

DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of January 17th
through January 20th, 2012



AFRICANCHILDRENSCHOIR™

Performance sponsored by the DeSoto Public Library

Monday, January 23, 2012 7pm

DeSoto Civic Center

211 E. Pleasant Run Road

FREE
Admission

You are invited to join us for an unforgettable concert experience!

The internationally acclaimed, Grammy-nominated African Children's Choir will perform their well-loved children's songs, traditional African songs and dances, and favorite gospel tunes.

A free-will offering will be taken to help support ongoing education, relief and development programs in seven African countries; Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Sudan, Rwanda, Nigeria, and Ghana.


Since 1984, the organization's international programs have educated over 52,000 children and have positively impacted hundreds of thousands of lives. **Together with your support we can help these children become the new leaders of tomorrow's Africa!**

ABOUT THE CHOIR

The African Children's Choir has been working with Africa's most vulnerable children for 27 years. The Choir's mission is to raise awareness of the plight of Africa's orphaned and abandoned, but also show the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child.

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Helping Africa's most vulnerable children today, so they can help Africa tomorrow

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City of DeSoto Begins Search for New Chief of Police

DeSoto's Police Chief, Mike Brodnax, has retired after 34 years of service to the community, the last fourteen of which were as chief. Assistant Chief Robert E. Lee has been tapped to serve as Interim Police Chief and a search is underway for a new Chief of Police. In addition to managing the day to day activities of budgeting and staffing all police activities in a department with 71 sworn officers, the chief is responsible for Code Enforcement, Animal Control and a regional jail that serves Cedar Hill and Lancaster in addition to DeSoto.



City officials are looking for input from the community as they begin the search for a new police chief and have posted a blog at blog.desototexas.com to receive comments. The blog will be available through January 20, 2012.

"I hope our residents will take a few minutes to give us their thoughts on qualities they would like to see in a new police chief," said DeSoto City Manager, Tarron Richardson, Ph.D. "We will formulate interview questions based on the information provided through this blog," according to Dr. Richardson.

If you have questions regarding DeSoto's search for a new Chief of Police, please contact the Human Resources Department for the City of DeSoto at 972-230-9601.

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18th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance

DeSoto Parks & Leisure Services

Saturday, February 4th at 7 o'clock in the evening

You are cordially invited to an evening of elegance

Light refreshments will be served, professional
photographs and door prizes

Reserved seating \$50 per couple

General seating \$30 per couple

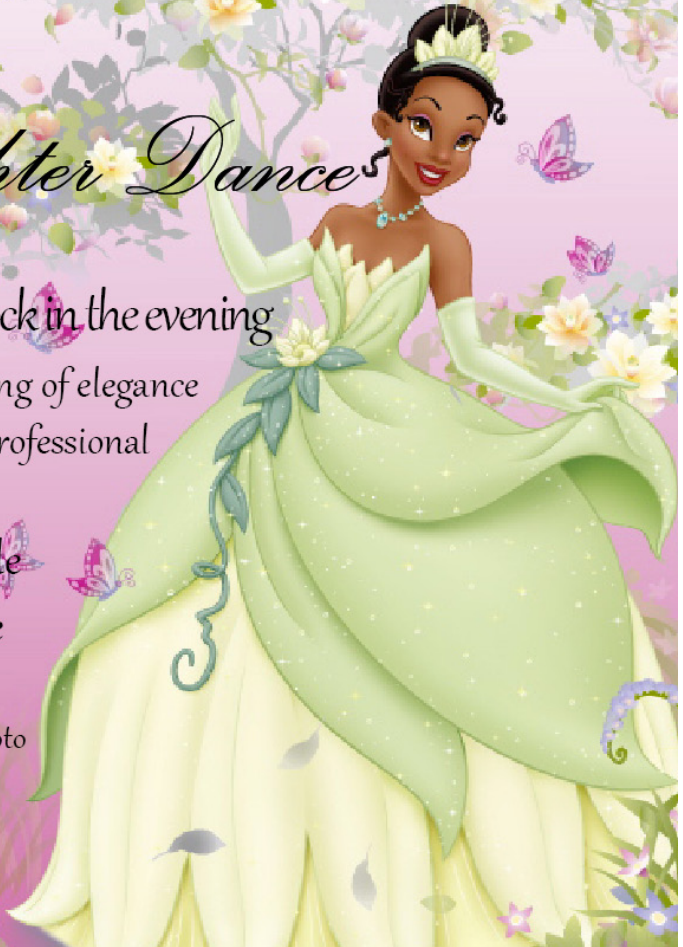
Register Online - Course #8959

<https://online.activecommunities.com/desoto>

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Call 972-230-9651 for more information



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African American Genealogy—Connect the Branches of Your Family Tree!

