

BCRC Newsletter



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Special points of interest:

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DARFUR

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Executive Director’s Message

For many, July marks the middle of the summer season. Hopefully by this time, many of our readers have had the time to enjoy the sunshine and take time out for a much-deserved period of rest and relaxation! For those of you who are looking for educational and recreational summer activities for your children, editions of BCRC’s Summer Activity Guide 2006 are still available through the Centre.

Like many of you, our opportunity for some relaxation began the morning after our annual general meeting. We were appreciative of those who came out to celebrate our successes over the 2005-2006 fiscal year and hear about our plans for the future. We thank our friends, members, partners and funders for attending and showing their continuing interest and support.

In the April 2006 issue we launched a three-part series looking into the lives of Black women, with a focus on Dr. Rosemary Brown to begin. In this issue we profile Dr. Dorothy W. Williams, President of Blacbiblio.com Inc. Another woman whose professionalism, strength and determination make all of us proud.

This will be our last Newsletter until the fall, a season that brings a flurry of activity and new opportunities for growth. Until then, on behalf of the staff and board of BCRC, I wish our readers and their families a safe and well summer season.

Sharon Springer
(Executive Director)

SANKOFA & BLACBIBLIO.COM INC.



Sankofa bird

Dr. Williams, a Montreal native is the President of a “comprehensive, searchable bibliographic database of references” called Blacbiblio.com Inc.

“Blacbiblio was nurtured to fruition thanks to the rigorous training undertaken at Concordia’s Entrepreneurship Institute for the Development of Minority Communities (EIDMC), Black Community Economic Development Program: creating and managing sustainable enterprises in the Black Community.”

The company is based in Montreal and federally incorporated. “It offers, develops markets, promotes, and sells database content and multimedia services and licenses to institutions and commercial customers.”

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NOVA SCOTIA'S NEW LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



Mayann E. Francis, currently CEO and Director of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, has been appointed Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, by Prime Minister Harper.

A Nova Scotian native, Ms. Francis was the first woman to hold the post of Nova Scotia Ombudsman. In an interview by Canadian Press, Harper stated "as lieutenant-governor, [Francis] will continue to serve her province and country well." Ms. Francis will be sworn in as Nova Scotia's 14th Lieutenant Governor on September 7, 2006 in Halifax.

WORLD RELIGIONS AFTER SEPTEMBER 11 A GLOBAL CONGRESS SEPT. 11-15 2006, (Montreal)

Towards A Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the World's Religions

The Congress program has over 15 themes ::

Religion and Spirituality, Religion and Healing
Religion and the Media, Religion and International Diplomacy
Religion, Children and Youth
Freedom, and much more

Congress Location ::

Palais des Congre de Montréal

For more information on confirmed speakers, registration & detailed program ::

www.WorldsReligionsAfter911.com



P.E.P.S.I. GRADUATES - CONGRADS!

Patrouille écolier pour la paix et sécurité Ionnién (P.E.P.P.S.I.), a pilot program geared at crime prevention of high risk youth graduated 11 of its youth participants in June. Ionna Elementary School was the host for the pilot program which featured workshops geared towards civic participation, community involvement, anger management, drug use among others. Overall the participants were given the tools to better understand society around them.

Due to the success of the program, there has been great interest in expanding the program in other schools throughout the Côte-des-Neiges area.

For more information on P.E.P.P.S.I we encourage our readers to contact BCRC and/or read our Annual Report 2006 which is currently available in a hardcopy version at our office. The electronic version will be available shortly.

BCRC WORKSHOP SEASON 2006-07

Dear readers, BCRC will be offering workshops in the following areas: , leadership training, financial management, board member training, grant writing, understanding government, networking, job skills strategies, media relations, health awareness.

To schedule a workshop and obtain more information please contact our office.

SANKOFA & BLACBIBLIO cont...



Dr. Williams
Courtesy of *EABC

Williams is also the founder of Ethnocultural Diffusions a tool to collect the oral history of Blacks in Montreal. Writer of two books on Black history in Montreal, and she recently received her Doctorate from McGill University in Library and Information Studies. Her dissertation research was on the history of Black printed publications in Montreal, 1934-2005.

Williams' research thesis was entitled, 'Sankofa: Recovering Montreal's Heterogeneous Black Print Serials'. The word Sankofa derives from the Akan people of West Africa. In the Akan Language Sankofa is expressed as "se wo were fi na wosan kofa a yenki." The literal translations means, "it is not taboo to go back and fetch what you forgot."

"Sankofa" teaches us that we must go back to our roots in order to move forward. That is, we should reach back and gather the best of what our past has to teach us, so that we can achieve our full potential as we move forward. Whatever we have lost, forgotten, forgone or been stripped of, can be reclaimed, revived, preserved and perpetuated.

Sankofa is ever present in Blacbiblio, geared towards collecting the evidence of the Black experience in Canada. There are almost 10,000 sources already in the database with 25-35,000 references to be entered. The development of the database started 10 years ago, with information dating back to 1632 - the document of a Jesuit Priest doing missionary work in Quebec with a young Black slave named Oliver.

Oliver was the first slave to be sold in New France. He was 8 or 9 years old. The story of Oliver came from excerpts of the Jesuit priest's diary. It was common in New France for Slave owners in Quebec to be responsible for their slaves, which meant educating them in the Catholic faith to be "good Catholics," clothing, feeding, and not working their slaves after sun down.

Any person can refer to Blacbiblio "for information that has been so far hidden," stated Williams. She added, "I want to help people to understand how to do research and discover the Black experience in Canada."

As the work continues, people will have an option of accessing the database online through flexible subscription plans.

