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**CADL Celebrates Black History**

*Lansing, MI* – November 2011 – The Capital Area District Library is pleased to present several special events at our Downtown Lansing branch in honor of Black History and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. On Friday, Jan. 13 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 14 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., we will feature an exhibit called *Necessary!* from The Black History 101 Mobile Museum. *Necessary!* focuses on the legacy of revolutionary leader Malcolm X, featuring over 150 historical artifacts from Malcolm X's life and work, including rare photographs, magazine covers, and relics of racism from America's past.

Special events also include a program called Malcolm X and Hip Hop, presented by hip hop legend Professor Griff of Public Enemy. He will speak on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. about the importance of lost chapters of Malcolm X to the hip hop community. Other events on that day include a performance by Shabazz Academy African Dancers and Drum Group at 1:00 p.m. and a Black History Storytime for children of all ages at 2 p.m.

The Downtown Lansing Library is located at 401 S. Capitol Avenue, at the corner of Kalamazoo Street. For information about the library's hours, services or events, call (517) 367-6363, or visit [cadl.org/downtownlansing](http://cadl.org/downtownlansing).

In 2011, The Black History 101 Mobile Museum marked its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This innovative traveling tabletop exhibit depicts Black memorabilia from slavery to Hip Hop, with more than 5,000 artifacts that represent items from slavery, the Jim Crow era, music, sports, the Civil Rights and Black Power era, and popular culture.

Khalid el-Hakim, the museum's founder and curator, was inspired by great archivists of Black culture and history, such as Arthur Schomburg, Dr. Margaret Burroughs and Dr. Charles Wright. "My mission is to raise the consciousness of the human family by sharing artifacts that celebrate the contributions, achievements, and experiences of African Americans," says el-Hakim. "I want people to walk away as inspired as I've been as a collector and student of this history." Read more about the mobile museum at [blackhistory101mobilemuseum.com](http://blackhistory101mobilemuseum.com).

The Capital Area District Library serves 23 municipalities in Ingham County with 13 libraries and a bookmobile. It is the Capital Area District Library's mission to provide access to ideas and information that support continuous learning and enhance quality of life through community-based services and accessible collections, excellence in patron service, and technology that links its libraries to the world of information. More information is available by calling (517) 367-6300 or visiting [cadl.org](http://cadl.org).

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