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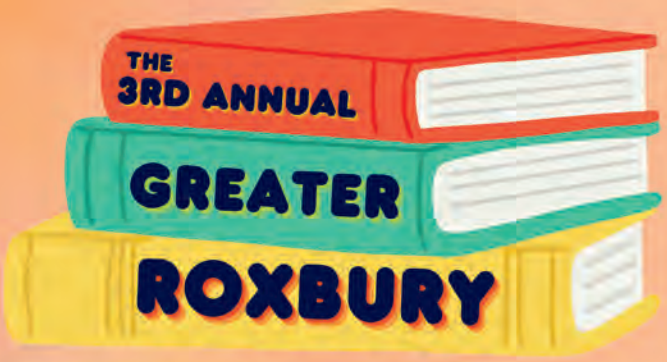

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DEAR BOOK LOVERS,

It's the third Annual Greater Roxbury Book Fair! Welcome!

We love reading books, talking about books, and sharing books with friends and family. Books can be inspiration, escape, or information; they can also be the introduction to a lifelong love of learning, connect us to community, and create thought-provoking changes in our lives. The Greater Roxbury Book Fair celebrates the transformative power of reading by promoting connection to local books and authors, championing literacy and entrepreneurship, and celebrating the many strengths of the Greater Roxbury community.

The Book Fair is one of seven monthly themed events presented by Savor the Square, a culturally-inspired economic development initiative at The American City Coalition (TACC). Savor the Square brings together existing brick-and-mortar businesses and entrepreneurial vendors into one marketplace in the business district's core. Savor the Square reimagines The Heart and Soul of Roxbury as a destination for residents and visitors alike. Shop - Dine - Explore, and Savor the Square!

With many amazing authors and artists, we've put together a program we are excited about, and we hope you will enthusiastically join us in spending time in the wonderful Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library, a community hub for reading and gathering.

At this year's book fair, you'll find author talks, panels, workshops, storytimes, book signings, and an outdoor fair with local literary exhibitors, BIPOC vendors, food, music, and most of all: fun! There's something for every reader—from kids to adults, comics readers to poetry enthusiasts—at the Greater Roxbury Book Fair.

Thank you for celebrating books, reading, and community with us at this year's book fair!

Happy reading.

Willie Bodrick II, President and CEO
The American City Coalition

Carole Walton, Program Manager
Savor the Square

The Greater Roxbury Book Fair – Staff

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WHAT TO DO
AT THE GREATER ROXBURY BOOK FAIR

PANELS

Come listen to great discussions and conversations from local authors, with topics ranging from anti-racism to adventure.

Location: Fellowes Community Room on the ground floor

WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS

Meet amazing local authors and hone your creative craft in everything from poetry to comics.

Location: Second floor, Learning Lab and Conference Room

AUTHOR SIGNINGS

Take the book fair home with you with a signed book from Frugal Bookstore! After every program, the authors will sign their books.

Location: Book sales and signing tables are outside all program areas

FOR KIDS!

Listen to wonderful storytimes and storytelling for kids throughout the day – and enjoy workshops and interactive creative activities.

Location: Library Kids Space – additional programs for kids are in the Fellowes Community Room and in the Learning Lab

OPEN-AIR MARKET

Discover local literary organizations and Roxbury entrepreneurs and get to know the people involved in building bookish community.

Location: Roxbury Library outside entryway

PROGRAM GUIDE

Join us for author talks, workshops, and storytimes all day!

All author programs will be followed by an author signing adjacent to the program location, hosted by Frugal Bookstore.

The Greater Roxbury Book Fair Storytime Schedule

Join us for dynamic and interactive storytelling and picture book readings from award-winning authors and storytellers.

All storytimes are hosted in the Roxbury Library Kids Space

10:00 am	Hannah Moushabeck	*Homeland*
10:40 am	Jannie Ho	*The Lost Mitten*
11:20 am	Candelaria Collins	*Jump! Jump! Jump! Stacey*
12:00 pm	MiaWenjen	*The Traveling Taco*
12:40 pm	Kaija Langley	*A Century for Caroline*
1:20 pm	Francie Latour	*Auntie Luce's Talking Paintings*
2:10 pm	Pedro Samuel	*Pedro Penguin: Let's Go to the Beach!*
2:50 pm	Storytelling by Valerie Stephens!	

THE GREATER ROXBURY BOOK FAIR STORYTIME IS SPONSORED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS CENTER FOR THE BOOK

GENERAL PROGRAMS

10:00am

Adventure Awaits – Kids Program!

Adventures are always waiting to happen in kids books! Join middle grade authors Lori Lobenstine, Lisa Stringfellow, and Susan Tan as they talk about the importance and excitement of adventures, both fantasy and contemporary.

Fellowes Community Room in the Roxbury Library

10:00am

Memoir Workshop

Join local author Lisa Braxton Reid (*Dancing Between the Raindrops*) for a workshop on memoir-writing, discussing how to tell your story.

Roxbury Library Conference Room

10:00am

Black Music Spotlight

From big band to jazz, rap, funk, and rumba, authors Carmen Fields (*Going Back to T-Town*) and Nikki A. Greene (*Grime, Glitter, and Glass)* discuss Black music and art. Moderated by Abria Smith, Associate Director of Community Engagement at Berklee College of Music.

Roxbury Library Learning Lab

11:30am

Writing School – YA Program!

Authors Autumn Allen and Crystal Maldonado go back to school, talking about the importance of school stories in their work, and the centrality of school in teens' lives. Moderated by Daniela Martinez, 826 Boston student.

