

## NEWS RELEASE

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## What's Happening in Suffolk This Week

### Monday, February 24

#### *Library2Go @ Belleville Meadows Apartments*

The Pop-Up Library brings materials for children, teens, and adults and provides Library services including reserves, library cards, and digital services. Get a free book, use an iPad, connect with free Wi-Fi, and more! The Library2Go will be at the Belleville Meadows Apartments, 5609 Plummer Boulevard, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

### Tuesday, February 25

#### *True Dedication Mentoring: Trends Then and Now (Fashion)*

True Dedication youth will be introduced to patterns and trends of African Americans from then up until now. They will be educated on the history of different clothing and how they have modernized over the years to present day. True Dedication (TDM) is Suffolk Public Library's inaugural Mentoring Program connecting young adults with positive adult role models in our community. Through building nurturing relationships and community support, TDM and its mentors strive to help each participant develop into their full potential and make positive life choices. This program is free and open to all participants ages 12-18. This event will be held on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5

p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

## **Tuesday, February 25**

### *It Figures: Figure Drawing at the Library*

Grab your art supplies and join us at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. We will have a live model for a clothed figure drawing session! Artists will warm up with a series of one to two-minute gesture drawings, then a few longer 20 minute sessions with short breaks in between. Program is for ages 16 and up and registration is required. Visit <https://suffolkpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/5919399>

## **Wednesday, February 26**

### *ESL Classes: Basics and Beyond*

Improve your language skills at the North Suffolk Library located at 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road! Join us for lessons in English as a Second Language in a fun and welcoming environment. This program is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. ESL Basics: This class for beginners will focus on helping students grow their vocabulary, become familiar with pronunciation and basic English language skills, and increase comfort communicating in English. ESL Skills: This class builds on the language skills gained in ESL Basics and focuses on grammar, listening, and speaking skills. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

## **Thursday, February 27**

### *Road to IconiCon: Black & Super Teen Trivia*

Test your super knowledge at our Black and Super Teen Trivia. Get hyped and learn cool facts about characters like Storm, Miles Morales, and Black Panther. Fabulous prizes await the winner. For ages 13 to 18. This event will be held on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

**Thursday, February 27***Poetry, Prose and Pizza*

Hosted by poet and writer Nathan Richardson, writers, spoken word artists and musicians are invited to participate in this free open mic event from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Suffolk Art Gallery located at 118 Bosley Avenue. The public is also invited to just come listen to the works and talents of others. For more information, call 757.514.7284 or 757.925.0448.

**Thursday, February 27***Paint Night: Black History Month*

A Paint Night inspired by African-American History Month. Ages 16 and up welcome. Instructor-led and all supplies provided. This event will be held on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

**Friday, February 28***Winter Warm Furrries Adopt-a-thon*

The Suffolk Humane Society and Suffolk Animal Care Center will sponsor an Adopt-a-thon on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the North Suffolk PetSmart, 6243 College Drive. The event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Give a furry best friend a forever home! For more information, contact the Suffolk Humane Society at 757.538.3030.

**Saturday, February 29***Winter Warm Furrries Adopt-a-thon*

The Suffolk Humane Society and Suffolk Animal Care Center will sponsor an Adopt-a-thon on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at the Chesapeake Square PetSmart, 4300 Portsmouth Boulevard. The event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Give a furry best friend a forever home! For more information, contact the Suffolk Humane Society at 757.538.3030.

### **Saturday, February 29**

#### *History Talk: The Buffalo Soldiers & The Buffalo Riders of Hampton Roads*

Ken Wright, president of The Buffalo Riders of Hampton Roads, will speak about the history and importance of the Buffalo Soldiers. Buffalo Soldiers originally were members of the 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment of the United States Army. This program is free and open to the public. This event will be held on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

### **Saturday, February 29**

#### *Harlem Night in Suffolk: A Celebration of the Jazz Age and Harlem Renaissance*

Suffolk Public Library travels back a century to the Harlem Renaissance and Jazz Age. Dance the night away to live music from local house band, "The Fam". Attendees will also be treated to a special guest appearance from renowned jazz musician, and producer, Jae Sinnett. The WHRV-FM 89.5 Sinnet in Session host will be delivering his speech "Jazz...Music for Thought". Come dressed to impress or in your best Harlem Renaissance attire. Light refreshments will be served. This program is free and open to the public, and registration is required. This event will be held on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Rennee's Celebration Center, 178 E. Washington Street. For more information and to register, call 757.514.7323, or visit <https://suffolkpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/5898053>

### **There are more interesting and exciting events happening in the City of Suffolk!**

See what Suffolk Parks & Recreation has to offer! Visit [www.SuffolkVa.us/parks](http://www.SuffolkVa.us/parks). For a complete listing of Suffolk Public Library events, visit [www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com](http://www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com). For a complete listing of Suffolk Tourism events, visit [www.VisitSuffolkva.com](http://www.VisitSuffolkva.com). To view other City events, visit [www.SuffolkVa.us/calendar.aspx](http://www.SuffolkVa.us/calendar.aspx).

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