Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System’s Preserving Heritage and Memories: Pass It On
In Observance of the American Library Association’s National Initiative
Preservation Week: Pass It On! • April 22 – 28, 2012

ATLANTA – In observance of Preservation Week: Pass It On!, the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System (AFPLS) will present a series of free public programs, events and activities on the importance of preserving personal, family, community and cultural memories and treasures. These programs are supported in part by a grant from the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Saturday, April 14, 2012
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Pittsburgh: A Sense of Community – Let the People Speak
Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History
Authors’ and Writers’ Lounge – 3rd Floor
Suggested Audience: Open to All Ages
Description: Dr. Moriba (Richard) Kelsey, Project Director, will discuss his current oral history project which documents the personal and social experiences of residents in Atlanta’s historic Pittsburgh Community. One of Atlanta’s oldest neighborhoods, this community was established by African Americans in 1883 on 554 acres of land after the Civil War.

Wednesday, April 25, 2012
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Family Legacy Writing Workshop
Central Library – Special Collections Department, 5th Floor
Suggested Audience: Young Adults/Adults
Description: A two-hour workshop presented by Ms. Linda Weaver Clarke, author and educator, who will teach participants how to put their family history into a variety of interesting stories. Participants will learn the importance of
documenting and preserving their family’s history through the art of narrative writings.

Thursday, April 26, 2012
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Preservation Basics in the Special Collections Department: An Open House
Central Library – Special Collections Department, 5th Floor
Suggested Audience: Open to All Ages
Description: Learn how to preserve family and other important documents via DVD instruction and through the use of visual aids. The general public is invited to view a selection of materials in the Special Collections Department, including rare books, organizational and/or individual records and memorabilia, and learn how they are protected and preserved.

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Preserving Heritage and Memories: Pass It On!
Central Library – 1st Floor
Suggested Audience: Adults
Description: A two-hour workshop presented by Ms. Christine Wiseman, Preservation Manager at the Georgia Archives, who will inform participants about basic preservation techniques and resources in the care of their personal treasures, such as books, photographs, letters, etc.

Friday, April 27, 2012
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Preserving the Special Collections in the Archives Division: An Open House
Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History Archives Division – 2nd Floor
Suggested Audience: Open to All Ages
Description: If you have ever been curious about what’s really in an Archive; and, how ‘old’ materials are protected, this is your opportunity to talk with an Archivist. The general public is invited to view and learn how rare and unique Africana materials are processed and preserved.

Saturday, April 28, 2012
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Mission: Preservation
Central Library – 1st Floor
Suggested Audience: Youth ages 8 to 11
Description: Three one-hour workshop sessions for youth presented by educators of The Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of African American History and Culture. The young participants will read a story – Ruth and the Green Book by Calvin Ramsey; wear white cotton gloves as they explore authentic artifacts and record their observations; and, will be encouraged to go home and preserve their own family history. Workshop sessions will be held
during the following times: 12:00 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. / 1:30 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. / 3:00 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
**Preservation of the Culture of African Classical Jazz Music**
Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History
Heritage Education Center Auditorium – 4th Floor
Suggested Audience: Young Adults/Adults
Description: Presented in partnership with the James Hardy Patterson Foundation, Inc., this program is a panel discussion on the preservation of classical jazz music and culture. Panelists for the discussion include James H. Patterson, Dwight Andrews, Sandra Jean Foster, Calvert Johnson and moderator, Kevin J. Waddy.

The Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History is located at 101 Auburn Avenue, 30303. The Central Library is located at One Margaret Mitchell Square, Atlanta 30303.

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