

The Whole World is....

One World

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SPECIAL "CALENDAR and GREETINGS EDITION"

Cultural Conversations - bringing guest speakers into dialogue with YOU!

Building on last fall's pilot program of Cultural Conversations (go to the last newsletter at http://www.culturalcrossroads-kc.org/NEW_NEWSLETTERS/Autumn_2007.pdf for an article about that pilot program), Cultural Crossroads has entered into a five-month partnership with the Plaza Library to bring this concept of engaged dialogue to a wider audience on a wider variety of topics.



The dates of the events and topics to be discussed are:

- February 17: "Unwitting Transgressions in a Multicultural World"**
- March 16: "Diversity In The Workplace"**
- April 6: "Milestones And Passages"**
- May 18: "Diversity In The Media"**
- June 8: "Diversity In Religion"**

All dates are Sunday afternoons, with a starting time of 1:30 pm. Keep reading for details on the topics and the speakers/facilitators. Information will also be posted on the library website at www.kclibrary.org and, of course, on this website. We thank the Plaza Library for this opportunity to work together on this unique program. Mark your calendars now for this important new series.

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General meeting - Thursday, January 17, 2008 (7:00 pm)

Plaza Library, 4801 Main, KCMO - small meeting room
We will discuss upcoming programs and partnerships.
We hope to see you there!

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Cultural Conversations at the Plaza Library –

The purpose of Cultural Conversations is to present a forum for engaged dialogue. Rather than a purely “lecture style” presentation, these events are designed to share information on a particular cultural topic from an experienced perspective and to provide the opportunity for interactive discussion. It has been said that “we are all students and we are all teachers” – the Cultural Conversations series is based on that philosophy.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17:

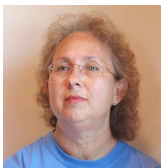
UNWITTING TRANSGRESSIONS IN A MULTICULTURAL WORLD: The quickest way to get yourself in trouble in America is to lie. In Britain it is committing an indiscretion, in Asia it is dishonoring your family. When the tourist or expatriate comes face to face with conflicting values, it is a sure way to find yourself unwittingly in trouble. This discussion seeks to build some bridges of understanding between the far corners of the world.



Facilitator David Alexander has been an educator for 36 years in the fields of social studies, language arts, and guidance and counseling and been affiliated with Artist in Residency Programs in Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. He has taught in schools in Ethiopia, Pakistan, and Indonesia and currently is working as a full time teacher of social studies at Kansas City Academy at 79th & Main KCMO.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16:

DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE: The modern American works a full-time job of 40 (or more) hours a week. The technology of cell phones, email and fax machines keep us connected to the workplace on a constant basis. Obviously, then, the workplace is a primary force in our lives. This will be an open discussion based on scenarios. The goal is for all of us to realize that many factors influence our daily activities, including subtleties of which we may be unaware.



Facilitator Donna Dolinar Stalker, representing Cultural Crossroads, has over 40 years experience in the business community – everything from a secretary to a manager. Having sat on both sides of the desk, she hopes to bring an understanding that will span both the professional and personal sides of our lives.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6:

MILESTONES AND PASSAGES: How do we mark our years? How do we measure where we are in our society? Join a discussion of the customs that mark important events in life, how such customs differ through time and cultures, and how those customs have traditionally affected the life of a community....and the effect of the modern society’s lack of such customs.



Facilitator Mary Gibson McCoy, founder and President of Cultural Crossroads, has a background that encompasses real estate law, business, the arts, and spirituality. As the grandchild of immigrants, she has experienced firsthand the importance of culture and custom in shaping one’s life.

SUNDAY, MAY 18:

DIVERSITY IN THE MEDIA: Media reflects our society, but, to do so, media must be a mirror of that society. How much is our popular media a reflection? What has been the experience of those within the media industry and how have their personal experiences both shaped and been shaped by the media industry? Join leading local journalists to learn their unique perspectives:



Lewis W. Diuguid, vice president for community resources, editorialist and columnist for The Kansas City Star, is the author of the newly-issued book, *Discovering the Real America: Toward a More Perfect Union*, and the 2004 award-winning book, *A Teacher's Cry: Expose the Truth About Education Today*. He is a founding member, treasurer, newsletter editor and Media Awards Committee chairman of the Kansas City Association of Black Journalists, the Missourian Publishing Association Board of Directors, the William Allen White Foundation Board of Trustees (University of Kansas), and several other organizations, a certified diversity facilitator with the Newspaper Association of America and has received more than 50 awards, including the 2000 Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism.



Sylvia Maria Gross is both producer and host of KCUR's weekly newsmagazine *KC Currents*, a show that covers news and culture in Kansas City's diverse communities. She studied English at Yale University, and then spent a year in Brazil on a Fulbright researching arts education. Back in New York, she taught middle school math and English for six years. Sylvia completed a master's in journalism at Columbia University. Before coming to KCUR in October 2004, she reported in New York City about education and culture for radio and print.



Kathy Quinn is an Emmy-winning journalist with FOX 4's morning show and FOX 4 News at Noon and a radio show on Sunday mornings on 97.3 MAX FM. She has experience in radio in the United States and Ireland, as news anchor and on-air personality, television reporter and morning TV news anchor, as well as hosting TV shows. With an ethnic background of Mexican and Irish, she has close connections with the community in her hometown and is bilingual. In 1997, she won an Emmy Award for a news series and was nominated for a second Emmy for her live reports during the St. Patrick's Day parades in Kansas City. She also volunteers her time in many roles for the Fox 4 Love Fund.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8:

DIVERSITY IN RELIGION: Religion transcends culture and, yet, all religions arise from and are rooted in particular cultures. Which elements of religion are attributable to culture and which are "beyond" that culture? How do those cultural elements affect those born into the religion and those who would convert? How do those elements affect the religion itself? The Reverend Vern Barnet, DMn, will be joined by representatives of various faith traditions.



Facilitator Vern Barnet, minister emeritus of CRES, writes a weekly column in The Kansas City Star. Founder of CRES and The Kansas City Interfaith Council and its convener through 2003, he is now its convener emeritus. He teaches religion courses in universities and seminaries and is a frequent speaker at interfaith functions.



CALENDAR INSERT

(print and save as a handy guide to upcoming programs)

DECEMBER, 2007

December 5 through 19
December 31

Dolls of the World Display
Wings of Peace Design/Build

Buckner Library
(deadline)

JANUARY, 2008

January 1
January 5 (Saturday, 2 pm)
January 8 (Tuesday, 7 pm)
January 17 (Thursday, 7:00 pm)

Wings of Peace Nominations
Is This *Your* New Year?
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General Meeting

(open – see website)
Parkville Library
Liberty Library
Plaza Library

FEBRUARY, 2008

February 17 (Sunday, 1:30 pm)

Cultural Conversations
UNWITTING TRANSGRESSIONS IN A
MULTICULTURAL WORLD

Plaza Library

MARCH, 2008

March 9 (Sunday, 1-3 pm)
March 15 (Saturday, 1 pm)
March 16 (Sunday, 1:30 pm)

Wings of Peace Award
Reading & Rhythm
Cultural Conversations
DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE

Loose Park
Ex Springs Library
Plaza Library

APRIL, 2008

April 6 (Sunday, 1:30 pm)

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MILESTONES AND PASSAGES

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MAY, 2008

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BEST WISHES TO ALL...



...WHATEVER YOUR WINTER HOLIDAY !

Wishing you peace in the new year.....

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