Now You Know

Zora Neale Hurston

Growing up in the all-black town of Eatonville, Florida, Zora Neale Hurston was an accomplished author, anthropologist and filmmaker. She used Eatonville as the setting for many of her stories and it is the site for the annual Zora! Festival. Eatonville is also the first town in the U.S. to be incorporated by African Americans.

Studying at Howard University, Barnard College and Columbia University, she traveled extensively throughout the southern United States and Caribbean conducting anthropological and ethnographic research. Her study of African American and Caribbean cultural practices shed light about how these beliefs shaped black communities and folklore. As a writer for the Federal Writer's Project during the late 1930's, she gathered information to add to Florida’s historical and cultural collections, in addition to her own short stories, plays and novels. Hurston also picked up work as faculty at what is now North Carolina Central University and the Library of Congress.

Her best known works, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* and autobiography, *Dust Tracks on a Road*, achieved literary success, but by the time of her death in 1960, her works had fallen into obscurity. In 1975, an article published by *The Color Purple* author Alice Walker generated renewed interest in Hurston. Previously unreleased, her 1931 nonfiction work, *Barracoon: The Story of the Last “Black Cargo”* was published in 2018 as well as other folktales after being discovered in the Smithsonian Institute archives.

Sources: Biography.com; Blackpast.com; Briticanna.com; Wikipedia.com

African American Legislative Day
Monday, February 17, 2020

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the annual advocacy day in Olympia! Transportation will be provided. Register at apriseattle.org/aald or via email at contact@apriseattle.com
SPOKANE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 2020

DOWNTOWN

WED 2/5
MOVIE NIGHT: THROUGH A LENS DARKLY
6pm 1 hour, 30 minutes. Not rated.

WED 2/12
MOVIE NIGHT: BLACK PANTHER
5:35pm 2 hours, 14 minutes. PG-13.

WED 2/19
MOVIE NIGHT: THE FITS
6pm 1 hour, 12 minutes. Not rated.

WED 2/26
MOVIE NIGHT: I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO
6pm 1 hour, 33 minutes. PG-13.

TO BE CONTINUED @ NORTHTOWN MALL

THU 2/6
NIGERIA AND ITS CULTURE
6:30pm Hear about the dynamic culture of Nigeria with Sanya Ala.

SAT 2/8
MALAWI AND THE WARM HEART OF AFRICA
3:30pm Go on a journey to Malawi and back with Malawi native, Christina Kamkosi to learn about her culture.

SAT 2/15
THE SOUL OF SOUL FOOD - AUTHENTIC SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN
2:30pm Craving fried chicken? Learn tips and recipes with Douglas Williams of Dots Soul Food.

EAST SIDE

SAT 2/1
FILM & DISCUSSION | THE FOREIGNER'S HOME: TONI MORRISON AT THE LOUVRE
2pm Artist Tracy Poindexter-Canton presents this film about Toni Morrison's 2006 exhibit at the Louvre.

SOUTH HILL

SAT 2/8
THE CULTURE OF THE MAASAI
11am Nicholas Sironka will depict the culture of the Maasai of Kenya.

TUE 2/18
THE HISTORY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN AMERICA
6:30pm Devon Wilson, Criminal Justice Chair of the Spokane NAACP, will present on the history of the civil rights movement in the U.S.

GRANT ELEMENTARY

SAT 2/22
DRUMMERS & DANCERS
3:30pm This pan-African drumming and dancing group is open to 3rd-6th grade students.

TUE 2/25
FINDING YORK OF THE LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION
6:30pm Robert Bartlett, PhD, sociology professor at EWU, tells the story of York, born a slave in the early 1770s and later becoming the servant of William Clark.

View a full list of events at spokanelibrary.org.
Nicholas Sironka will depict the culture of the Maasai of Kenya in this lively presentation for all ages. Kenya is a country in East Africa and encompasses savannas, lakelands, and mountain highlands. It is also home to wildlife like lions, elephants and rhinos. The Maasai are known for their distinctive customs and dress, and their fearsome reputation as warriors. This program is one of our events celebrating Black History Month.

Saturday, February 8, 2020 11 AM - 12 PM
Spokane Public Library South Hill
3324 S Perry St, Spokane, Washington 99203
Join Cierra Sisters to celebrate Black History Month and World Cancer Day. Highlighting past, present, and future resilience, join in for an enlightening health discussion.

Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute
104 17th Ave. South, Seattle, WA 98144
Saturday, February 8, 2020 Doors open at 1 PM
NEED HELP WITH A DOWNPAYMENT?

Want to house-hunt with confidence? Interested in establishing wealth through housing?

Homebuyer Education* allows you to leverage the dynamics within our highly competitive market to help empower your choice to buy.

» Steps toward homeownership
» Home loans available
» Downpayment and closing cost assistance
» Income limits up to 145k
» Energy incentives
» Fair housing
» Resources to help maintain your home asset and build wealth

2/15/2020 SATURDAY 10AM TO 3PM
PRIME PACIFIC REAL ESTATE SERVICES, LLC
1201 Pacific Ave Floor 6, Tacoma, Washington 98402

For reservations please call:
Cheryl Leidle at 425-576-3755 or
email cleidle@evergreenhomeloans.com
Lunch provided. Reservations required.

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In honor of Black History Month
Tri-Cities Diversity & Inclusion Council
Celebrates
AFRICAN AMERICANS
AND THE
VOTE

February 22, 2020 • 1-3 P.M. • Columbia Basin College, Pasco WA
Located in the Gjerde Center, H-Building

150th Anniversary of the 15th Amendment: The Black Man’s right to vote
100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment: Women’s right to vote

• Guest Speakers • Music • Poetry • & Other Entertainment • Refreshments • Voters Registration • Family Fun
The Tacoma Urban League Presents the Money '20 Financial Success Workshop Series!

From January to November 2020, obtain free professional advice about your money, building credit and more from financial advisors, credit counselors, wealth & asset managers. Dinner, childcare and a $50 completion stipend provided! Sign up today at TheTacomaUrbanLeague.org
EMPLOYMENT/CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Please see our website for additional announcements
WWW.CAA.WA.GOV/Employment

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES openings

WASHINGTON STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Consumer Protection Division, Olympia, WA. Closing 2/6/2020
Detective (AGO Senior Investigator/Analyst), Tumwater, WA. Open until filled

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE openings

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Media Manager & Writer, Olympia, WA. Closing 2/9/2020

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRIES openings

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Applications accepted until February 6, 2020. Email jourdan.kovacs@dshs.wa.gov for announcement and instructions

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Community Engagement & Environmental Justice Manager, Olympia, WA. Closing 2/9/2020
Executive Assistant / Confidential Secretary, Olympia, WA. Closing 2/13/2020
Materials Tester & Inspector Aide In-Training, Everett, WA. Open continuous
Senior Telecommunications Specialist (In-Training), Renton, WA. Open continuous

CITY OF SEATTLE
Multifamily Housing Lender, Seattle, WA. Closing 2/11/2020
Staff Attorney – Violence Against Women Act Unit, Seattle, WA. First consideration of applications begins 2/21/2020
Department of Education Early Learning Coach, Seattle, WA. Closing 2/25/2020

KING COUNTY
Drug Diversion Court Program Analyst, Seattle, WA. Closing 2/7/2020

CITY OF BELLEVUE openings
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