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Honor Black resistance with author Evette Dionne and monthlong series at Tulsa City-County Library

TULSA, Okla. --- Join Tulsa City-County Library and the African American Resource Center as Coretta Scott King Book Award winner Evette Dionne discusses her latest book, "Weightless: Making Space for My Resilient Body and Soul," an honest look at size, gender and race, and what it means to overcome cultural expectations.

Dionne will speak about her book and the idea of resilience in body and soul at Rudisill Regional Library, 1520 N. Hartford, on Friday, Feb. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events or call 918-549-7323.

"I'm really excited about having Evette Dionne because she and her book are honest about the reality of living in a larger body and how it becomes a public conversation, especially where African American women are concerned," said Larissa McNeil, coordinator of the African American Resource Center. "Dionne is known for speaking out boldly about things that affect Black women and Black American culture."

This event is one of a variety of programs in February centered on the theme "Black Resistance" to celebrate African American History Month. Other events scheduled are:

- "A Resilience Ride: Traveling While Black" on Thursday, Feb. 2 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Rudisill Regional Library. Join this interactive road trip experience across 1950s America using Victor Hugo Green's "Green Book" to experience the resilience of traveling while Black. For all ages.

- “Genealogy Detectives: Research African American Ancestors” on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Suburban Acres Library, 4606 N. Garrison Ave.

Family history research can be challenging for African Americans. This event will provide tips on how to get started and use helpful online resources. For adults.

Registration is required.

- “2023 African American Heritage Bowl” on Thursday, Feb. 23 from 7 to 8:45 p.m. at Rudisill Regional Library. Schools and community groups are invited to compete for prizes and recognition by answering questions about Black history, themed around Black resistance. **Registration is required.**

- “Film Screening” on Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Rudisill Regional Library. Film is rated PG-13.

Visit www.tulsalibrary.org/events or call 918-549-7323 to register for one of these events or for more details.

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