

MAY 2021

RiverRun International Film Festival presents *Life in the Sacrifice Zone*

Friday, May 14 | Virtual Screenings | <https://www.goevent.com/RiverRun/e/LifeintheSacrificeZone>

In his first feature film, Winston-Salem filmmaker Chad Nance highlights an African American community in rural North Carolina who battled systematic racism and one of the world's largest energy companies. A series of environmental disasters, racist actions by local officials and mysterious medical issues spurred the community into action. Tired of sacrificing their land and lives to the pollution created by the largest coal fired electric plant in North Carolina, they join their efforts and voices to force the biggest coal ash clean up in the history of the US. WORLD PREMIERE // \$12 tickets.

Book Launch for *Better, Not Bitter* by Dr. Yusef Salaam of the Exonerated Five

Tuesday, May 18 | 7 pm | <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/dryusefsalaam>

Bookmarks, Wake Forest Law, The Foundation for Prosecutorial Accountability Project, and Wake Forest University Slavery, Race, and Memory Project are thrilled to present a free virtual event with Dr. Yusef Salaam on the publication day of his new book *Better, Not Bitter*. Salaam will be in conversation with Phoebe Zerwick, a prize-winning investigative journalist, narrative writer and college teacher, specializing in telling complex stories in human terms. This inspirational memoir serves as a call to action that will inspire us all to turn our stories into tools for change in the pursuit of racial justice.

Triad Restorative Justice Teen PB&J Youth Circle: Antiracism, Part 1

Wednesday, June 30 | 6:30 pm | [Google Registration Form](#)

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JUNE 2021

LEAD Girls of NC, *The Hate U Give* Reading Launch

Wednesday, June 2 | Private Event

Read | Write | Spell and St. Paul's Episcopal Church Present Talking to Your Children About Racism: Resources and Support for the Journey

Saturday, June 5 | 10:00 am | [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Dealing with racism is not just for adults. Children and parents can work together to remove racism, hatred, and division. Respecting the dignity of every human being and seeing all as God's beloved children needs to be discussed throughout the different stages of a child's life and parents need resources to enable them to listen and talk about the tough issues. During this workshop with Esharan Monroe-Johnson, Executive Director of Read | Write | Spell and the Reverend Lauren Villemuer-Drenth, Director of Children's Ministries, St. Paul's Episcopal Church will provide parents with resources (books and discussion questions/activities) to help them navigate these difficult but necessary conversations about race and racism with their children.

Read | Write | Spell and St. Paul's Episcopal Church: *Stamped : Racism, Antiracism, and You* Adult Book Study

Tuesday, June 8 | 12 pm [Zoom Registration Link](#) | 7 pm Zoom [Registration Link](#)

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happening and join God in making it so. *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds is a comprehensive history of race and racism in America. A more complete understanding of how we came to this present moment can be very helpful in creating the solutions we all need to move forward into a better future. This five-part series will invite honest engagement with the history of race in this country, considered through a Christian theological lens. We will be using the Young Adult version of *Stamped*, but make no mistake, the ideas discussed will remain challenging for all adults, whether young and old. Join us as we look at ourselves and our world, praying that God will make things on earth as they are in heaven. This introductory session will be The Rev. Dixon Kinser, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal, Esharan Monroe-Johnson, Executive Director of Read | Write | Spell, and Jonathan L. Walton, Dean of the Wake Forest University School of Divinity. Book study sessions will be facilitated by Kathy Ausen, St. Paul's Episcopal parishioner and Ricky Shore, St. Paul's Episcopal parishioner.

Salemtowne Learning Lab: Things Untold, Things Unseen: A Look at Moravians, Slavery, and its Legacies

Tuesday, June 8 | 3:00 pm | Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tpam_tbpTeW0sq_l9Bmtyw

Join us for these Learning Lab virtual webinars to dive into racism-related topics as they relate to our Moravian ancestors. The Moravian Church has missions at its core. When we Moravians tell our history, we focus on the courage, faithfulness, and dedication of 18th and 19th-century missionaries. This lecture will review our telling of our story, including elements we have omitted or “forgotten” over the years. This lecture will be presented by Rev. Dr. Frank Crouch, who has served at Moravian Theological Seminary since 1996, joining the faculty after receiving a Ph.D. in New Testament studies from Duke University. He also served as VP and Dean of the Seminary from 2001-2020. Frank grew up in First Moravian Church in Greensboro, was ordained in 1980, and served at Providence and Fairview Moravian Churches in the 1980s. He is currently on a research sabbatical on Moravians, race, and racism until his retirement on June 30, 2021.

