

FY 2013 Overall Summary of:

"Broward County Poet-in-Residence Anastasia Clark presents: The Hobo Code Poetry and Art Project"

During the late 1800s/ early 1900s, the rails were teeming with hobos and others looking for adventure. As hobos traveled back and forth, the Hobo Code evolved as an informal way for them to communicate with each other. The symbols were usually written in chalk or coal on fences or trees and alerted others to information such as directions, a place to eat, a place to camp, medical help or perhaps a warning that the law was nearby. The symbols were simple and limited, but represent a fascinating part of folklore.

Using the various symbols as a launch pad, the goal of this project is to inspire new poetry and new artwork. Workshops will feature writing tips, background information, visual aids and discussions to encourage a wide variety of poetry inspired by The Hobo Code.

Participants will also be asked to create artistic versions of the various symbols.

The resultant poetry and artwork will be displayed at local, national and international venues- and at a formal, public presentation during April 2013 National Poetry Month.

The project is expected to yield a 40-60 page (8.5" x 11") Exhibit, suitable for all audiences and will allow writers and artists from the Broward County area to share their craft worldwide.

Some hobo code symbols and information available at

www.worldpath.net/~minstrel/hobosign.htm or

www.weburbanist.com:

Free Workshops will be conducted at:

Venue	Point of Contact	Date / Time
Davie/Cooper City Branch 4600 SW 82 Ave Davie, FL 33328 (District 5)	Arlene Wicks Allen Branch Manager Tel: 954-680-0050 afallen@browardlibrary.org	Oct 20, 2012 Saturday 11:00am-1:00pm
Hallandale Beach Library 300 S. Federal Hwy. Hallandale, FL 33309 (District 6) (Capacity= 89)	Tasha Watson Adult Services Librarian Tel: 954-437-1750 twatson@broward.org	Nov 3, 2012 Saturday 12:00-2:00pm
South Regional/BC Library 7300 Pines Blvd. Pembroke Pines, FL 33024 (District 6)	Patricia Ventura South Regional/BC Adult Programming Tel: 954-538-9956 x272 / 954-201-8825 pventura@browardlibrary.org	Jan 26, 2013 Saturday 1:00pm-3:00pm

Main Library 100 S. Andrews Ave Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 (District 7) (Capacity=50)	Barbara Miller Programming Manager Tel: 954-357-7443 bmiller@browardlibrary.org	Feb 5, 2013 Tuesday 6:00pm-8:00pm
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Poetry/ Artwork will be displayed* at:
(List is being developed every day and more venues are expected).
(Contact Anastasia Clark to join the list of exhibitors)

Venue	Point of Contact
California State Railroad Museum Library 111 "I" Street Sacramento, CA 95814	Cara Randall Librarian Tel: 916-323-8073
Davie/Cooper City Branch 4600 SW 82 Ave Davie, FL 33328	Arlene Wicks Allen Tel: 954-680-0050 afallen@browardlibrary.org
Stirling Road Branch 3151 Stirling Rd. Hollywood, FL 33312	Susan O'Donnell Adult Ref Services Supervisor 954-985-2689 Sodonnell@broward.org
Dania Beach Paul DeMaio Library 1 Park Avenue East Dania, FL 33004	Tim Bain- Branch Manager Sean Godfrey 954-357-7073 tbain@browardlibrary.org sgodfrey@broward.org

Southwest Regional Library 16835 Sheridan St. Pembroke Pines, FL 33331	Patricia Ventura Event & Display Coordinator, Computer Center Supervisor 954-538-9956 x272 pventura@browardlibrary.org
Weston Library 4205 Bonaventure Blvd Weston, FL 33332	Waleska Diaz Librarian I, Adult Services 954-389-2098 wdiaz@browardlibrary.org
Margate Catharine Young Library 5810 Park Dr. Margate, FL 33063 Tel: 954-968-3800	Maribel D-Pelayo Librarian II 954-968-3800 Mdpelayo@broward.org
Railway and Forestry Museum 850 River Road Prince George, BC V2L 5S8	Julianna Weisgarber Curator Tel: 250-563-7351 curator@pgrfm.bc.ca rgill@pgrfm.bc.ca

*Note: Venues will have final discretion over which poems to publicly display.

*Note: Participants will retain copyright to their material.

Free Public Presentation will take place at a special show:

Venue	Point of Contact	Date
City of Hollywood David Park Community Center 108 N 33 Ct. Hollywood, FL 33021	Dawn Joseph Recreation Coordinator Tel: 954-967-4236	Apr 6, 2013 Saturday 10:00am- 12:00 Noon



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