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THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S BLACK HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE TO PRESENT "EDUCATION: THE POWER OF KNOWLEDGE" PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

Detroit - The Detroit Historical Society’s Black Historic Sites Committee, in partnership with the Detroit Public Library, is hosting a special program titled “Education: The Power of Knowledge” at the Detroit Historical Museum on Wednesday, June 25 at 6 p.m. The event will feature activities designed to celebrate libraries as history’s first repositories of knowledge and their impact in educating today’s world.

A panel on “Education: The Power of Knowledge” with representatives from the Detroit Public Library, Broadside Press and the Black Historic Sites Committee will present:

- Libraries: From Ancient Texts to Digital Books;
- The Detroit Public Library’s HYPE Teen Center — The Future of Education;
- Poetry Readings to mark the 50th Anniversary of Broadside Press;
- A profile of Clara Stanton Jones, who directed the Detroit Public Library from 1970 to 1978 and was the first African American director of a major city public library in the United States.

Panelists include:

- Jo Anne Mondowney: Executive Director of the Detroit Public Library, and
• Dr. Gloria House: African and African American Studies Program Director
  Professor of English and African American Studies

Special audience participation activities are planned to test the power of your knowledge. Don’t miss this opportunity to discover “Education: The Power of Knowledge!”

**Tickets are $10 for guests and FREE for Black Historic Sites Committee members, Detroit Historical Society members and/or Friends of Detroit’s Black History. For tickets or more information, call 313.833.1262 or visit detroithistorical.org.**

The Black Historic Sites Committee of the Detroit Historical Society, founded in 1971, is a group of volunteers that promotes a greater understanding of the contributions of African Americans to the history of metro Detroit and the state of Michigan.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Midtown Detroit, is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free for all, all the time. Parking in the Museum’s lot is $5 at all times. Group tour pricing and information is available by calling 313.833.1733. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit, the Allesee Gallery of Culture, Kid Rock Music Lab, Doorway to Freedom: Detroit and the Underground Railroad, Detroit: The “Arsenal of Democracy,” the Gallery of Innovation, Frontiers to Factories, America’s Motor City, and The Glancy Trains. For more information, call the Museum at 313.833.1805 or check out our website at detroithistorical.org.

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