Our Time: A Conversation in Black and White

June 10 - 12 | Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts

Presented by Artzenstuff Creative, The Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, and Triad Cultural Arts, this is a multi-media, theatrical event featuring a three-character, one-act play and workshop production. Set in Winston-Salem after a Black Lives Matter rally and a Sons of the Confederacy protest of the removal of a Confederate Monument. Tickets are free with online registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/our-time-a-conversation-in-black-and-white-tickets-154416075639>

Read | Write | Spell & St. Paul's Episcopal Church *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* Adult Book Study Pt. 1

Tuesday, June 15 | 12 pm [Zoom Registration Link](#) | 7 pm Zoom [Registration Link](#)

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Salemtowne Learning Lab: The HiddenTowne Project at Old Salem

Tuesday, June 15 | 3:00 pm | https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1RfWiK1jSCeXD3EYpMiu_g

The origin of Winston-Salem is in the Wachovia Tract, which the Moravian Church created in the 1750s. European- and African-born and derived people built the community, but the relationship between the two was not one of equality and involved slavery. St. Phillips Moravian Church is the only historic Black Moravian church in the United States and is a touchstone for the African American experience. Moravian archival records tell us much about the past, and the Hidden Town Project is a research-driven initiative to identify people of African descent and to

understand their life within the white Moravian world. It is also a project of public awareness and community engagement. Recognizing that we live our history, we can use insight from the historical record to respond to the persistent, deep inequities and injustices in our time, to repair past wrongs, and to move forward in human relationship. Understanding truth in history is basic to the conversation. This illustrated presentation will explore hard history in Winston-Salem. This lecture will be presented by: Martha Hartley, Director of Moravian Research and Co-Chair of the Hidden Town Project at Old Salem Museums & Gardens. A native of Winston-Salem, she received undergraduate degrees from Hollins College and spent a year in Paris during college. From the University of Virginia, she received a master's degree in Urban Planning and a Certificate in Historic Preservation. She is a Preservation Planner with varied experience including community preservation, advocacy, and public awareness. For over 35 years, Martha and her husband Michael, anthropologist and Director of Archaeology Emeritus at Old Salem, have worked together with the archaeology, history, landscape, and preservation of the Moravian communities in the Winston-Salem area. For their work, they have been honored to receive The David Schattschneider Award for Excellence from the Center for Moravian Studies, the Robert E. Stipe Professional Award from Preservation North Carolina, the Archie K. Davis Award from the Wachovia Historical Society, and the Hall of Fame Community Service Award from the Liberian Organization of Piedmont. The Minnette C. Duffy Landscape Preservation Award from Preservation North Carolina to the Bethania Historical Association was on behalf of Hartley's work.

Winston-Salem Symphony P.L.A.Y. Summer Music Camp

Tuesday, June 15 - Thursday, July 29 | Private Event

Piedmont Learning Academy for Youth (P.L.A.Y. Music) is the Winston-Salem Symphony's El-Sistema-inspired string program which places an emphasis on the teaching of the whole child: head, heart, and hands. The central focus of the curriculum is to instill in each student a thankfulness for their background and place in the world, an appreciation for those different from themselves, a motivation to work with others in a team, and to better themselves holistically through active contribution and participation in an ensemble.

Juneteenth Storytime with Bookmarks and The Speech Bus

Saturday, June 19 | 10:30 am | In person at Bookmarks | Registration required:

<https://www.bookmarksnc.org/juneteenth-storytime-registration>

Join Bookmarks and the Speech Bus for a Saturday morning storytime celebrating Juneteenth for children of all ages. Strict Covid protocols will be in place, including wearing masks and distancing.

