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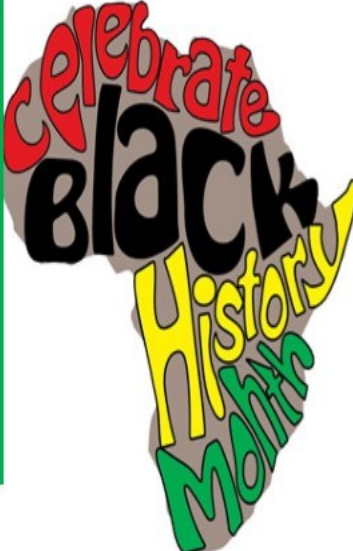
Mission Statement

Preserving Yesterday, Informing Today, Inspiring Tomorrow.



Carter G. Woodson had a vision which started out as a week long celebration called ' Negro History week" slowly it evolved and today we celebrate for a full month. For the month of February we celebrate the accomplishments in black history and culture. We honor people of color who have achieved greatness and highlight historical advancement.

Join us this February for a month long celebration of what it means to be black in America.



Black History Month



“Day of Absence”

In Douglass Turner Ward's 1966 play “Day of Absence” an unnamed Southern town learns quickly what happens when suddenly the entire black population vanishes. It is first realized by Clem and Luke as they sit outside in the morning waving to those passing by, it is even more of a shock to John and Mary when Lula their nanny does not appear when their baby begins to cry. All office employees are in complete and utter turmoil when the cleaning people do not show up to clean their offices or arrive at their homes to drive them to work. The mayor of this Southern town seems to have the weight of the world on his shoulders. All because every black person has vanished; the town's people were not aware that they depended so much upon these people.

Historically, whether white Americans were willing to accept it or not, black Americans have been an extremely valuable people especially in southern cities where menial jobs were more often than not taken by the black American. “We place them as maids, cooks, butlers and breast-feeders, cesspool-diggers, wash-basin maintainers, shoe-shine boys and so on...(Day of absence, Turner, Douglas w. New York, NY, The Third Press 1966. Pg. 64)” These jobs and others were jobs white Americans were unwilling to do themselves. Jobs they felt were almost beneath them. Nevertheless the need for having these jobs filled was proven to be much more valuable than they realized.

How does this correlate to libraries one might ask? Well, for starters many do not realize the impact ones local library has on the community. Many services that the community library offers are taken for granted thus many times go unnoticed. So let us close our eyes and imagine for a minute what it would be like if the doors of the library were suddenly chained, the lights turned off and the gates closed perhaps the signage has disappeared as well. Just imagine all of the inconveniences this would cause. A library such as this one provides local patrons with book, CD, DVD, Book on CD, and Playaway borrowing privileges, Computer usage, photocopying, faxing, quiet reading spaces, numerous free programs such as arts and crafts, film watching, computer and exercise classes. Imagine what it would be like if all of a sudden one could do none of those things locally and free of charge. Many do not see the value in library services just as the people in the unnamed town were not aware of how much they relied on their black American citizens.

Where would one go in order to read a book, use a computer or give their children the opportunity to learn something outside of school when resources are limited? Many times the local library is in walking distance from one's own home. When transportation is an issue one can simply go to the library on a rainy day to pick out a DVD, when one's child wishes to do a craft, one can take him or her to the library, if one does not possess a computer one can simply come to use the library's computers.

The library does its best to meet the needs of the community. With new releases on all fronts and programming that fits the interests of the public; the library is a haven for culture and practical needs. Without the library many people in the community would not be able to take advantage of book reading or other cultural activities. It is important to realize just how important library utilization is, to envision life without our libraries, is to realize that there is a need to keep them. So please join us here at the Lakeview and take advantage of all we have to offer!

The richest person in the world - in fact all the riches in the world - couldn't provide you with anything like the endless, incredible loot available at your local library. ~Malcolm Forbes

Dana Tomlin, Librarian

Library Board

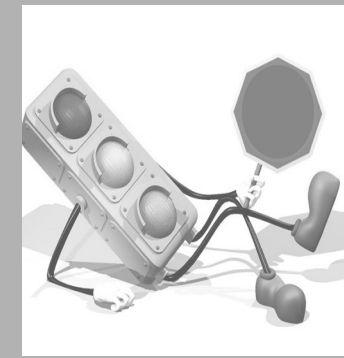
Meetings are open to the public. The upcoming dates are January 11th & February 8th at 8 PM.

*Congratulations to our newest Board of Trustee member, Dawn Parchment!

AARP Driver Safety Course

Fri. Jan. 27th & Fri. Feb. 24th
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

In-person registration is required with check or money order. \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members.



