



## February is Black History Month African Dancing & Drumming with Maxwell Kofi Donkor

The Ossining Public Library is pleased to welcome Maxwell Kofi Donkor on Saturday, February 20th, at 1 p.m. in the Budarz Theater with some African drumming and dancing.

Kofi is an international master drummer,

dancer and choreographer as well as an award-winning sculptor and cultural educator.

Kofi considers the preservation of the indigenous Ghanaian art and culture his mission. He brings the Ghanaian history and its way of life around the world.

To learn more about Kofi and his art, please visit [www.bak2roots.com](http://www.bak2roots.com).

**"Drumming is the heartbeat of humanity."  
— Maxwell Kofi Donkor**

## In Our Gallery for February:

**Visions & Landscapes**, an exhibit of paintings by Harold Zabitz, will be in our gallery from February 1st through the 28th. An opening reception will be held on Sunday, February 7th, from 12 to 4 p.m.

Harold's paintings reflect his travels to Europe, the Middle East, Africa and China. He attended the Brooklyn Museum Art School, The Albright Art School, and New York University.

Harold studied with several prominent artists, including Charles Burchfield and Louise Nevelson. His one-man shows include exhibits at The Flat Iron Gallery in Peekskill, Northern Westchester Center for the Arts, William and Mary College Gallery in Virginia, and Temple Israel of Northern Westchester in Croton. His group shows include the Forum Gallery in New York City, Albright Knox Gallery in Buffalo, Neuberger Museum in Purchase, and the Brooklyn Museum.

**The Block** is a photography exhibition by Ossining native Tommy Evans. Tommy photographs the tight-knit Ossining community in which he grew up.

Tommy graduated from Ossining High School in 2004. After having attended several different colleges throughout the U.S. and Canada, he graduated from Purchase College, where he studied photography.

Tommy has hiked the rain forests of Brazil with a National Geographic photographer, and the Andes Mountains with another photography professor.

The opening reception will be held on Saturday, February 6th, from 3 to 5 p.m.

**Yvonne Bert** will also have an exhibit in our gallery through February. Don't miss Yvonne's show, which celebrates Black History Month.

## Congratulations, Dede!

Congratulations to Dede Emerson on the publication of her first book, *A Different Kind of Street-walker...Manhattan by Foot, One Block at a Time*, available through Amazon.com.



Dede dedicates her book to her feet, which never let her down.

Beginning in 2005, Dede began walking every single block, street, nook, and cranny of Manhattan, taking more than 2,000 pictures along the way. The book is Dede's chronicle of her journeys.

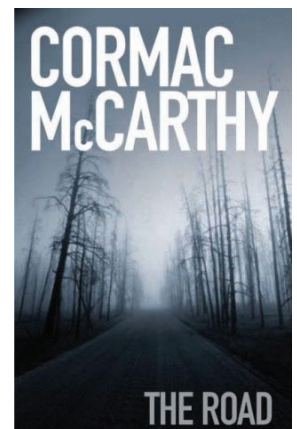
Dede retired after a long career as an Economic Development Officer with the United Nations. Prior to her U.N. days, she was a professional jazz musician in the New York area. In 1996, she performed in a concert at our library with the U.N. Modern Jazz Trio.

## Thinking Globally

Building on last fall's themes of global trends and connections, our Wednesday night book discussion series continues, with Patty Chapman as moderator.

Books to be discussed will be Cormac McCarthy's *The Road* on February 10th, Carl Jung's *The Undiscovered Self* on March 24th, and Al Gore's *Earth in the Balance* on April 14th. The discussions take place in the Budarz Theater at 7 p.m.

Copies of the books may be found on shelves behind the Information Desk.





## Kids' Corner

### ► Special Thanks to Our Homework Helpers:

Thank you to Ellen Trifon, Helene Levine, Pat McKean and Sue Weingast, who have all served as Homework Help volunteers for at least two years.

The program continues to be offered in the Children's Room, Monday through Thurs-

day, from 4 — 6 p.m., on days when school is in session. It's open to all school-aged children; no registration is necessary. In addition to having a certified teacher each day, there is also at least one volunteer per session.

### ► New Book Discussion Series for Families

Thanks to a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities, we are offering a bi-weekly series of book discussions; *Together — Book Talk for Kids and Parents*. Geared toward 9 to 11 year olds and their parents or other primary caregivers, its goal is to encourage families to come together and engage

in meaningful discussion about books and ideas.

