee, went with him, so it was natural that Washington would bring Lee to New York, to the first presidential mansion. Lee reportedly loved New York but when he suffered physical disabilities, Washington summarily replaced him, sending him back to Mt. Vernon

where Lee was later one of a handful of slaves who comforted Washington as he died.

As a child, Oney Judge was brought up to learn sewing at Martha Washington's knee. Years later, Washington would say that she thought of Judge as a "surrogate daughter," but she was more than willing to give Judge away in order to keep her enslaved. Judge, by the way, was one of a few slaves known to have escaped from a president.

Thomas Jefferson brazenly took a slave to France, where slavery was disallowed; the slave, who was the brother of Jefferson's "concubine," Sally, did not try to escape. When Dolley Madison fell on hard times after leaving the White House, her husband's former slave gave her money. Andrew Jackson kept slaves in the White House stables; they were jockeys and Jackson loved racing ponies. James Monroe spoke out against slavery, even as he owned slaves. Andrew Johnson possibly had a "colored concubine." And just one ex-slave of a president was "honored by a holder of that office."

Wow. Please practice saying that word - "Wow!" - because you'll need it even more when you start reading "The

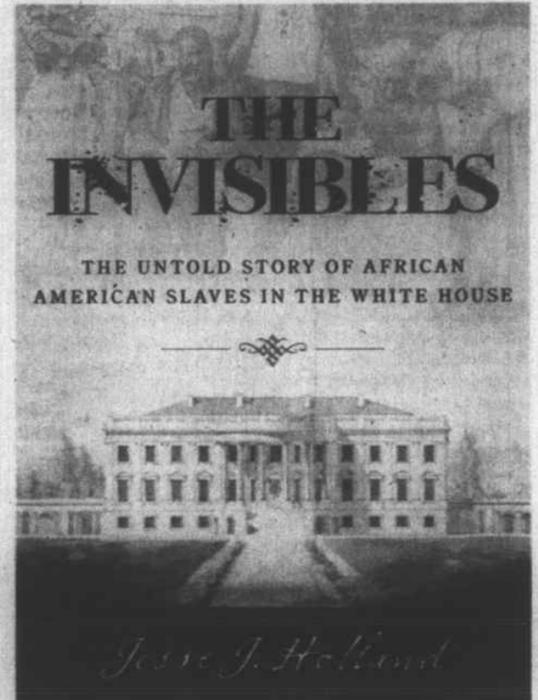
Invisibles."

In just under two-hundred pages, author Jesse J. Holland packs so many interesting stories, so many jaw-dropping facts that, even though there were small errors and minor repetition, I very much regretted this book's shortness. Holland's storytelling skills have a way of making a reader hungry for more, and the tales he tells are surprising and even inspirational.

Some of those tales - mixed in between those of the presidents' slaves - precede the White House, to look at slavery from the nation's very beginning, even before there was a president. That's where we learn that an African immigrant was the owner of the first legal slave.

Admittedly, die-hard historians might not find much new here, but I simply couldn't put this book down. If you want something that's short on pages but long on interest, "The Invisibles" is the one you'll be talking about.

Terri Schlichenmeyer has been reading since she was three years old and she never goes anywhere without a book. She lives on a hill in Wisconsin with two dogs and 14,000 books.



"The Invisibles: The Untold Story of African American Slaves in the White House" by Jesse J. Holland c.2016, Lyons Press \$25.95 / higher in Canada 226 pages

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RiverRun International Film Festival will be launching a RiverRun Retro film series. RiverRun Retro will be a year-round initiative spotlighting individuals and films, which contributed to the cultural and commercial fabric of motion pictures. The inaugural RiverRun Retro: An Evening with Millie Perkins will be held at Hanesbrands Theatre on Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m., with special guest Millie Perkins. Perkins will engage in an on-stage interview by Foster Hirsch. The program will show clips of Perkins' extensive acting career and focus primarily on her role of Anne Frank in "The Diary of Anne Frank." The doors open at 7 p.m. and will begin at 8 p.m., with a reception with Millie Perkins to follow, featuring light hors d'oeuvres from Mooney's Mediterranean Café, beverage from Hoots Beer Co. and McRitchie Winery. General admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and student (with valid student ID). Tickets are available online at <http://www.rhodesartscenter.org/an-evening-with-millie-perkins/>

Nov. 4 - Free Movie Night at Museum GREENSBORO - The International Civil Rights Center & Museum, 134 South Elm St., will hold a Mass Incarceration Movie night on Nov. 4. Two films will be shown, Slavery by Another Name at 6:30 p.m. and 13th at 8 p.m. The films are free and open to the public.

Nov. 5 - Salem College Domestic Violence and Homelessness Awareness Walk
Salem College will hold the rescheduled Handle with Care walk to raise awareness about domestic violence and homelessness on Nov. 5 from 2 - 4 p.m. The walk will focus on the financial issues that place during and after abuse.