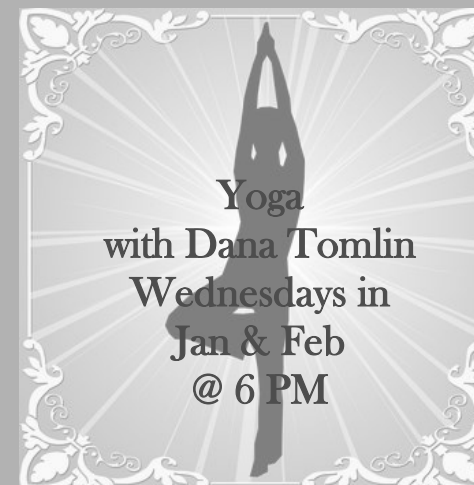
Defensive Driving for Everyone

Sat. Jan. 14th & Feb. 24th
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

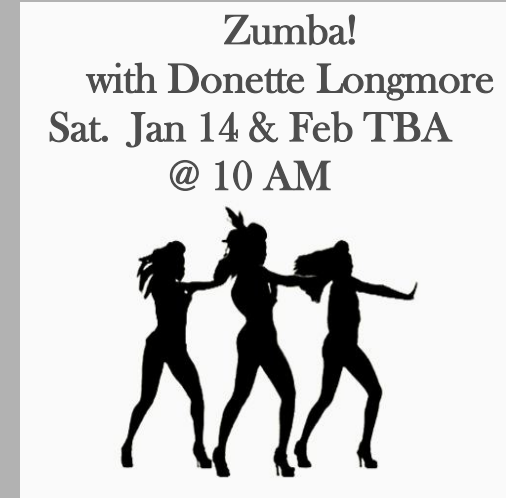
Mr. Baron will accept payment of \$45.00 on the day of the class by cash, credit card, or debit card.



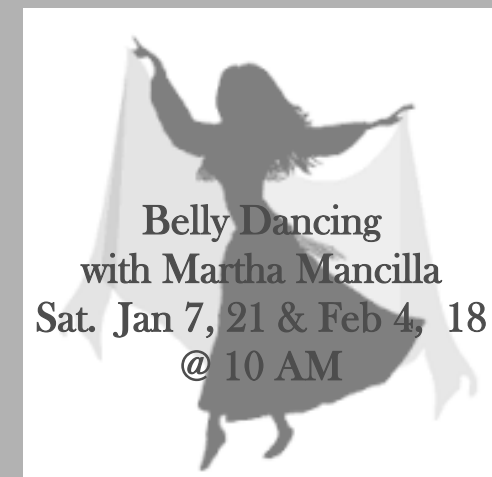
Come on Everybody, Do Your Exercise!



Yoga
with Dana Tomlin
Wednesdays in
Jan & Feb
@ 6 PM



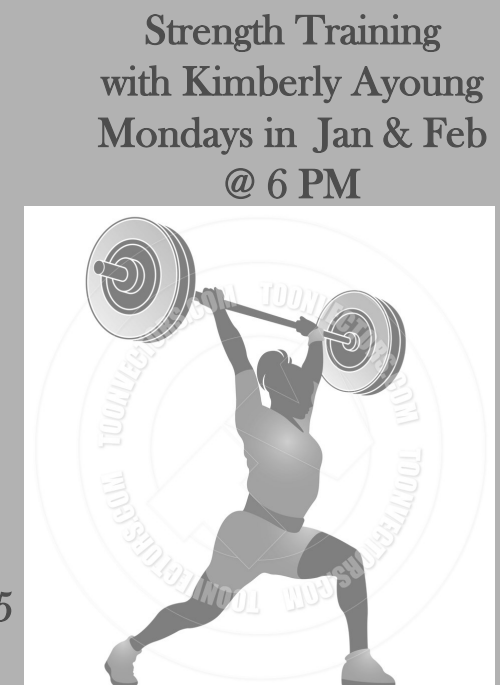
Zumba!
with Donette Longmore
Sat. Jan 14 & Feb TBA
@ 10 AM



Belly Dancing
with Martha Mancilla
Sat. Jan 7, 21 & Feb 4, 18
@ 10 AM



Pilates
with Samara Washington
Sat. Jan 14, 28 & Feb 11, 25
@ 11 AM



Strength Training
with Kimberly Ayoung
Mondays in Jan & Feb
@ 6 PM



Tai Chi
with Pam Dye
Tues. Jan 17, 24 & Feb 7, 14
@ 11:30 AM

**All Programs are subject to cancellation with insufficient registration.
Please register at least 3 days prior for all programs.*