Race & the Ballot with Action4Equity and MUSE Winston-Salem

Monday, June 21 | 6:30 pm | [Zoom Registration Link](#)

In a time when debates over ballot access once again rage, this program will explore the local and statewide story of race, power, and fights for voting rights in historical and contemporary perspective. Join historians Robert Korstad and James Leloudis, authors of the new book *Fragile Democracy: The Struggle Over Race and Voting Rights in North Carolina*, and local and regional voting rights advocates including Linda Sutton of DemocracyNC and a representative from the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, for an evening of presentations and moderated discussion. Presented in partnership by MUSE Winston-Salem and Action4Equity.

Read | Write | Spell & St. Paul's Episcopal Church Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You Adult Book Study Pt. 2

Tuesday, June 22 | 12 pm [Zoom Registration Link](#) | 7 pm Zoom [Registration Link](#)

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Salemtowne Learning Lab: Religion & Racism

Tuesday, June 22 | 3:00 pm | [Zoom Registration Link to come](#)

Epiphany Book Club: Open Discussion of *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*

Thursday, June 24 | 7:00 pm | In person and online

Epiphany Readers will host an intergenerational (ages 9-adult) discussion session featuring *Stamped* and *Stamped for Kids*. Led by Vicar Jennifer Roberts, it will be held in person at Lutheran Church of the Epiphany (5220 Silas Creek Parkway) Fellowship Hall and by Zoom beginning at 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 24th. Masks are required for in-person participation. [Zoom link](#); use meeting ID 89519211537, passcode 1517

West Davidson Public Library Evening Book Club Open Discussion of *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*

Saturday, June 26 | 10:00 am | In person event at steps of the Davidson County Historical Museum

<https://www.facebook.com/events/297182925131581/>

Read | Write | Spell & St. Paul's Episcopal Church *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* Adult Book Study Pt. 3

Tuesday, June 29 | Registration closed after June 22

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Salemtowne Learning Lab: Religion & Racism

Tuesday, June 29 | 3:00 pm | [Zoom Registration Link to come](#)

Bookmarks Book Club: Open Discussion of *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*

Tuesday, June 29 | 6:30 pm | Hybrid in-person & Zoom event

Join Bookmarks Book Club for a discussion of *Stamped*. To register to participate via Zoom, [click here](#). To register to attend in person, [click here](#). Masks will be required for in-person attendees.

Triad Restorative Justice Teen PB&J Youth Circle: Antiracism, Part 2

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Read | Write | Spell & St. Paul's Episcopal Church *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* Adult Book Study Pt. 4

Tuesday, July 6 | Registration closed after June 22

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Creating an Antiracist Work Environment with Dr. William Lewis

Wednesday, July 7 | 6:30 pm | In person at Bookmarks | Registration required:

<https://www.bookmarksnc.org/creating-antiracist-work-environment-registration>

Join us for an in person event with Dr. William T. Lewis, a nationally recognized diversity and inclusion thought leader and consultant as he leads attendees through a 90-minute lecture and participatory experience about creating an antiracist work environment. More on Will can be found here: <https://www.wtlewis.com/>

Read | Write | Spell & St. Paul's Episcopal Church *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* Adult Book Study Pt. 5

Tuesday, July 13 | Registration closed after June 22

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Film with Purpose: *The Hate U Give* presented by a/perture Cinema, Bookmarks, and LEAD Girls of NC

Friday, July 16 | 8:00 pm | MUSE Winston-Salem Parking Lot (226 S. Liberty St.) Registration:

<https://www.bookmarksnc.org/hate-u-give-film-registration>

Free film showing of *The Hate U Give*, based on the book by Angie Thomas. This event will take place in the parking lot of MUSE Winston-Salem, located at 226 S. Liberty St. Please bring a folding chair or blanket as seating is limited and not guaranteed. Film showing will begin at sunset (around 8:30 pm). Come early for a book review by LEAD Girls of NC, beginning at 7:45 pm. Note that this film is rated PG-13 and the book is recommended for ages 14+.