Nov. 5, Dec. 9 & April 29 - Piedmont Chamber Singers Announce 39th Season
The Piedmont Chamber Singers will hold concerts for their "Strings Attached" theme 39th Season on Nov. 5, Dec. 9 and April 29, 2017. The season will feature a variety of string-instrument accompaniment. The Nov. 5 performance will be held at Home Moravian Church at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the first modern performance of Missa Brevis composed by Johann Gottlieb Graun and Ich habe dis Haus geheiliget (I have Sanctified this House) to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Salem. The Dec. 9 concert will be performed at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten's with harp accompaniment, along with Star in the East by Malcolm Dalglish with hammered dulcimer accompaniment. The April 29 concert will be held at Ardmore Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. featuring Arthur Bliss's Pastoral: Lie Strewn the White Flocks. For tickets call Piedmont Chamber Singers at (336) 722-4022, or email manager@piedmontchambersingers.org.

Nov. 6 - Guilford College to host TEDx GREENSBORO - Local leaders and thinkers in fields

including medicine, education, business, social work, violence prevention, computer science, journalism, faith, agriculture and sustainability will gather at TEDx Guilford, held at Guilford College's Dana Auditorium, on November 6 from 1-6 p.m. With support from the Center for Principled Problem Solving and the Guilford College Honors Program, TEDx seeks to answer the question "What is the best way to secure the future we hope for?" and hopes to "inspire audiences to secure a better future for us all, as students, as citizens, and as part of a global community." Speakers include Prakash Nair, Sean O'Leary, Chimi Boyd-Keyes, Corey D. B. Walker, Cheryl Hatch, and Marnie Thompson. A full list of speakers and their bios is available on the website: www.tedxguilford.com. The public is invited to this free event.

Nov. 9 - Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership Fall Meeting
The Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership will hold its fall meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., with networking from 11-11:30 a.m., at Embassy Suites Grand Pavilion Ballroom, 460 N. Cherry St. The keynote speaker is Ethan Kent, senior vice president, Project Public Spaces. To purchase tickets, go to www.downtownws.com.

Nov. 9 - Shepherd's Center seeks volunteers
The Shepherd's Center, 1700 Ebert St., seeks individuals as volunteers to help address the problems of isolation and lack of social support through the Faith In Action Care Program. The program consists of home visitation, respite care, minor home repairs and transportation services for homebound older adults. Mileage reimbursement will be provided. Volunteer training will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 9:30 p.m. To register, call Drea Parker at 336-748-0217 or email dparker@shepherdscenter.org.

Nov. 19 & 20 - Piedmont Craftsmen's Fair
Shoppers will have the opportunity to find their own "one of a kind" when more than 100 of the finest artisans from across the United States fill the booths at Piedmont Craftsmen's 53rd Fair in Winston-Salem Nov. 19 and 20. The Fair, which has been called one of the 10 best fine craft shows in the country, presents a broad sampling of the finest work available in artist-designed handmade home goods, wearables, jewelry, furniture and decorative items. This will be the first event in the Benton Convention Center's newly renovated lower level. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, students and groups, children under 12 free with an adult. Weekend passes are \$10. Hours: Saturday, Nov. 21 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 22 noon - 5 p.m. For information call 336-725-1516.

Ongoing
Every day - Volunteers needed for Reading Parties
The Augustine Literacy Project, Read.Write.Spell (READWS) is looking for volunteers for its Reading Parties. The program needs youthful, energetic people who are willing to lead students of party games created for

maximum learning and enjoyment. Reading Party is a free parent-oriented seminar that will teach simple and effective multisensory strategies to parents and their children in a fun, laid-back atmosphere. After a short training, volunteers will help 2-8 hours per month, mostly nights and weekends. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, contact Tonya Nealon at 336-723-4391 ext. 1507 or Tonya@readws.org.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday - Food and clothing giveaway
Love Community Development Corporation, 3980 N. Liberty St., serves those in need of food and clothes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. JobLink is also available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for those needing resumes or who are looking for a job. For more information, call 336-306-8119.

Every Thursday - American Legion Post 128 fish fry
A fish fry is held every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at 4817 Old Rural Hall Road to support and serve the community. The funds also support the Post.

Second Friday - Karaoke
Karaoke Night is every second Friday of the month from 8 to 10 p.m. at Camel City Elks Lodge on 1405 N. Patterson Ave. There will be cash prize winners judged by the audience from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music is by DJ R.M. and sponsored by the Magnificent Seniors Social Club.

Second Saturday - A.H. Anderson Class of 1968 class reunion meeting
The Anderson Class of 1968 will be meeting monthly every second Saturday at Forsyth Seaford Café at 6 p.m. to continue to plan for its 50th Class Reunion to be held in 2018. For more information, contact Laura Hayes Allen at 336-624-8516 or Reggie Moore at 336-671-7154.

How to submit items to the community calendar:
We appreciate your community news. Here's how you can help us to process your news more efficiently:
*Please give us complete information about the event, such as the sponsor and address, date, time and place of the event and contact information so that the public can contact someone for more information if needed.
*Please submit items in document form in an email or Word or PDF attachment.
*Submit photos as attachments to emails as jpegs at least 4 inches wide by 6 inches deep rather than sent on documents. Please send captions with photos.
*Please do not send jpeg fliers only, since we cannot transfer the information on them into documents.
The deadline is Sunday at 11:59 p.m. to have all calendar items submitted for that week's paper.
Send your calendar items to news@wschronicle.com. You can also drop them off, Monday through Friday before 5 p.m., or mail your items to Winston-Salem Chronicle, 617 N. Liberty St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101; or send them via our website, www.wschronicle.com.