Central Library Hosts Caribbean Film Festival  
*This Year Includes Author Visits and Special Programs*

Atlanta – June is Caribbean American Heritage Month, and the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System celebrates by hosting its annual film series and events for all ages at the downtown Central Library.

The seventh annual Caribbean Film Festival kicks off on Tuesday, June 3 at 4:00 p.m. with a meet-and-greet reception. All are invited to meet representatives from various Caribbean countries and organizations and to get information about the month’s festivities.

The Film Festival begins Saturday, June 7 at 1:00 p.m. with *Play, Jankanu Play: the Garifuna Wanaragua Ritual in Belize* and *The Boys of Summer* both from Curacao. Dr. Oliver Greene, filmmaker and professor, will introduce and facilitate a discussion about his film *Play, Jankanu Play*. *The Boys of Summer* documents the exciting journey of the Curacao team to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

On Sunday, June 8 at 1:00 p.m. the films *Sara Gomez: Afro-Cuban Filmmaker* and *Womanish Ways, Freedom, Human Rights and Democracy: the Women’s Suffrage Movement in the Bahamas 1948-1962* will be shown.

And on Sunday, June 15 at 1:00 p.m. join the library for three films: *The Merikins* from Trinidad and Tobago; and *Rum Shop* and *Chattel House* both from Barbados.

Other Caribbean Heritage Month events include:

**Saturday, June 14 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Anancy Festival:** Listen to storytellers as they regale the audience with funny and exciting tales of the trickster Anancy. These tales migrated from West Africa to the Caribbean, and have delighted children there for many years. All ages.

**Saturday, June 14 at 2:30 p.m.**  
**Caribbean Spelling Bee:** Children and teens up to the eighth grade will take part in this first annual spelling bee focused on Caribbean people, places and things.
The list of spelling words will be made available upon request. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places.

**Tuesday, June 10 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Author Talk and Book Signing:** Nicki Salcedo will present and discuss her first novel, *All Beautiful Things*, a story based in Atlanta which delves into the themes of love, race, crime and the search for truth. Copies of the book will be available for purchase, and the author will sign books after the discussion.

**Tuesday, June 17 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Author Talk and Book Signing:** Dr. Noel Erskine, noted Caribbean theologian and Emory University professor, will launch his new book, *Plantation Church: How African-American Religion was born in Caribbean Slavery*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase, and the author will sign books after the discussion.

All events are free and open to the public. The Central Library, a part of Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System, is located at One Margaret Mitchell Square, Atlanta 30303. For more information please visit [www.afpls.org](http://www.afpls.org) or call 404-730-1904.

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