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Upcoming Programs

On Thursday, February 23rd, author Scott Zesch will be presenting his book *The Captured: A True Story of Abduction on the Texas Frontier*. This is the story of 9 children who were abducted by Apaches between 1865 and 1871.

The narrative weaves their rugged adventures into a single tale, set against a background of intense political wrangling and bloody confrontations between the U.S. government and the native people. The book draws from author Scott Zesch's extensive original research, including numerous archival and family sources that have not previously been tapped

The book has garnered excellent reviews. *Booklist* calls it "A fascinating, meticulously documented chronicle of the often-painful confrontations between whites and Indians during the final years of Indian Territory." Dan Rather proclaimed it "A well-researched and wonderfully written book. Scott Zesch is that rarity: a good historian who is also a good storyteller."

On Wednesday, February 23, the Young Adult department will be hosting it's annual Black History Month Poetry reading. Students from Hoboken High School, Denarest Middle School and Elysian Charter will share poems by favorite African American Poets. Each student will choose one poem to recite, and a few brave souls may include work of their own

From the Hoboken Public Library Board of Trustees

The following is reprinted from the *Hoboken Reporter*.

Dear Editor:
The Hoboken Public Library has experienced the best year ever, and in the process has broken two major records: In 2004, the library's circulation of books, videos and CDs surpassed more than 113,000. The library experienced more than 150,000 visits during the year. These figures almost doubled in the last four years.

This is quite an achievement for our community and could only happen with the dedication and hard work of many individuals and organizations. We particularly want to single out the hard working library staff members for their total dedication, long hours, willingness to work overtime during last

minute emergencies. They remain completely dedicated to helping our citizens. We need to thank Lina Podles, our library director, for her constant motivation of the staff and for working tirelessly to achieve national, state and regional standards that dictate top-notch libraries. Our library's board of trustees also deserves a round of applause for giving of their time, unpaid, to maintain standards and make sure our library operates smoothly.

A very active Friends of the Library chapter provides many services, has several fundraisers a year and contributes books, children's programs and equipment.

And we thank Mayor David Roberts and the City Council for providing the funds allowing us to extend li-

brary hours—we're now open four nights a week and a full day on Saturday, for a total of 58 hours. This is much longer than most libraries of communities our size.

More than 1,500 libraries in the US cut services or personnel or both last year because of budget problems. One community, Salinas, CA, had to shut down its doors for an indefinite period at the end of last year due to lack of funds. That's the home of literary giant John Steinbeck and social activist Cesar Chavez.

But we in Hoboken are moving forward. This year we hope to have a new elevator in place. If you haven't visited our first rate library, please stop by. You'll be pleased you did.
Arturo Martinez, President Hoboken Library Board of Trustees.

Recommendations for Black History Month

Giant steps : the new generation of African American writers ed. by Kevin Young.

New Bones: Contemporary Black writers in America Kevin Everod Quashie

Shaking the Tree: a Collection of New Fiction and

Memoir by Black women edited by Meri Nana-Ama Danquah.

Speak, so you can speak again: the life of Zora Neale Hurston by Lucy Arne Hurston

Voices of Black America : historical recordings of speeches, poetry, humor and drama, 1908-1947.

Words with Wings: a treasury of African-American poetry and art selected by Belinda Rochelle.

Calendar of Events

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All Children's Programming requires advanced registration unless otherwise stated. Please call 201-420-2348 to register.

**Young Adult Programs requiring advanced registration, please call 201-420-2348

Tuesday, Feb. 1

10:30 am Toddler Time
3:30 pm Storytime for ages 3-7

Wednesday, Feb. 2

10:30 am Story/Craft Time ages 3-5

Thursday, Feb. 3

6:00 pm—Teen Advisory Committee

Friday, Feb. 4

Saturday Feb. 5

Monday, Feb. 7

Tuesday, Feb. 8

10:30 am Toddler Time
3:30 pm Storytime for ages 3-7

Wednesday, Feb. 9

10:30 am Story/Craft Time ages 3-5

Thursday, Feb. 10

6:00 pm—Teen Advisory Committee

Friday, Feb. 11

Saturday, Feb. 12

Monday, Feb. 14

Tuesday, Feb. 15

10:30 am Toddler Time
3:30 pm Storytime for ages 3-7

Wednesday, Feb., 16

10:30 am Story/Craft Time ages 3-5

Thursday, Feb. 17

6:00 pm—Teen Advisory Committee

Friday, Feb. 18

Saturday, Feb. 19

Monday, Feb. 21

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Tuesday, Feb. 22

10:30 am Toddler Time
1:00 pm Black History Celebration with the 7th Principle Dance Performers
3:30 pm Storytime for ages 3-7

Wednesday, Feb. 23

10:30 am Story/Craft Time ages 3-5
10:30am YA Black History Month Poetry Reading Program

Thursday, Feb. 24

6:00 pm—Teen Advisory Committee
Black History Film & Pizza Party
6:30 pm Author Lecture by Scott Zesch, author of *The Captured*.

Friday, Feb. 25

11:00am Baby & Me 6-18 mos.
3:30 pm Baby & Me 6-18 mos.

Saturday, Feb. 26

Monday, Feb. 28

Call the Children's Room to confirm registration for each of these programs.

Registration isn't required for the after school story time on Tuesdays at 3:30. All are welcome.

Adult programs are held in the Reference Department unless otherwise stated.



Children's Room Hours

Monday

10:00 am—5:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am—8:00 pm

Wednesday & Friday

9:00 am—5:00 pm

Saturday

10:00 am—5:00 pm

Sunday

Closed

Library Hours

Monday

10:00 am—8:00 pm

Tuesday— Thursday

9:00 am—8:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am—5:00 pm

Saturday

10:00 am—5:00 pm

Sunday

Closed

