We’re More Than Just Books

Happy New Year!

The Roosevelt Public Library Board of Trustees and Staff
Welcomes New Director - DR. LAMBERT SHELL

Lambert Shell brings to his position nearly two decades of experience in youth development, education and program development. For the past two years, Lambert has been the Director of the Danbury Public Library. Under Dr. Shell’s leadership Danbury Public Library was able to develop many creative services and programs for the people of Danbury. At Danbury, creating a technology that allowed the library to lend Wi-Fi hotspots, Roku, iPads and kindle and develop a larger e-book platform. When Lambert was promoted to the position Director of Programs and Services in June 2010. Before this, he oversaw the Library’s Youth Enrichment Services unit and previously, in 2001, he joined Queens Library as a Youth Counselor.

Under Mr. Shell’s leadership as Youth Enrichment Services, the Library has launched a variety of innovative programs—including those placing youth counselors and social workers for troubled youth on-site at libraries and assisting incarcerated young people with academic and social programs. Mr. Shell is continually called upon to share his program’s work at national conferences of libraries and other community organizations. These programs are widely viewed as models for community outreach and collaboration.

As Director of Programs and Services, Dr. Shell oversees the Queens Library’s programs and services department; which includes Children, Youth Adult and Adult Services, Government Grants, Adult Learner Program, New American Programs, Youth Enrichment Services and Special Services. Before his current position, he was responsible after-school homework help and enrichment program for 2,000 young people a day borough-wide and the Youth Empowerment Program, providing at-risk youth in 10 libraries with youth counselors, social workers, specialized programs, homework help and more. The latter receives funds from the New York State Division of Juvenile Justice and 21st Century Community Learning Centers—both unusual grants for a public library.

Two pioneering programs recently launched under Dr. Shell’s direction, both aimed at empowering youth in underserved Far Rockaway, are: 1) Queens Library’s new Library for Teens. Created just for teens, this “Not Your Average Library” is filled with young people enjoying magazines, movies, video games and using computers and participating in poetry slams, music events, book clubs, website design classes and more; and 2) a partnership with New Visions for Public Schools to create a new Queens Library High School for Information, Research and Technology, which opened in 2008.

It is no surprise that Dr. Shell has been recognized in the field for his creativity, dedication and vision to helping young people. He received the 2004 “Pacesetter Award” from the Partnership for After School Education—where he was one of five awardees chosen from 2,000 nominees. He was also responsible for Queens Library receiving the 2005 Golden Heart Award from New York City Administration for Children Services, given to a community organization for its commitment to the City’s children/families in foster care. In both cases, Queens Library was the first library to win these awards.

Dr. Shell notes that his experiences as a professional basketball player, coach and mentor—as well as his work as a special education teacher in a semi-secured environment, a youth counselor and school teacher—combine to serve as a foundation for his success. He feels that the rigor of basketball, his opportunities to work with diverse populations and familiarity with the issues surrounding troubled youth have provided him with valuable skills and experiences for his everyday work. Furthermore, his recently obtained Doctor of Humane Letters (University of Bridgeport), honors causa for my career in social services and Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science (C.W. Post University), as well as his Master’s in Education (Bridgeport University) and Bachelor’s in Human Services combined to make him uniquely qualified to create and implement innovative programs for troubled youth in the distinctive setting of a library.

Dr. Shell tries to live by these words of celebrated Olympic boxer Muhammad Ali: “He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.”
Libraries are portals to all of the world’s knowledge and librarians make sure that knowledge continues to be recorded and saved for the future, even as information-storage devices and formats change.

The information kept in libraries helps everyday people start their own small businesses, which helps grow the economy.

If libraries are not essential, then why have some of the world’s smartest and richest people (such as Andrew Carnegie and Bill Gates) poured their time and money into them?

There is much more to doing real research than typing a few words into a search engine such as Google. Librarians are trained to do high-level research, which supports scientists, doctors, lawyers, professors, writers, government officials, and other important professionals every single day. Without the aide of librarians, all of these people would be making decisions without having all of the relevant knowledge they need on their topics.