Meetings will take place on Tuesdays, from 7 — 8:30 in the Children's Program Room. Books will be distributed at the first session on Tuesday, February 23rd. Subsequent sessions will meet on March 9th, March 23rd, April 6th, April 20th, and May 4th. Snacks will be available, and child care provided. Appropriate books have been selected to illustrate the discussions themes of "Freedom", "Courage", and "Being American".

Registration is required, and is limited to 15 families. For further information, and to register, please call the Children's Room at 941-2416, ext. 325 or 337.

### ► Big Jeff Musical Program Re-scheduled!

"Warm for the Winter — Music for Pre-schoolers" has been re-scheduled for Friday, February 19th at 2 p.m. For more information, see the calendar for this and other February Specials.

To register for programs, please call the Children's Room at 941-2416, ext. 337 or 338. And if weather is looking iffy, call before you had out for updates on early closings and program cancellations.

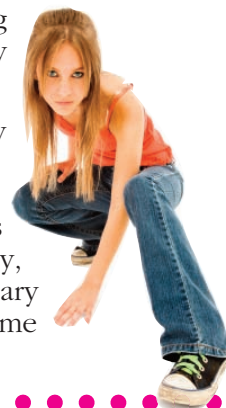
## The Teen Zone WANTED: Talented Teens!

► We're looking for a few creative girls who love to write! Beginning on February 6th, local poet Rachel Simon will be holding a five-week creative writing workshop series for girls aged 12 and up on Saturdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Teen Meeting Room. For more information or to register, please call the Teen Room at 941-2416 x336.

► Do you love to sing and dance? Is *Glee* your favorite TV show? Now's your chance to live your dream! The Ossining Public Library is trying to start a show choir (a.k.a., a glee club)! If you're a local teen

who might be interested in joining our glee club, please call or stop by the Teen Room.

► Last but not least, the extremely talented members of OHS's "Gimme the Microphone" classes will be performing in the library's theater at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24th and Thursday, February 25th. Mark your calendars and come show them some love.



### Thinking of Retiring? Now What?

Gary Billings, Ph.D., author of *Self Leadership: How Boomers Can Boost Happiness, Secure Their Finances and Find Meaning in the Second Half of Life*, will be at the library on Tuesday, February 16th at 7 p.m. in the Budarz Theater to talk about ways "boomers" can find greater happiness, meaning and purpose while making one of life's more challenging transitions.

Topics will include: the role of money in happiness, maintaining a loving marriage, behaving altruistically, committing to learning and growing, living a healthy lifestyle, staying positive, and having goals. Gary will take your questions throughout and following the presentation.

Discover how to make the second half the best time of your life!

### It's That Time Again!

AARP's Tax Aide volunteers can help you with your tax returns, right at the library. The volunteers are all trained and IRS-certified, and are up-to-date on all the latest tax laws. They will be in the Budarz Theater every Thursday beginning February 4th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A tax-payer need not be retired or a member of AARP to receive assistance. It is absolutely essential that you bring with you all the necessary papers, including bank statements, social security records, W2 forms, and a copy of last year's return.



For program details go to [www.OssiningLibrary.org](http://www.OssiningLibrary.org)

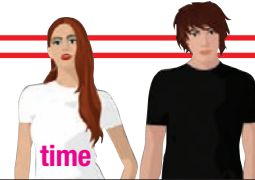
## February 2010 • Kids' Calendar



day	date	event	time
MONDAYS	1	Bilingual Family Storytime • all ages (children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult)	7 pm
	1, 8, 22	Mother Goose Time • 1 to 2 ½ years old with a parent or care-giver	10 am
	1, 8, 22	5, 4 Stories and More • 4 & 5 year old children	2 pm
	8, 22	Family Storytime • all ages (children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult)	7 pm
TUESDAYS	2, 9, 23	* Now I'm Three • 3 year old children with a parent or care-giver	2 pm
	16	Movie: <i>Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs</i> • all ages (children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult)	2 pm
WEDNESDAYS	3, 10, 24	Baby Laptime • babies who are not yet walking	10 am
	17	Scary storytelling with Linda Levine • school-aged children	2 pm
THURSDAYS	4	* Bookworms Book Club: <i>We Can't All Be Rattlesnakes</i> by Patrick Jennings • grades 3 & up	4:15 pm
	4, 11, 25	Time for Twos • 2 year old children with a parent or care-giver	10 am
	18	Drop-in Crafts • all ages (children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult)	2 pm
FRIDAYS	5, 12, 26	First Steps in the Library • children up to 4 years old	1:30 pm
	19	Big Jeff: <i>Warm for Winter</i> • pre-schoolers with a parent or care-giver	2 pm
SATURDAYS	6, 13, 20, 27	Drop-in Stories & Crafts • all ages (children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult)	11 am

\* Please pre-register. Call the Children's Room at 941-2416, ext. 337 or 338.

