



Northstar Cultural Community Centre

NORTHSTAR NEWS

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January Edition

**VOLUNTEERS
Needed!**

**WE NEED
YOU!!**

See page 8
for more
details!



The Board of Directors and Staff say... THANK YOU!



Front row-Greg Martin, *President*, Directors - Dileana Larkin and Nancy Bishop,
Back row-Annette Middleton, *Executive Assistant*, Nancy Allen, *Special Projects*,
Directors - Gale Carter, Cheryl Ball and Jim Allen.

The photograph above was taken by Nicole Talbot at the Grand Opening event at the new location for our office and meeting room on Saturday November 17,2012. There is an old saying that “Pictures say a thousand words,” if this is true then the few words written across the top of the page along with this picture tell the whole story.

In the Nov/Dec. Newsletter special attention was focused on 3 words that are symbolic of our mission statement-”History, Pride and Unity!” The community response through personal attendance and individual comments reinforced our sense of purpose and renewed the belief that Northstar Cultural Community Centre can be a gathering place where old friends reminisce and new friends feel welcome!

LITERACY COMES ALIVE –2013

The planning process has begun with the scheduling of monthly events/activities for the calendar year 2013. One major decision centered around the continuation of the “Literacy Comes Alive” theme as an organizer whenever possible.

As a result this year’s initial event will begin with an introduction to the ideas and rationale for the Canada wide designated “FAMILY LITERACY DAY” which is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada and is held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in literacy related activities for the family. The Emergent Literacy Network Windsor - Essex County will host a local event at Devonshire Mall on Friday, January 25th from 9:30 am to 7:00pm.

The Book store opens January 29th offering new books and the Annual Used Book Sale will be ongoing everyday during regular office hours including Appreciation Night on Thursday, January 31st (see page 5)

One of the new books in our bookstore will be introduced to the community at a special event titled “*An Evening with University of Windsor 2013 Writer-in - Residence and Author of David, Ray Robertson* presented by Biblioasis, The University of Windsor Department of English and The Northstar Cultural Community Centre. (see next page 3)

Future plans for literacy focused presentations will be announced in the February Newsletter for adults and youth during the March Break week of March 11 to 15th.

In conclusion, just a few thoughts from Dr. Norman Vincent Peale who states on page 56 of his book *The True Joy of Positive Thinking: an Autobiography*

“ Perhaps no one better expressed the power of words than Arthur Gordon in an article titled “Those Little Black Marks” which reads as follows...

Isn’t it amazing how we take for granted those little black marks on paper! Twenty-six different shapes known as letters, arranged in endless combinations known as words. Lifeless until someone’s eye falls on them...

But then a miracle happens. Along the optic nerve, almost at the speed of light, these tiny symbols are flashed to the brain where they are instantly decoded into ideas, images, concepts, messages.

The owner of the eye is changed ,too. The little black marks can make him love or hate, laugh or cry, fight or run away. And what do we call this incredible chain of events?

We call it reading!

Partly because it is such a complex process, reading is not just a habit or a skill, It’s a deeply satisfying emotional experience. Something in us knows that the soundest insights, the truest wisdom, the most enduring knowledge come through this channel. The spoken word rushes by and is gone, but the written word remains. It endures. It can be consulted over and over again. Forever!

How wise then to surround oneself with books and magazines.

How wise to love them, and teach one’s children to love them.

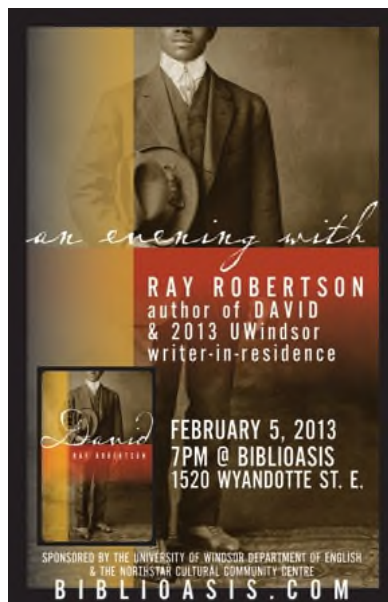
How wise to read!



**You're invited to an evening with
University of Windsor 2013 Writer-in-Residence
and Author of *David*,
Ray Robertson**

PRESENTED BY BIBLIOASIS
THE UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR'S DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
AND THE NORTHSTAR CULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Join us as we celebrate the launch of *David*, which is being released for the first time in the States and in paperback for the first time in Canada. Born a slave in 1847, but raised as a free man by the Reverend William King, Robertson's eponymous hero has rebelled against his emancipator and his predestined future in the church. He's taken up residence in the nearby town of Chatham, made a living robbing graves, and now presides—in the company of a German ex-prostitute named Loretta—over an illegal after-hours tavern. Inspired by the Elgin Settlement, which by 1852 housed 75 free black families and was studied by Lincoln and Harriet Beecher Stowe, *David* is a "beautifully written novel" featuring "discontinuous narrative, complex characters, and references to poets, philosophers, and other great thinkers" (*Library Journal*); the story of David's reconciliation with his past is overall "a challenging read that is well worth the effort."



**February 5th, 7pm at Biblioasis
1520 Wyandotte St. E., Windsor (corner of Gladstone & Wyandotte)
519-968-2206 info@biblioasis.com**

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

Dear Members, Volunteers & Community Supporters

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND...

APPRECIATION NIGHT

TO **THANK YOU** FOR YOUR

SUPPORT IN 2012

Thursday, January 31, 2013

6:00pm to 8:00pm

**Northstar Cultural Community Centre Office
225A Erie Street East**

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

**TAKE NOTE: THE MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2013 WILL REMAIN
AT THE SAME RATE UNTIL FEBRUARY 28TH (SEE PAGE 6)**

PLAN TO ATTEND & BRING A FRIEND!!!