Librarians offer basic computer classes for anyone who want to get up to speed without paying for long-term, expensive classes.

Libraries are economically efficient. Their model of sharing allows them to serve many people with few resources. And they often join to create consortia in order to buy hardware, software, and information at lower group prices. Libraries often have exceptionally high rates of Return on Investment; some have been measured at more than 600% ROI.

Many public libraries offer after-hours homework help, via online services that they subscribe to in order to support students’ learning.

Librarians have always been major defenders of intellectual freedom, long before most people even knew what it was. This means that they are watchdogs on topics like free speech, copyright, privacy, and the right to know what governments and corporations are doing. They and their associations lobby for these rights and fight alongside other citizens to preserve them.

Librarians have actually saved lives by providing information to doctors who were dealing with difficult cases.

Librarians are the original, and still the best, search engines.

Libraries have always been “green,” because they purchase a limited number of items that many people can share. For instance, people can borrow DVDs, magazines, and books rather than every person having to buy his or her own copy. Likewise, people can use shared computers, photocopiers, fax machines, and even meeting rooms.

Libraries serve a vital social service by helping bridge the gap between the haves and the have nots, especially when it comes to literacy and computer skills training.

- www.librariesareessential.com
Grades 3 & up
Expand a child’s mind.

January 9 - February 27
12:00 PM

Living Science: Plants
Grades 1 & up
Young botanists will examine structures, adaptation and use of plants. Hands-on learning to explore the plant’s life cycle.

January 16
10:00 AM

Earth Science: Rocks & Minerals
Grades 1 & up
Explore how rocks, minerals and gems are formed. Take home a mini rock and gemstone.

January 30
10:00 AM

Crochet Class
Grades 3 & up

Saturdays @ 10:00 AM
February 6, 20 & 27

I Love Chess Tournament
10:00 AM
Film Showing: Searching for Bobby Fischer
12:00 PM
Chess Tournament for all ages
February 27

Play Date @ The Library
A parent and child play experience at the Library.
Starting January 22-February 19
Fridays @ 10:00 AM

Book Club Fun & Snacks
Grades 3 - 5
Enjoy books from the Coretta Scott King awards selection. Enhance your Common Core skills.
Wednesday, February 3
6:00 PM

Museum On The Go
Presented by the Long Island Children’s Museum
Bubble Pop!
Have fun with bubbles!
Monday, January 25
@ 10:00 AM

Lucky Fortune
Grades 1 - 5
Celebrate the Chinese New Year
Monday, February 1
@ 4:00 PM

Movies On The Roof For Kids
During Winter Recess starting February 15
Everyday at 12:00 PM... a new featured blockbuter.

For further information, please contact Stacey Smith-Brown - Youth Services Librarian at sbrown@rooseveltlibrary.org or (516) 378-0222 x2.
Teen Tech Club
Grades 6 & up
Learn coding, app designing and classification.
Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM
February 3 - March 2

Teen Book Chat W/ Snacks
Grades 6 & up
Enjoy book from the Coretta Scott King awards selection. Enhance your reading skills.
Wednesday, February 17 @ 6:00 PM

Movies On The Roof For Teens
Enjoy new blockbusters. Winter Recess Special
During the week of February 15 @ 3:00 PM.

Roosevelt Library’s Sport Academy
Track & Field Football
Basketball • Stunts & Tumbling
Grades 6-8 • Grades 9-12
Expose your child to the basics of these sports. Learn the fundamentals and techniques from a professional coach.
Saturdays @ 12:00 PM
Starting March 5 - March 26

GREAT BOOKS FOR TEENS
YA Fic Bow
YA Fic Bray
YA Fic Fitzpatrick
YA Fic Hopkins
YA Fic Lockhart
J Fic McCullough
J Fic Pearsall
J Fic Ryan
J Fic Shevah
YA Fic Siroy
YA Fic Wallace
YA Fic Williams
The Scorpion Rules
Lair of Dreams
Dangerous Lies
 Traffick
We Are Liars
School for Sidekicks
The Seventh Most Important Thing
Echo
Dream On, Amber
The Creeping
We All Looked Up
The Hollow Girl