## February 2010 • Teen Calendar



day	date	event	time	location
MONDAYS	1, 8, 22	Beginner/Intermediate Yoga	7—8:15 pm	Theater
	1, 8, 22	Math Tutoring	7—8:30 pm	Conference Room
TUESDAYS	2, 9, 16, 23	Chess	4—5 pm	Conference Room
	9	Financial Aid Workshop	7—8 pm	Theater
WEDNESDAYS	3, 10, 17, 24	Beginner/Intermediate Yoga	3:30—4:30 pm	Theater
	24	Gimme the Microphone - Part 1	6:30 pm	Theater
THURSDAYS	18	Practice SAT Follow-up	7—8 pm	Conference Room
	25	Gimme the Microphone - Part 2	6:30 pm	Theater
FRIDAYS	5	Game On!	3—4:30 pm	Theater
	12	Game On!	5:30—7:30 pm	Theater
	26	Teen Movie Night! <i>Fame</i>	5:30 pm	Theater
SATURDAYS	6, 13, 20, 27	Creative Writing for Girls	1—2:30 pm	Teen Meeting Room
	13	Free Practice SAT	10 am — 2 pm	Conference Room

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day	date	event	time	location
MONDAYS	8	Board of Trustees Meeting	7 pm	Conference Room
	1, 8, 22	Computer class	5—8 pm	Conference Room
	15	Library Closed for Presidents' Day		
TUESDAYS	2, 9, 16, 23	English Conversation Group	6:30 pm	Conference Room
	16	You Are Retired, Now What? with Gary Billings, Ph.D.	7 pm	Theater
WEDNESDAYS	3	Hitchcock Film Series: <i>Foreign Correspondent</i>	7 pm	Theater
	10	Book Discussion with Patty Chapman: <i>The Road</i>	7 pm	Theater
	3, 10, 17, 24	WEBS	1—3 pm	Conference Room
THURSDAYS	4, 11, 18, 25	AARP Tax Aide	10am—3 pm	Theater
	11	Book Discussion with John Hawkins: <i>Sea of Glory</i>	7 pm	Conference Room
	18	Women's Enterprise Development Seminar	6 pm	Theater
SATURDAYS	6	Opening Reception: Tom Evans, photography	3—5 pm	Gallery
	20	African Drumming & Dancing with Maxwell Kofi Donkor	1 pm	Theater
SUNDAYS	7	Opening Reception: Harold Zabitz, paintings	12—4 pm	Gallery

### From the Circulation Desk

Library materials are once again on the move!

The audiobooks on CD have been moved to the shelves immediately following the audiocassettes and Playaways near the Information Desk.

The International music CDs are also located on the shelves across from the Information Desk.

Documentary DVDs are now shelved across from the foreign DVD films.

Beginning January 25th, all items on hold for patrons will be found on the shelves opposite the Circulation Desk. We will no longer be holding materials behind the desk. Self holds are a step towards the eagerly awaited self-checkout which may start later this year!

If you can't find what you are looking for, please ask staff for assistance; we are here to help you.

### The Course Is Set for Safe Driving

We're happy to announce that Neville Horne will be back to conduct another "55 Alive Safe Driving Course" on April 27th & 29th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Budarz Theater. Those wishing to take the course must attend both days. Fliers will be available throughout the library in early March. To register for the class, you must mail to Neville the registration form found on the lower half of the flier, along with your check payable to AARP.

### Film Movement Screening

*Mine*, a documentary examining the fate of pets that were abandoned in the Katrina disaster, will be shown Thursday, March 11th at 7 pm. in the Budarz Theater.

### "The Big Read" is Back!

During February and March 2010, you can participate in "The Big Read" by reading Tim O'Brien's fictionalized Vietnam memoir *The Things They Carried*. Then you can participate in a variety of public programs, including a staged reading, panel presentations, civic discussions, and workshops. For more information, visit [www.ArtsWestchester.org](http://www.ArtsWestchester.org).

### Calling All Latina Women!

The Women's Enterprise Development Center (WEDC) provides women with the training and support services needed to establish and expand their businesses. You are invited to learn about the services this organization offers to Westchester's Latino community at an informational workshop on Thursday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m., in the Budarz Theater.

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#### LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday through Thursday: 9am - 9pm | Friday: 9am - 5:30pm  
Saturday: 9am - 5:30pm | Sunday: 12 noon - 5:00pm