Exploring Environmental Justice with Piedmont Environmental Alliance and Bookmarks

Monday, July 19 | 7:00 pm | In person Rhoades Conference Center in the Robert L. Strickland Center at Forsyth Tech. For a map and directions, and to register, visit: Registration: <https://www.bookmarksnc.org/environmental-justice-registration>

Bookmarks and Piedmont Environmental Alliance (PEA) present a Book with Purpose event on the topic of Environmental Justice. Hear from panelists as they discuss this important topic and how it relates to us here in Winston-Salem, including Russ Smith, Faculty Lead for the Spatial Justice Studio at Winston-Salem State University; Nicole Gaines, an educator at GTCC; and Rowie Kirby Striker, a communications Professor at WFU and

environmental justice educator. This event is presented with support from [Renewable Energy Design Group](#), the leading solar contractor in North and South Carolina. The RED Group is dedicated to promoting renewable energy and an advocate for environmental stewardship.

Triad Restorative Justice: Community Circle for All

Wednesday, July 21 | 6:30 pm | [In person event at Bookmarks; registration to come](#)

Book with Purpose Storytime

Saturday, July 24 | 10:30 am | In person at Bookmarks | Registration required:

<https://www.bookmarksnsc.org/july-24-storytime-registration>

Join us in person at Bookmarks for a storytime featuring *Antiracist Baby* and other titles. This is a free event but registration is required.

Knollwood Baptist Church Book Club Discussion of *Stamped*

Tuesday, July 26 | Private event

Stand Together Storytelling Session with Bonita Murphy and Forsyth County Public Library

Friday, July 30 | 10:00 am | Call 336.703.2950 to register

Join us for stories that feature diversity and inclusion. A valid email address is needed to send a Zoom link to the program.

Solidarity Vision Board with Forsyth County Public Library

Friday, July 30 | 10:30 am | Call 336.703.2950 to register

Let's create a vision board!! Using construction paper or posterboard, let's assemble pictures and items that promote solidarity, diversity and inclusion for all. A valid email address is needed to send a Zoom link to the program.

R.I.F. Reading is Freedom with the Forsyth County Public Library

Friday, July 30 | 12:00 pm | Call 336.703.2950 to register

Join the Forsyth County Public Library and Elwanda Ingram, PH.D., professor emerita of the Department of English, Winston Salem State University for a look at the autobiographies of Frederick Douglas, Richard Wright, and Malcolm X.

AUGUST 2021

Book Club Discussion of *Stamped* in Spanish with Hispanic League

Wednesday, August 4 | 6:30 pm | [Zoom Registration Link to come](#)

Join a panel of guests that include Iris Cole and Kevin Ortiz, Board President and Vice President of the Hispanic League, as they have a discussion about *Stamped: El Racismo, El Antirracismo y Tú*.

Exhibit Sneak Peek with Reynolda

Thursday, August 5 | 12:00 pm | Zoom | Registration required: <http://reynoldahouse.org/>

Grab your lunch and join Director of Archives and Library, Bari Helms, for a virtual sneak peek of the upcoming 2022 exhibition, *Still I Rise: The Black Experience at Reynolda*. The exhibit will examine the lives of the Black men and women, including nationally-recognized artists, who shaped Reynolda as it evolved from a Jim Crow-era working estate into a nonprofit American art museum, incorporated in 1967. Presented in partnership with Bookmarks' Book with Purpose Initiative. Free event.

Book with Purpose Storytime with Bookmarks & The Links

Saturday, August 7 | 10:30 am | In person, outdoors at Bookmarks | Registration required: info@bookmarksnc.org

The Links, Incorporated, is an international, not-for-profit organization, established in 1946. The membership consists of more than 15,000 professional women of color in 288 chapters located in 42 states. It's one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of women who are committed to enriching, sustaining, and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. The Winston-Salem Chapter began in 1948. Storytime will consist of *Antiracist Baby* and other titles, as well as activities for children.

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Book with Purpose Bilingual Storytime with Bookmarks & Hispanic League

Saturday, August 21 | 10:30 am | In person at Bookmarks | Registration required: info@bookmarksnc.org

Come hear storytime of *Antiracist Baby* and other titles in English and Spanish.

FUTURE EVENTS

- Culturally Responsive Teaching: A Professional Development Opportunity for Teachers and Tutors
- Equity in the Arts with Arts Council of Winston-Salem Forsyth County, Delta Fine Arts, Winston-Salem Symphony, and Bookmarks
- Forsyth Prison Ministries Book Club Discussion (Private Event)
- Book Study and Response with K-6th Grade Summer Enrichment Camps with Imprints Cares (Private Event)