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Black Male Emergent Readers Literacy Program Presents **BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION** Honoring VA's African American Male Authors "Is There a Change in Direction Within the Struggle?"

Discussion led by Clarence McGill, one of Syracuse 8 Refreshments - Book Signing - Book Sales

WELCOMING- Meldon Jenkins-Jones. Law Librarian INTRODUCTION OF AUTHORS - Kerwyn Philip, MC INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER – Danita Green, Board Member

PRESENTATION – Clarence McGill Q & A / Discussion

READING - David Coogan & Co-Authors of Writing Our Way Out BREAK

"BEYOND THE HORIZON" Short Film - Evans Hopkins THANK YOUs - Dianne Wilmore, Community Services Manager MEET & GREET THE AUTHORS

Speaker: Clarence "Bucky" McGill LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD: THE STORY OF THE SYRACUSE 8 by David Marc (Foreword by Jim Brown) tells the story of the Syracuse University football team players who, in 1970, challenged the continuous discriminatory practices of their coach and athletic department.



AUTHORS—FOR MIDDLE GRADE READERS & UP:

FARLEY Author: Cordell Farley, Sr.

LIFE LESSONS OF A THROWAWAY KID is a powerful and poignant memoir that offers a glimpse into the author's life growing up in a foster home and how he used sports as his refuge in order to overcome the many obstacles he faced. It is a story of triumph that is resonating loudly with youth.

Author: **Prince-Albert**

Affection, book 1 of the RAISING REAL FATHERS Series, shows the unlimited level of affection and connection a father should share with his child. This book teaches some techniques of fatherhood that we often struggle with displaying, mostly because many of us were never taught by a father of our own.



Author: Ronnie Sidney, II

NELSON BEATS THE ODDS is an inspiring story that celebrates friendship, resilience and empowerment. The striking illustrations give it life, while the author's story is perfect for students diagnosed with learning disabilities or mental health disorders.

AUTHORS—YOUNG ADULT READERS & UP:

Author: Sadiq Ali

America

BENJAMIN E. MAYS INSTITUTE: EDUCATING YOUNG BLACK MALES describes the inception, successes, challenges, and teaching methodologies behind a school designed specifically for young black men. This book is a blueprint for addressing the state of emergency facing those growing up black and male in





Author: Dwayne Bennett

THE 7 WINNING WAYS TO COLLEGE SUCCESS is a step by step blueprint to help high school and college students stay in school, plan for success and graduate on time.

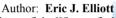
Author: Lawrence Bolar ERADICATING THE SAGGY PANTS SYNDROME IN AMERICA provides information to empower the reader to make an intelligent decision regarding this style of dress.





Author: David Coogan

The culmination of a the Richmond, VA City Jail writing class, WRITING OUR WAY OUT is their teacher's compilation of the formative and transformative memories of ten men exploring the conditions, traps, and turning points on the path to imprisonment and then re-entry in modern America.



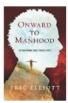
What we face. What we fear. What we fight. What we find fascinating. ONWARD TO MANHOOD: ESTABLISHING GODLY MASCULINITY addresses them all, then helps the reader to come out standing tall.



ETIQUETTE Author: Clyde R. Farris

ETIQUETTE FOR THE BLACK MAN is a self help book written for and about African American males that provides a path for personal improvement. It relies on Biblical principles, courteous manners, and common sense to teach Black men of all ages how to live a better life.

Author: Gregory Ford CHASING THE ARTIFICIAL RAINBOW: "DEFINING YOUR MOMENT"- A PLATFORM FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN SUCCESS



Exposes self-serving recruiting practices of popular college athletic programs and helps parents and their student athletes choose the right college for the right reasons.

> LIFE AFTER LIFE: A STORY OF RAGE AND REDEMPTION is the gloriously redemptive tale of Evans Hopkins' journey to manhood from Civil Rights era pioneer and activist, through outlaw years and harsh punishment, to celebrated writer and fully empowered citizen.

Author: Synnika Lofton

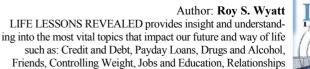
RUN, FEED, RUN tracks the beginning of a zombie apocalypse in Hampton Roads, Virginia. Lofton's characters are dynamic, intelligent, and leap off the page!

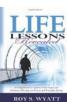


Author: Vincent Ellis White In FINDING CHRIS, MY FATHER a young

man perseveres to find his biological father in his ongoing quest toward adulthood outlining the internal strug-

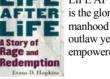
gles endured during the strenuous, gut-wrenching process. He maneuvers through dealing with a jailed step-father, fatherlessness, identity crisis, questions of manhood, bullying, a fragmented family, and more!





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Author: Evans D. Hopkins