ONLINE DATABASES FOR TEENS
African American Experience
American Indian Experience
A to Z the USA
A to Z World Culture
Encyclopedia Britannica
Health & Wellness Resource Center
Latino American Experience
Learning Express
LitFinder
New York Times including Historical New York Times
Newsday including Historical Newsday

For access to research materials online, you must be a Roosevelt Public Library cardholder.
- BLACK HERITAGE PROGRAMS -

Saturday, January 30, 2016 - 2:30 PM

“LEST WE FORGET” BLACK HOLOCAUST Slavery Museum & Traveling Exhibit
An exhibit of slavery artifacts that include slave shackles and other related materials. (Plus a 1-Hour presentation that reviews slavery from “Capture to Emancipation and Beyond.”)

Saturday, February 6, 2016 - 2:00 PM

MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION Presented by Ballet Long Island
Multicultural Celebration is a special dance program that honors our global society. Artistic Director, Debra Punzi has created dancers that reflect a celebration of different cultures.

Saturday, February 13, 2016 - 3:00 PM

KINDRED SPIRITS: A TRIBUTE TO OUR ANCESTORS A Black History Celebration
This program features Keynote Address from Dr. Marsha Darling, Director of Center for African Black & Caribbean Studies at Adelphi University and music and dance by Eric Frazier Productions.

Saturday, March 5, 2016 - 3:00 PM

A TRIBUTE TO BILLIE HOLIDAY In honor of Women’s History Month
This performance is a 100th birthday tribute to Billie Holiday (Lady Day) and the distinctive vocal style and rhythm that influenced so many jazz and pop artists who followed. Enjoy some of Holiday’s great hits, now standards like “Fine and Mellow”, “Love Man”, “God Bless the Child”, “Aint Nobody’s Business What I Do” and many more. (Featuring Vocalist Joy Hanson, Tim Regusis on the Piano, Marcus McLaurne on the Bass, Reggie Nichlason on the Drums and Saxaphones and Band Leader Don Hanson.

Thursday, March 17, 2016 - 6:00 PM

ALICE’S ORDINARY PEOPLE A documentary movie screening
Alice’s Ordinary People is about ordinary people, like Alice Tregay, effecting extraordinary change for human rights. Join us and meet the filmmaker Craig Dudnick.

Friday Nights @ 6:00 PM
February 2, 13, 20 & 27

FREEDOM FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES Films featuring African Americans

SHARPER IMAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.
Hands on Computer Classes
Thursdays evenings between 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM.
*There will be no fee for these classes.

Thursday February 18, 2016

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS 1
For the computer novice, this class will get you started. Learn the basics right from the beginning: turning the computer on, using the desktop, working with the mouse, opening and closing programs, understanding windows elements, getting out of trouble, and turning the computer off. Prerequisites: None

Thursday, February 25, 2016

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS 2
In the second session, learn how to work with text, files and basic word processing skills. Prerequisites: Computer Kindergarten or Introduction to Computers 1

Thursday March 3, 2016

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET AND EMAIL
Learn how to get online, find information, understand the jargon of the Internet, and much more. Prerequisites: Computer Kindergarten and Computer 1st Grad

Thursday, March 10, 2016

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT EXCEL
Learn the basics of the world’s most popular spreadsheet program, including creating, editing and formatting worksheets, formulas, and much more. Prerequisites: Computer Kindergarten and Computer 1st Grade or equivalent

Thursday, March 17, 2016

INTERMEDIATE MICROSOFT EXCEL
Learn more about the world’s most popular spreadsheet program, including functions, working with ranges, macros, charting and much more. Prerequisites: Computer Kindergarten, Computer 1st Grade and Introduction to Microsoft Excel or equivalent.