Presently, volunteers are needed to add references to the database. The volunteers would also be able to register as "a scholar" to help build up the database. This way people can get involve in the project and further their knowledge of a particular issue pertaining to their own interest, eventually becoming "subject specialists" or "scholars" in their own field.

As a result Ms. Williams believes, "people really learn a lot, [the database] is a good opportunity for people who want to become familiar with Black sources."

Williams has received numerous awards for her work, including the "Anne-Greenup Prize for the fight against racism and the promotion of civic participation," in 2002, at the National Assembly in Quebec.

To find out more about Blacbiblio.com, contact Dr. Williams at 514.937.0704.

*EABC:<http://eabc.ca>

XVI INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE

8,000 FLAGS FOR 8,000 AIDS RELATED DEATHS EVERY DAY

Community Action on AIDS is taking matters into their own hands to educate people on the impact of AIDS on the community, and the need for action on a global scale. As stated by Community Action On AIDS, "If we can raise awareness about this issue here in Montreal we will be joining a country-wide call to action in the run up to the conference in Toronto this summer."

Outreach activities will be taking place to bring the Montreal community together to voice their concerns, to leave messages and draw images on thousands of flags to symbol thousands of individuals who die each day from AIDS.

To take part in this artistic collaboration email Leanne or J.D.:

COMMUNITY.ACTION.ON.AIDS@gmail.com.

For more information visit, www.videa.ca.

For information on the International AIDS Conference, www.aids2006.org.



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"5 CONTINENTS :: 5 SENS"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

12H-17H

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**An estimated 160 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 45 will die of it*

**On average, 429 Canadian women will be diagnosed with breast cancer every week*

**On average, 102 Canadian women will die of breast cancer every week*

On the last weekend of August 26 & 27 Sharon, Sharone, and Suzanne will be walking to help find a cure for breast cancer

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*source: Canadian Cancer Society (www.cancer.ca)

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BCRC RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Afua Cooper (2006). [The Hanging of Angélique: The Untold Story of Canadian Slavery and the Burning of Old Montreal](#) (Harpercollins Canada; ISBN:00020005530).

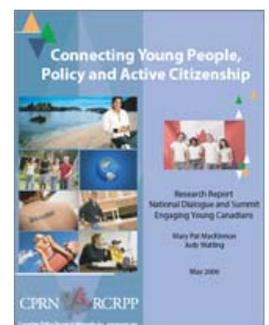
Kalpna Das & Lomomba Emongo (2003). [Caring for the Elderly in Ethnocultural Communities: A Reference Guide](#) (Intercultural Institute of Montreal; ISBN:0920719287).

Myrna Lashley, et al (2005). [Student Success: The Identification of Strategies Used By Black Caribbean Youth To Achieve Academic Success](#) (FQRSC; No. ref: 2003-PRS-88151).

Mary Pat Mackinnon & Judy Watling (2006). [Connecting Young People, Policy and Active Citizenship](#) (Research Report, National Dialogue and Summit, Engaging Young Canadians).

Ministère de l'Immigration et des Communautés culturelles (2006). [Vers une politique gouvernementale de lutte contre le racisme et la discrimination](#) (Gouvernement du Québec; ISBN:2550473124-version électronique)

David M. Tanovich (2006). [The Colour Of Justice: Policing Race in Canada](#) (Irwin Law; ISBN:1552211150).



Community Calendar

BOROUGH MEETINGS: Côte-des-Neiges / Notre-Dame-de-Grâce

A healthy community promotes healthy living. Be informed on what is going on in your community.

For information on date, time and location contact:

Bureau Accès Montréal NDG: 514.872.6731

Bureau Accès Montréal Côte-des-Neiges: 514.872.6403

CARING & HELPING HANDS - LES MAINS QUI AIDENT

6TH ANNUAL BANQUET - BUFFET DINNER

September 2006 - For more info: Rev. Bagot 514.274.2542

COCO CAFÉ - SPOKEN WORD

With host **Jason 'Steel' Joseph & Dj Franky Selector**

The last Sunday of every month - Pub Quartier Latin

318 Ontario St. East (St. Denis) - doors open at 8PM

You can also check out COCO's Comedy Show

For more info: www.inobeproductions.com

COUNCIL OF BLACK AGING COMMUNITY OF MONTREAL, INC.

- July 27 - Trip to Thousand Islands
- August 4 - Trip to Niagara Falls
- Sept. 7 - Info Session (Alzheimer)
- Sept. 21 - Trip to Plattsburgh

All dates are subject to change

For more information on times & locations 514.935.4951

FIRST NATIONS GARDEN OF THE MONTRÉAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

June 17 - Sept. 4, 2006

School tours / group tours available

For more info. on calendar of activities & general information: 514.872.1400

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"Bringing the active forces of the community together to organize for change"

For more info: 514.484.1471 / email:ndg2020@ndg.ca

PLEASE NOTE :: Do not hesitate in letting the BCRC team know what events are taking place within your organization. You can email or fax us.

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*Supporting Youth, Building Communities
A "Holistic Approach"*

WWW.BLACKYOUTHPROJECT.ORG

The Centre takes a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of Black youth aged 0-30 and their families; this approach is called the "Holistic Project." Through a multi-intervention (holistic) approach, the Black Community Resource Centre helps young Black, English-speaking individuals fully participate in mainstream society.

The adoption of this approach recognizes that youth can have many needs (e.g., social cultural, health, education, economic, ect.) and that all these needs must be addressed in order for the youth to reach their maximum potential.

The Centre provides information and resources to both organizations and individuals within Montreal. In addition, we provide programming to Black youth in a manner which takes into account their many and complex needs.

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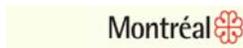
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