Black History Month at the Georgina Public Library

Black in Canada- A timeline of Black Canadian History Wednesday, February 7, 2024 7:00-8:30 p.m. Keswick Branch Adults

In a safe, brave, fun and co-creative space we highlight key Black History moments from a Canadian perspective, pausing for stories and discussions along our journey. Program is generously sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Allyship: What Does It Mean? Wednesday, February 21, 2024 7:00-8:30 p.m. Keswick Branch Adults

In a safe, brave, fun and co-creative space join in discussions surrounding Allyship and how we can all participate in big and small ways. Program is generously sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Note: About the presenter (for both of these programs): Kendra Shae-Marie Mullings is a mother, long time Georgina resident, entrepreneur, educator and community leader. She is the founder of Black Saturday School. Black Saturday School through its various series invites all curious minds to share in the richness of Black history.

Black History Month: Author Kern Carter Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:00 -8:00 p.m. Zoom Adults

Kern Carter, author of the teen novel Boys and Girls Screaming, will share the pain and joy behind his book's creative process as well as his personal journey of breaking through a challenging career. Session hosted on Zoom. Register on Eventbrite. This program is presented in partnership with public libraries from York and Durham Regions.

Kern Carter is a prolific writer, educator, and mentor based in Toronto, Canada. With a passion for storytelling, Kern has authored three books, which have received critical acclaim and garnered a dedicated following. He will have two more new books coming out in 2024. In addition to his impressive body of work, Kern is committed to supporting emerging writers and helping them find their voice. He has created several online platforms that provide a safe and welcoming space for

new writers to share their stories and connect with others in the community. These platforms have been made possible through Kern's partnerships with various organizations and institutions, and have helped to elevate the voices of countless writers who may not have had the opportunity otherwise. Kern's commitment to mentorship extends beyond his online platforms, as he also teaches at Humber College as a professor and runs workshops on the craft of writing and how to make money as a writer. His classes are known for being engaging and accessible so writers can consume and apply as much information as possible.

Tales from Afar: African and Caribbean Folklore with Kesha Christie Thursday, February 1 10:00-11:00 a.m. For Grades 1-5

This presentation will define folktales and their role in preserving history and lessons. It will also highlight the unique blends of cultures in the Caribbean and the impact of folklore and great stories. This is a partnered program with Durham and York Public Libraries. Zoom link will be emailed the day before the event.

The adult programming information will be up on our website by the end of the week. The Tales from Afar program is already on our website. I will be reaching out to teachers to promote.