Thursday, March 31, 2016

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT POWERPOINT
Learn to create exciting computerized presentations with Microsoft PowerPoint, a program that can be used as an aid in giving speeches and presentations. Work with computer animation and video as you learn the basics of creating a slideshow including creating, saving, editing, formatting, adding multimedia objects and animation effects and much more. Prerequisites: Computer Kindergarten and Computer 1st Grade or equivalent.
Come to the Library!
Explore, expand your mind and exercise the process.
See it, touch it, hear it, understand it and if you choose,
make it a part of your life!!

If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile traditions, it becomes
a negligible factor in the thought of the world and stands in danger of
being exterminated”.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson

Imagine a world where diversity is celebrated; a world where
people of all complexions and cultures express themselves freely. If
you imagine it, then you dream in color! (Dr. Maya Angelou)

John Lennon, one of the Beatles, wrote a famous song,
“Imagine” in 1971. It was his invitation to envision a world without hun-
ger, war, or division. He sang: “Imagine all the people living for today,
imagine all the people living in peace, I hope someday you’ll join us,
and the world will be as one. You may say I’m a dreamer, but I’m not
the only one. I hope someday you’ll join us and the world will be as
one.”

John Lennon was right. He was not the only dreamer. Dr.
Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream of a world where all would join
hands together in peaceful co-existence. John F. Kennedy hoped for
the age in which the strong are just and the weak are secure. Poets,
prophets, politicians, musicians and all of us have long dreamed of a
world where peace flows like a river.

If we cannot imagine a world in which all people dwell togeth-
er in peace, then it has no chance of becoming a reality. It is imagina-
tion that gives shape to the universe. Invest in our children and young
adults. They give us visions of a better world and the inspiration and
motivation to make our own dreams come true. Celebrate Black Histo-
ry Month and we too can IMAGINE and DREAM in COLOR!!

Carol Gilliam - Black Heritage Librarian

Black Heritage Books for Winter 2016

Fiction
Mycroft Holmes by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
Naughtier Than Nice by Eric Jerome Dickey
Under the Udala Trees by Chinelo Okparanta
Disgruntled by Asali Solomon
A Moment of Silence by Sister Souljah
Grant Park—a novel by Leonard Pitts, Jr.

Non-Fiction
A More Perfect Union—What We the People can do to Reclaim Our
Constitutional Liberties by Ben Carson, M.D. 342.7308C
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates 305.8009C
Shuffle Along—The 1921 Broadway Musical by Flournoy Miller 812M
Enter the Wu-Tang: How Nine Men Changed Hip-Hop Forever by Alan
Page 781.649W
Digest-Poems by Gregory Pardlo 812P
Sweetie Pie's Cookbook—Soulful Southern Recipes, From My Fami-
ly to Yours by Miss Robbie 641.5975M
Wake Up Happy—The Dream Big, Win Big Guide To Transforming
Your Life by Michael Strahan 158.1S
The American Slave Coast—A History of the Slave-Breeding Indus-
try by Ned and Constance Sublette 331.1173 S
Question Bridge—Black Males in America by Deborah Willis 305.3889Q
Dance the Orange—The Studio Museum in Harlem by Stanley Whit-
ney 759.13H

Biography
Behind The Smile—a Story of Carol Moseley Braun’s Historic Sen-
ate Campaign by B-Moseley
Picturing Frederick Douglass—an Illustrated Biography of the
19thCentury Most Photographed American by John Stauffer –Epi-
logue by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. –Ref B -Douglass
I’ll Never Write My Memoirs by Grace Jones—B-Jones
I Feel Like Going On—Life, Game, and Glory by Ray Lewis
The Education of Kevin Powell—A Boy’s Journey into Manhood by
Kevin Powell –B-Powell
Street Prison—The Biography of Iceberg Slim by Justin Gifford—B-
Slim
Year of Yes by Shonda Rhimes—B Rhimes
Got To Give the People What They Want—True Stories and Flagrant
Opinions from Center Court by Jalen Rose—B –Rose
Black Man in a White Coat—a Doctor’s Reflections on Race and
Medicine by Damon Tweedy, M.D. –B Tweedy

Audio
The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin
Street Poison—The Biography of Iceberg Slim by Justin Gifford
Destiny—Step into Your Purpose by T.D. Jakes
Welcome to My Breakdown—a Memoir by Benilde Little
Year of Yes by Shonda Rhimes

Greg Miller - Black Heritage Page
The Wednesday Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 1:00PM

New members are welcome!