Come to the DeSoto Public Library on Saturday, February 18th, from 11 am – 12: 30 pm, to enjoy a program on African American genealogy. In many ways, African American research is just like any other genealogical research, but in other ways, it can be very different.

Lela Evans, a librarian at the University of North Texas Dallas, will present a case study to reveal some of the specialized techniques used to find ancestors and family history. Ms. Evans became interested in her family history when she was in high school but became interested in African American research while working as a genealogy librarian. She has been a speaker at state and national conferences, as well as numerous local genealogy societies. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Lancaster Genealogical Society, and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

This program is free and open to the public. The library is located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, in the DeSoto Town Center. Free parking is located in the nearby parking garage. For more information, please call the library's Information Desk at 972.230.9661.

New Literacy Station for Kid's at the DeSoto Public Library

The DeSoto Public Library has added an AWE (Alternative Work Environment) Literacy Station to the Children's Department. This Early Literacy Station is designed to promote literacy skills for children ages 2 – 8. Children can access 50 educational games, with familiar characters such as Arthur, Big Bird, and Dora the Explorer, to help preschoolers get ready for kindergarten as well as help older children with social studies/geography, writing/computer skills, and science skills. For more information about the literacy station, please call the Children's Department at 972.230.9666.

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Foster Children's Love of Reading at the DeSoto Public Library

The DeSoto Public Library will present Pre-school Storytime on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 am to 11:30 am, from January 11 to April 11, in the Children's area. Children ages 3-6 will enjoy storytimes full of themed books, educational sing-alongs, and arts and crafts. No registration is necessary.

The Library's Spring Reading Club, for children ages 5 – 12, will begin on Friday, January 27 and end on Friday, April 6. Enjoy a Spring full of interactive stories and crafts. Prizes will be awarded to children who complete certain levels of reading. Sign up begins Monday, January 23 at the Children's Information Desk.

Baby Storytime, for children ages newborn to 2 years old will be held on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in the Children's Area from January 10 to April 10. Come and enjoy an hour of fun with nursery rhymes, finger plays, songs, and stories. No registration is required.

The DeSoto Public Library is located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, in the DeSoto Town Center Complex. Free parking is available in the nearby garage. For more information, please call the Children's Information Desk at 972.230.9666.

Medline Database Classes at the DeSoto Public Library

The DeSoto Public Library is offering free classes on how to use the Medline medical research database on Wednesday, January 18th from 6 pm to 7:30 pm and Saturday, January 21st from 11 am to 12:30 pm. Classes will be held in the library's Venable Training Room.

Medline is a database of medical information on diseases, treatments, clinical trials, and prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Information included in Medline comes from organizations such as the National Library of Medicine, American Cancer Society, and the American Diabetes Society.

Because space is limited to ten people, registration is required. Please call the library's Information Desk at 972.230.9661 to register for the classes.

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ART AFRICAN AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATER
PRESENTS

FREE MAN of COLOR

by CHARLES SMITH

Following its 2004 Chicago world premiere, *Free Man of Color* won the Jeff Award for Best New Work. A powerful drama, based on the true story of John Newton Templeton, a freed slave and the first Black to attend and graduate from Ohio University in 1828, thirty-five years before the end of slavery. "Bold and striking new work." -Chicago Tribune

February 3-26, 2012
Friday & Saturday Nights @ 7:30pm **\$20**
Saturday & Sunday Matinee @ 2:30pm **\$15**
Preview Performance on
Thursday, February 2 @ 7:30pm **\$10**

To Purchase Tickets:
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