Fellowes Community Room in the Roxbury Library

11:30am

Looking for Other Worlds

In her work *Looking for Other Worlds,* Régine Michelle Jean-Charles explores the "ethical imagination" of three contemporary Haitian authors and presents a framework for analyzing contemporary literature that brings together Black feminism, literary ethics, and Haitian studies.

Roxbury Library Conference Room

11:30am

Our Love Story

Valerie Foxx and her husband Vincent have been in love for more than fifty years. *Our Love Story: Our Life's Journey* demonstrates how genuine love, faith, and commitment work. This program will empower and inspire readers in the sharing of their reality.

Roxbury Library Learning Lab

General Programs Continued

1:00pm

A Haitian-American Poetry Celebration

Join local Haitian-American authors Marjorie Salvodon, Enzo Silon Surin, and Patrick Sylvain for a celebration of Haitian-American poetry, including a tribute to former Boston Poet Laureate Danielle Legros.

Fellowes Community Room in the Roxbury Library

1:00pm

Marketing for Authors

Gather practical strategies for promoting your work during this workshop and presentation, followed by an open exchange of ideas. Presented by Willie Pleasants, Steering Committee Member of the National Writers Union.

Roxbury Library Conference Room

1:00pm

Poetry Spotlight

Join local poets Terry E. Carter and Mwalim DaPhunkee for a presentation of poetry, hosted by Boston Youth Poet Laureate Parker-Vincent Alva.

Roxbury Library Learning Lab

2:30pm

Black Resistance

Join authors Omo Moses, Tiffany Jewell, and Ray Anthony Shepard for a critical conversation about resistance and anti-racism, moderated by Ken Cooper.

Fellowes Community Room in the Roxbury Library

2:30pm

Kids Program: Comics in Color Workshop

Learn how to make your own comics with local kids comics author Shaina Lu (*Noodle and Bao*)! Bring your creativity!

Roxbury Library Learning Lab

2:30pm

Roxbury Branch Author Spotlight

Meet with local authors to find out about their creative process and journey living in Roxbury!
Roxbury Library Conference Room

3:45pm

Rise Up! / Leve!: Celebrating the Haitian Revolution of 1804

Celebrate and reflect on Haitian Flag Day during a kid-powered community workshop with racial justice education project Wee The People and dance company Jean Appolon Expressions. Through music, storytelling, and movement, explore Haiti's rich culture and time travel back to the slave revolt that birthed the first free Black nation in the modern world, creating a blueprint for Black liberation that still resonates across the African diaspora today.

Fellowes Community Room in the Roxbury Library

EXHIBITORS

Check out these fantastic local community literary and community organizations at the Greater Roxbury Book Fair!

826 Boston

Authors Against Banned Books

Beacon Press

Boston Comic Arts Foundation

Comics in Color

Godine

Lit for Black Kids

National Writers Union (Boston Chapter)

Page Street

Prison Book Program

Story Starters

WNDB

Women's National Book Association

Wondermore

"The City of Boston lost a literary light with the passing of Danielle Legros Georges. She was not only a powerful voice in our city's literary scene, but also a beloved member of Boston's Haitian community—an advocate, an elder statesman, and a beacon of hope. Through her poetry, Danielle offered not just art, but a quiet, persistent prayer for a brighter future for Haiti. As a Haitian-American, I am proud to be part of the legacy of creatives that are inspired by Danielle and the stories of our homeland, our resilience, and tenacity to build on our ancestral dreams."

-Kenny Mascary, Interim Chief of the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture of the City of Boston

in this poem, do not use the word revolution

By Danielle Legros Georges

use instead a slow swelling of light that begins at a beginning when the scar-giver forges the scar and forgets, and the bearer remembers indelibly the mark on the body, recalls how a mark can be made on a body. in the ear a clear consciousness whispered. use instead reply because peace is a place free of trouble: a blue firmament, a gold sun that reaches the skin. use instead the equalization of all suns, the

standing next to, the standing for, rotation, and the equilibrium of stars: objects held together by their own gravity.

gravity is the flame of dissonance, is the mind honed with the vision of its unity. grave is the fist raised of the body.

A Tribute to Danielle Legros Georges

As Danielle's editor, I got to know her primarily through the documents we sent back and forth—the edited manuscripts, author questionnaires, cover design notes, blurb requests, and other written tasks that go into a book. Through it all, she was unfailingly patient, charming, intelligent, and artful. Yet what shone through more than anything was a quietly revolutionary spirit, forged in steel. In response to the author questionnaire prompt "How would you like to be addressed by Beacon staff?" she put:

"She who writes with fire in her pen and fierceness in her heart in every third instance, but otherwise Danielle."

When Danielle and I eventually met face to face, I found that her quiet power was all the more present in person. And that power lives on in her work, which taught me a chapter of history that I find endlessly inspiring and will always carry with me.

Catherine Tung, Editor, Beacon Press

Danielle Legros Georges
February 14, 1964 — February 11, 2025

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Without the support for books, reading, creativity, and community from these organizations, the Greater Roxbury Book Fair wouldn't be possible. The book fair is one of seven monthly themed events presented by Savor the Square.

Join us again next month for the Roxbury Family Day Celebration on Saturday, June 21!

Join the Malcolm X. Read-A-Thon This Weekend!
Malcolm X's Autobiography has inspired millions around the globe since it was first published in 1965. In honor of the 100th anniversary of his birth, nearly two hundred volunteers will read the autobiography in its entirety in Boston's first-ever, two-day marathon reading.

The event will take place in the Bruce C. Bolling Building on Saturday, May 17th (12pm – 8pm) and Sunday, May 18th (9am – 8pm).
It is free and open to the public.

Keep reading all summer at the Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library and at Frugal Bookstore.

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