RPL Board of Trustees Meeting

Regular Roosevelt Public Library Board of Trustees Meetings are held every 1st Tuesday of each month
7:30 PM
All are welcome!

Book Club

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TAX RETURN PREPARATION @ THE LIBRARY

TAX SEASON IS ALMOST HERE!

Watch for dates when the tax preparers will be here @ the Library!

JOB OPENING: PART TIME LIBRARY PAGE

Contact Stacey Smith-Brown at (516) 378-0222 x 2 for further information. Applications are available at the Library.

The African American Museum of Nassau County

Mr. Francis Abel, Jr. and Mr. Wilton Robinson, Jr., will be featured at the African American Museum February 2, 2016

For more info, visit their website: www.theaamuseum.org

BLACK HERITAGE COLLEGE NEWS

FAMU’s School of Nursing Listed Among Nation’s Top Programs. The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) School of Nursing’s graduate program recently received the maximum eight-year reaccreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), and the school has been ranked among the top 20 best value nursing programs in the U.S. by BestValueSchools.com and among the top 25 nursing programs in the eastern region by the Nursing Journal.

Princeton University Takes a Major Step in African-American Studies.

Princeton University is one step closer to offering an undergraduate major in African-American Studies. The faculty at the Ivy League school voted to departmentalize the Center for African-American Studies (CAAS), which has granted undergraduate and graduate certificates since 2006.

“When we formed as a Center, it was in the documents that we would reconsider and take up the issue of departmentalization five years out,” said Dr. Eddie S. Glaude, Jr., chair of the Center. “One of the most important aspects of this moment is that Princeton has made African-American Studies an essential part of the education of its students. It’s been a long time coming, but we are here.”

The faculty vote is led by Dr. Deborah McDowell and other members of the committee recommended that the Center be converted into a department and that the university begin offering a major. Princeton’s Board of Trustees still has to approve the measure.

Still Princeton—unlike many other institutions—has been successful in attracting well-known Black scholars like Dr. Cornel West, however, the university has lagged far behind its competitors in offering an undergraduate degree. Harvard, Yale, the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell, for example have offered an undergraduate major in African-American Studies for several decades now.

ADULT NONFICTION COLLECTION: COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD

942 T. Tombs, Robert. The English and Their History. 2015.
951 C. Chai, May-Lee and Winberg Chai. China A to Z. Everything You Need To Know To Understand Chinese Customs And Culture. 2015 Edition. 2015
956.102 M. McMeekin, Sean. The Ottoman Endgame. War, Revolution And The Making Of The Modern Middle East, 1908-1923. 2015.
973.9 G. Gilmore, Glenda Elizabeth and Thomas J. Sugrue. These United States A Nation In the Making 1890 To The Present. 2015.
**Library Hours**
Monday & Wednesday  
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Friday & Saturday  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Closed Sundays & Holidays

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~ LIBRARY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ~
New Year’s Day ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday ~ President’s Day ~ Good Friday ~ Memorial Day  
Independence Day ~ Labor Day ~ Veteran’s Day ~ Thanksgiving Day ~ Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day ~ New Year’s Eve

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**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Birthday Celebration**

featuring:

David Mills  
*Poet*

Keynote Address  
Rev. Herman Washington - Pastor  
Shiloh Baptist Church - Rockville Centre, NY

Saturday, January 16, 2016  
1:00 - 4:00 PM

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**March is Women’s History Month**

Join us for our  
**Annual Women’s Tea Celebration**

Saturday, March 19, 2016  
1:00 PM