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Black History Month Programs Educate

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Joan Whittaker - Director

Everyone attending documentary filmmaker Hafiz Farid's presentation of *Darfur Too Dark, Too Far* knew something about the ongoing crisis in that region of Sudan. But few had thought about the parallels between the genocide taking place there and past genocides in Nazi Germany, Bosnia,



This malnourished child is one of many shown in the film *Darfur Too Dark, Too Far*.

Cambodia, North America, and other locations around the world. By the time the award-winning film-

maker had introduced and shown the documentary, however, the audience was visibly moved – and brimming with questions. Farid and his two co-producers fielded inquiries about the film-making process and the director's plans for expanding the audience for his work.

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At right:

United People of Color Performance Troupe members grace the Library with their presence.

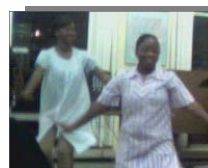
... And Celebrate!

An eager crowd packed the Library's main floor on February 27th, awaiting the return visit of Immaculate Conception High School's *United People of Color Performance Troupe*.



They were not disappointed. *Troupe* members lined both sides of the room, walked to-

ward the windows facing Irvington High School, and suddenly



transformed that area into a performance space! Dozens of young people leapt and glided across the floor so effortlessly that you'd think they'd been doing this all of their lives. A quick glance to the back



of the room, however, indicated otherwise. Dancers and actors were looking to former Immaculate alumnae for last-minute guidance and encouragement.

With good reason. Those alumnae have been nurturing the *Troupe's* development for nearly 20 years.

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WANT YOU !

Are you an avid reader or Internet user? Someone who understands how public libraries can help create and maintain thriving communities? Then join with others who love and care about libraries by becoming a *Friends of the Irvington Library* member!

The *Friends* is a volunteer organization aimed at encour-

aging community participation in Library programs. The *Friends* also take part in activities designed to show local businesses, area corporations, and non-profit organizations how their monetary support and in-kind contributions can help Library patrons of all ages develop the reading and research skills they need to reach their personal and professional goals.

Individual and group membership in the *Friends* organization is open to all Irvington Township patrons,



as well as those living in New Jersey and the surrounding area. So stop in and pick up a flyer at the Reference Desk – you'll be glad you did!

June Book Club Selection

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini



This photo of a young Afghan kite flyer, appears on a blog kept by the mother of a U.S. Army medic once stationed in Afghanistan.

Source:
bp1.blogger.com/.../s400/child+with+kite.jpg

The Kite Runner describes a friendship between two boys growing up in Kabul, Afghanistan. Although both Amir and Hassan were raised in the same household, they essentially grew up in different worlds. Amir, it turns out, is the son

of a prominent and wealthy man, while Hassan, the son of Amir's father's servant, is a Hazara -- a member of a shunned ethnic minority. When Amir and his father flee the country for a new life in California, Amir thinks that he

escaped his past. In time, however, he discovers that he cannot leave the memory of Hassan behind....*

Find out what happens by checking out the book and join the discussion on **June 24th at 6:00 PM**. All are welcome and refreshments will be served!!

* Adapted from the publisher

ANNUAL READOUT AND SPRING SHOW DELIGHT CHILDREN

Irvington Mayor Wayne Smith was among the local dignitaries participating in the Library's 16th *Annual Readout* on April 21st. Civic leaders read selections from their favorite poetry and story books to an enthusiastic crowd.



Social worker Keba Jackson, Mayor Wayne Smith, and Library Director Joan Whittaker participate in the *Readout*.



This year's *Preschool Spring Show* drew a record 168 giggling school children to the Library's Children's Room. The May 1st event was co-sponsored by the Irvington Family Development Center.



Preschoolers had a chance to see a clown perform up close at the annual Spring Show.



USING COMPUTERS IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK!

Do you have relatives who share photos and family news over the Internet with everyone but you – just because you don't know how to use a computer? Well, you don't need to feel left out any more.

Easy Pace and Email: First Steps Toward Computer Mastery

Our new *Easy Pace* class will teach you some "computer basics." In about an hour's time, you'll learn, among other things, how to turn computers on and off, use a "mouse," and find out what those strange-looking figures on computer screens are all about. Next, or if you already have these "basics" down, you might want to take our two email classes. *Email I*



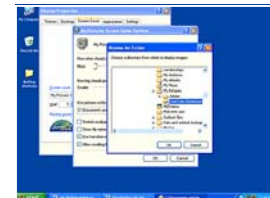
shows you what Email is, what you need to do to be able to send and receive Email, as well as "sign in" and "sign out" of your email account.