A SPECIAL "TRIBUTE OF APPRECIATION"

to the

Ontario Trillium Foundation

will be discussed for presentation at the

Town Hall Meeting on Thursday February 21, 2013

At St. Angela Hall (see page 6)

Ontario
Trillium Foundation



Fondation Trillium
de l'Ontario

An agency of the Government of Ontario
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NORTHSTAR BOOKSTORE

GRAND OPENING

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

- ♦ **Black History**
- ♦ **War of 1812**
- ♦ **Fiction**
- ♦ **Non Fiction**

***Preview books in new “Circulating Library Collection”**



HELP WANTED– Needed a Volunteer Librarian

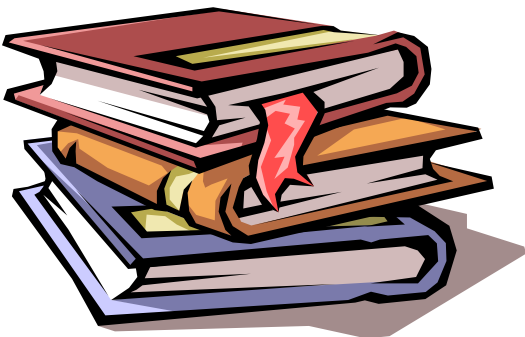
(no experience needed ,just the desire to do a good job!)

USED BOOK SALE

Tuesday, January 29 to Thursday, January, 31, 2013

10:00am to 2:00pm

**Note: 2 for 1 Sale on Jan 31 (6pm to 8pm)
at Appreciation Night**



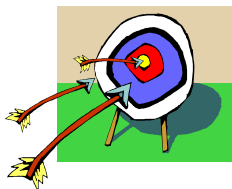
Donations may be dropped off at the office!

Membership Matters

2013 MEMBERSHIPS are available NOW!!!

“A 10th Year Anniversary Challenge”

(In 2013 the Northstar Cultural Community Center will celebrate its 10th year)



PLEASE HELP US to ACHIEVE OUR TARGET
Project 10 by 10

The challenge is to RECRUIT or RENEW 100 members by the time the 10th anniversary celebration takes place in the Spring of 2013!

A New list for the membership Fees will increase after February 28th 2013

SENIORS \$ 20.00

INDIVIDUAL \$ 25.00

STUDENTS \$ 20.00

FAMILY \$50.00

Deadline for payments at 2012 rate is
THURSDAY , FEBRUARUY 28th

CHARITY BINGO NIGHT

Tuesday, January 22
Wednesday, February 20
Tuesday, march 26

Breakaway Gaming Centre

655 Crawford Avenue (behind Tim Horton's)

8pm to 10pm

Participants receive a free bingo card dabber, complimentary drink and a \$10 donation will be made to Northstar Cultural Community Centre



TAKE NOTE!



January 29 to January 31-

BOOK STORE LAUNCH & USED BOOK SALE

10:AM TO 2:00 PM (TUES.& WED.)

10:00AM TO 2:00PM (THURS. EVENING 6:00PM TO 8:00PM)

January 31-

APPRECIATION NIGHT

6:00PM TO 8:00PM



February 2

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

9AM TO 12:00PM

February 5

An Evening with Author Ray Robertson

At Biblioasis Bookstore, 1520 Wyandotte St.E., (corner Wyandotte& Gladstone

7:00pm



February 15

"SOUPER" FRIDAY LUNCHEON

A delicious bowl of soup, sandwich, dessert, tea, coffee or water

11:00am to 2:00pm

\$ 5.00

TOWNE HALL MEETING

THURSDAY, February 21,2013

5:00pm to 8:00pm

St. Angela Church Hall, 750 ERIE ST. EAST @ LOUIS AVE.

5:00pm 6:30pm - members, volunteers, friends are all invited to join us for a discussion about our STRATEGIC PLAN to offer feedback and review volunteer opportunities.



7:00pm to 8:00 - A "THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our STRATEGIC PLANNING process, a brief report back to the community, and a preliminary unveiling of our new website.

A light meal of pasta, salad, rolls, coffee and tea will be provided!

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Business Hours:

Tuesday thru Thursday
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Comments or Suggestions?

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Freedom Landing Festival

Friday, February 1, 2013 - Wilberforce University Concert Choir 8:00pm
\$ 20.00 @ St. John the Baptist Church, Amherstburg

Saturday, February 2, 2013 - Black History Forum 10:00am to 4:00pm
\$ 40.00 @ Nazery AME Church & NABHMuseum

February 8 to 18, 2013 - 6th Annual Artists of Colour –Art Exhibition
“The Stories We Tell” Opening reception, Friday Feb. 8th. 7:00pm
@ Mackenzie Hall 3277 Sandwich St.

February 10, 2013 - Black History Brunch, Windsor West Indian Association
12 noon to 5:00pm Caribbean Centre 2410 Central \$15/\$ 7.50

February 10, 2013 - 85th Annual Valentine’s Tea 3:00pm
BME Church, 685 University St.,E

February 15 2013 - FLAG DAY



February 23, 2013 - African Community of Windsor 6:00pm to 1:00am
\$20.00 Hungarian Cultural Centre 790 Hanna Street

DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Please remember the gift of community and consider making a donation to the Northstar Cultural Community Centre or volunteering.
Your gift will be used to continue the work of the Centre in providing services and programs to your community.

Donations of \$20 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt for income.



Northstar Cultural Community Centre

2013 Membership Registration

Individual: \$25.00/yr Family: \$50.00/yr Seniors: \$20.00/yr Student: \$20.00/yr
(60 yr. & over)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: _____