

The Whole World is....

One World

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**It's a Cultural Crossroads event
Saturday, October 17, on the Plaza**

Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR

It's a *fundraising* opportunity – with an emphasis on *fun*.

Cultural Crossroads will partner with Barnes & Noble on Saturday, October 17, at the Barnes & Noble Plaza location 420 West 47th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

This is a fundraising opportunity for Cultural Crossroads and a chance to help tell people about our vision of a society which honors the heritage of our diverse cultures with mutual respect. To call attention to our bookfair, there will be diverse entertainment throughout the day – music, dance, storytelling, presentations, and special fun.

Be a part of the bookfair!

Buy a book – buy a newspaper – buy a cup of coffee ... just tell the cashier that you want your purchase to support Cultural Crossroads and a percentage of the total will be donated to Cultural Crossroads.

Join in even more – staff the “meet-and-greet” table or make a poster or presentation (see below for more details) – contact Mary McCoy at culturalcrossroads@hotmail.com to be part of a fun event!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have fun at great events and help a great cause. We accept young volunteers also – remember that volunteering at a Cultural Crossroads event qualifies as community service credits for youth.



Display a poster –yours or your child’s – at the bookfair

Create a poster (8½ x 11 inches) on the theme of the Cultural Crossroads Bookfair. The top ten posters will be displayed in the Café at Barnes and Noble during the bookfair and on our website. This poster contest is open to all ages and there is no limit to the number of entries. We obviously need to have the original posters ahead of the bookfair, so there is an October 1 deadline. Mail the poster (remember to include a cardboard backing for safe transit) to Cultural Crossroads, 3605 Blue Ridge Blvd, Independence, MO 64052, or call 816-737-5979 to make arrangements for delivery.



Join us at the Independence Heritage Festival - Saturday, October 3

This annual event gets better and better every year and is a truly community-based festival that showcases the multicultural and intergenerational diversity of one of the oldest communities in our area. Join us at the Cultural Crossroads booth in the Children’s Area – we will be doing crafts and helping with scout badges. The Festival features free admission and free entertainment. There will be multicultural food for purchase, but the water and popcorn are also free! The Festival takes place from 10:00 am to 3 pm at McCoy Park in Independence, Missouri (across 24 Highway from the Truman Library). More information and photos from previous years are at <http://independenceheritage.org> and previous issues of *One World* at www.culturalcrossroads-kc.org/Newsletters.



Showcase your talents at the Bookfair!

To call attention to our bookfair, we have the opportunity to present diverse entertainment throughout the day and throughout the bookstore. There will be music and dance on the first floor, storytelling in the children’s area, presentations in the café and other areas, and special exhibits.

If you could tell or read a story, do a dance, sing a song, play a tune, make a poster (see separate article), make a presentation, read a poem...contact us and we’ll schedule you as part of the day.

So far this year...

In case you haven't been able to attend all Cultural Crossroads events this year, here's a brief synopsis of our activities:

A new exhibit has been created, following the success of "Dolls of the World" –the display of "Head to Toe" made its debut in a two-week run at the Raytown Branch Library. This exhibit is composed of headware and footwear from different cultures. Photos of the Raytown exhibit can be seen on the Cultural Crossroads Facebook page by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/Cultural-Crossroads/51570888935?ref=ts>

Check out our page and sign on as a "Fan" of Cultural Crossroads!

There were two Cultural Conversations sessions at the Plaza Library this year. "The Role of the Family" and "Educating our Children" were topics with a narrower, more personal focus than last year's series. Look for a revised series in 2010 with a different format.

We continued our interactive, intergenerational programs, presenting the ever-popular "Hello, World!" at Blue Ridge Library (where we were joined by a couple of adults who were visiting the library, including a lady from Japan, who told the children in the program about Japanese customs). The program "Is This *Your* New Year?" at the Kearney Branch Library used paper crafts to teach about New Year festivities in different cultures. "Reading & Rhythm" at the North Independence Library combined stories, music and dance from several continents.

We are also involved on the planning committee for the 2009 Independence Heritage Festival Planning Committee (see "Volunteer Opportunities" on Page 2) and presented our exhibit and Global Fashion Show programs at the annual "in-service" day of the Mid-Continent Library System.

In addition, we are meeting with community leaders to explore ideas for joint projects, applying for various grants and planning programs with community partners. Look for announcements about these exciting plans in coming months.

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McCoy Park, Independence, MO
(across 24 Highway from the Truman Library)

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**Barnes & Noble Bookfair Voucher
supporting Cultural Crossroads, Inc.
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420 West 47th Street, KCMO**



Please present this voucher PRIOR TO making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be donated to Cultural Crossroads.* Bookfair I.D. No. 590166

*Does not include gift cards, memberships, textbooks, mag subscriptions. Discount purchasing program may not be applied to bookfair purchases.

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