Once you've done that, you'll be ready for the *Email II* class. That class will teach you how to send Email, forward an email you've received to someone else you know, as well as how to save or get rid of the Email messages sent to you.

Surf the Web and Work with Documents in No Time

Have you ever needed directions to a job interview, but don't know how to use the Web to get them? Or wondered how your friends searched for jobs "online"?

The Library's *Internet* class will explain what the Internet is, what you need to do to get "on" and "off" web pages, and how to search for directions,



jobs, health news, and other topics that interest

you.

Finally, if you're looking for ways to create documents that look professional, our Microsoft (MS) WORD class may be just what you need. You'll learn how to use the computer keyboard to write letters, correct mistakes, move letters from one page to another, and use other features that capture a reader's attention.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Now Playing...

HAITIAN HERITAGE DAY

The Library and the NJ Haitian Student Association will co-host a cultural celebration featuring Haitian music and food on May 21st from 6:00-8:00 PM.



These steel pan drums may be found on the following Website: www.weddings-seashore.com/photos/steel.jpg

Coming in June...

CARIBBEAN HERITAGE DAY

On June 7th from 5:00-9:00 PM, the Library and The NJ Caribbean Community Cultural Organization will co-host a program featuring an authority on Caribbean drums.

READING FESTIVAL

Our 5th annual Reading Festival will take place on June 7th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Presented by the Library, the Irvington Family Development Center, and

the NJ Division of Youth and Family Services, the festival aims to enhance parent-child reading experiences.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Kids who join this NJ State Library-sponsored reading program have

the chance to read and share books with others and to join in activities, events and celebrations related to this June to August's theme: insects of all shapes, sizes, and types.



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LIBRARY SERVICES

Black/White and Color Copying Now Available

There are now two copiers available for use in the Library. One machine makes black and white copies only, while the other makes color copies as well. The fee for making color copies is \$.50 per page.



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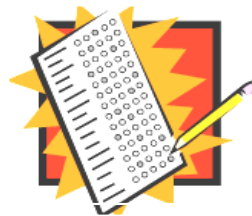
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Computer classes: Want to look for a job online, type a letter to a landlord, or exchange recipes with family far away? Start learning how to do one—or all—of these things by taking our **free, beginner-level computer classes!** Classes are offered every week, and seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Pick up a schedule at the reference desk and ask a librarian to tell you what's covered in each class.

Notary Public Services are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Flyers describing the service, including the fees charged for each request, are available at the Library. Anyone planning to use this service is urged to call (973) 372-6400 to make sure that a Notary is available before they arrive.

Fax Services (sending only) are available at the circulation desk. Patrons are charged \$2.00 for the first page and \$1.00 for each additional page they send.

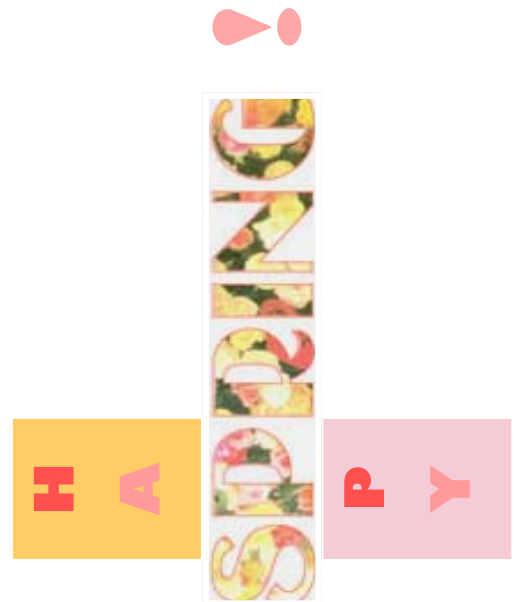
Exam Proctoring Services may be arranged with Library staff for a fee, due at the time the exam is



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taken, of \$25.00 per exam. Students wishing to have an exam proctored must make an appointment with Library staff in advance. Further information about these services is available at the Library.



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