

A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen: A Celebration of Stories Saturday Storytelling for Families

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 23

Join us at the Wheatley Branch of the Richland County Public Library, 931 Woodrow Street, for a **free** outdoor celebration of stories and music from around the world. Books and refreshments will be on sale.

*** Christopher Paul Curtis will sign books from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. ***

Rita Cox

As a master storyteller, librarian and educator, Rita Cox encouraged the development of the art of storytelling in others. She has performed at Expo '86 in Vancouver and the opening of the museum of Civilization in Ottawa, and she was invited by the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. to participate in the 1994 "Juneteenth" Festival at Anacostia Museum of the Smithsonian Institute. Cox has also performed on stage, radio and television in North America and Europe, the Caribbean and in Beijing, China. Originally from Trinidad, she now lives in Toronto, Canada. Cox was a very close friend of Augusta Baker.



Barbara Freeman

Barbara Freeman has spent more than 30 years delighting audiences throughout Asia, Europe and America with wholesome, heartwarming, hilarious and energy-filled performances. She has received the National Storytelling Association's "Circle of Excellence Award" and Our Nation's Oldest Folk and Dance Festival's "Most Outstanding Performer Award," as well as numerous storytelling recording honors.



Logan Leopard Steel Band

The Logan Leopard Steel Band, directed by Dr. Christopher Lee, from Columbia's Logan Elementary School is a high-energy group formed in August 2002. They have entertained audiences at Walt Disney World Resorts and many other community and statewide events with their Calypso, Reggae, holiday favorites and pop songs.



Suzette Hawkins

After attending the National Storytelling Festival in 1982, Suzette Hawkins began storytelling. Since then, she has enhanced children's programs at the Lexington County Public Library where she has worked in Youth Services for 25 years. She studied under Augusta Baker and Laura Simms, a professional storyteller from New York. Hawkins has been a part of A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen for 19 years and has told at many other festivals. "A world without stories is like a book without pages," she says. "Stories are for laughing, loving, living and sharing."



Darion McCloud

An accomplished storyteller with more than 10 years experience, Darion McCloud is a favorite of many school children and has told in settings ranging from prisons to television. Also in demand as an actor, he is a company member with TRUSTUS Theatre, The South Carolina Shakespeare Co. and The NiA Company, where he is also Artistic Director.



A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen is cosponsored by RCPL and the USC School of Library and Information Sciences.
Call 929-3474 or visit www.richland.lib.sc.us/baker.htm for more information.

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