

An invitation to bring healing and community change in response to tragedy

Making the Dream a Reality



Celebrating Black History Month

This month we celebrate African American history, culture, and the ratification of the 15th amendment which granted citizens the right to vote regardless of race, color, or previous servitude. We recognize those that fought tirelessly for justice and equality and celebrate the victories towards freedom.

To learn more about opportunities to engage locally, check out some of the Black History month events going on in Minnesota at minneapolis.org

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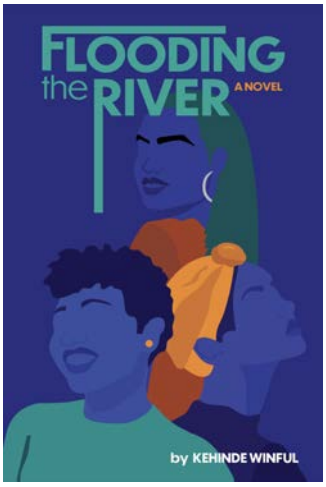
“Shelter" a Collaboration of Chance the Rapper and Vic Mensa

This January, Chance The Rapper shared a snippet of his song with Vic Mensa called “Shelter” on X. This incredibly moving song originally released in 2023, did not receive the attention it deserved for calling out national tragedies and honoring those who had faced adversity, including Philando Castile.

“I'll be your shelter
Emergency
Please count on me, yeah, I
I'll be your superhero
When danger arrives
I'll be by your side”

View "Shelter" on Chance The Rapper's YouTube channel here: ChanceTheRapper

*Please note lyrics and content contain sensitive subject matter and may be suitable for mature audiences only.



Celebrate Black History Month with Black Garnet Books!

Black Garnet Books is a Black-owned independent bookstore that opened in St. Paul in 2020 in response to state violence and inequality in the publishing and literary industry. Their mission is to curate a safe space for authors and illustrators of color to showcase their art under the values of care, anti-racism, and acceptance of all peoples.

Black Garnet Books invites you to celebrate Black History Month and the book release and signing of Flooding the River by Kehinde Winful. This is a free event, however, registration is requested and appreciated!

To reserve your spot, visit Eventbrite/FloodingtheRiver



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Event - Red Stained: The Life of Hilda Simms

On Thursday, February 20, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM, the Minnesota History Center will host a Black History Month program spotlighting the life and activism of Hilda Simms. This event features a talk and book signing about the book Red Stained: The Life of Hilda Simms, a biography of Simms and her life in the Cold War era and the civil rights movement. Simms rose to fame as an actress and used her success to forge equal opportunities for people of color in film and theater.

The event is free and can be accessed virtually for those unable to attend in person.

For more information, visit: mnhs.org/events

The Meaning Behind the Sculptures

Have you walked through the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden and noticed the large metal sculptures? These sculptures are actually West African Adinkra symbols. Each symbol represents its own guiding principle, and for the Peace Garden honor and signify Philando and his values. The symbol featured here is The Power of Love.



Join the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden on Social Media

The Philando Castile Community Peace Garden would love your support on social media. Follow, like and share our posts or tag us in photos of your Peace Garden visits. If you create original Philando Castile or Peace Garden art, tag us to be featured!

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