

MAYOR PEYTON'S BOOK CLUB MEMBERS INVITED TO 6th ANNUAL MUSEUM HOP

Event provides opportunity for book to come alive

Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton and the Jacksonville Children's Commission invite all members of Mayor Peyton's Book Club and their families to the sixth annual *Museum Hop*, a FREE reading celebration at four Jacksonville museums.

WHEN: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, March 20

WHERE: Jacksonville Museum of Science and History (MOSH), 1025 Museum Circle
The Ritz Theatre and Museum, 829 N. Davis St.
Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville (MOCAJ), 333 N. Laura St.
The Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, 829 Riverside Ave.

WHAT: Corresponding with "We're Going to the Jacksonville Museums!," (one book in the unique 12-book Book Club series), the *Museum Hop* will feature literacy-themed activities, make-and-take crafts and story times throughout the day.

In addition to each museum's unique exhibits and displays, attendees have an opportunity to enjoy the following activities:

- **MOSH:** MOSH is hosting Museum Hop in conjunction with its Women's History Day event, which will feature activity tables throughout the museum focusing on past and present local/regional female authors. Six local female authors will be on site conducting book signings and sales. Jane Wood, author of "Trouble on the St. Johns" and other books, will host an 11:30 a.m. presentation about the process of writing her books. M.C. Finotti, author of "The Treasure of Amelia Island", will present a free writing workshop at 12:30 p.m. In addition, the museum will also feature the opportunity to learn about three historical Florida female authors—Harriet Beecher Stowe, Zora Neale Hurston and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings—with child-friendly crafts.
- **The Ritz:** Visitors may tour the museum to learn about the History of Jacksonville's African-American community, visit the art gallery to see the *Through Our Eyes 2009-2010* exhibit: "Each One Teach One: The Artist as Mentor" and take part in "Creative Hands", a special a make-and-take activity.
- **MOCA:** Attendees are invited to participate in a fun printmaking activity and story time based on MOCA's permanent collection of

contemporary art and their current exhibition *Life as a Legend: Marilyn Monroe*.

- **Cummer:** Artful fun meets jazzy books at The Cummer. Enjoy bookmark making, a portrait activity, a musical scavenger hunt and storytelling, and visit *Jazz ABZ: A Collection of A to Z Jazz Portraits* by Paul Rogers.

This event is sponsored by the Jacksonville Museum of Science and History, Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens sponsored by The Players, The Ritz Theatre and Museum, Firehouse Subs, Kohl's A-Team and Hands On Jacksonville.

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