



early reading first

WELCOME TO FAMILY DAY!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2010 - 8:30AM to 2:00PM
 Auburn Avenue Research Library, 101 Auburn Ave.NE, Atlanta, GA

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Time	Event	Presenter	Room
8:30AM - 9:00AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast		Authors' and Writers' Lounge, 3rd Floor
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Greetings from United Way, Smart Start, and Library Staff	Etha Henry and Katrina Mitchell, United Way; Dr. Henderson, Auburn Avenue Research Library	Heritage Education Center Auditorium, 4th Floor
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Threes: An Introduction to Fairy Tales - Both Groups	Peachseed Youth Storytelling Festival	Heritage Education Center Auditorium, 4th Floor
15 Minute Break			
10:45AM - 11:45AM	Group A - Anansi: An Introduction to Folk Tales	Peachseed Youth Storytelling Festival	Heritage Education Center Auditorium, 4th Floor
10:45AM - 11:45AM	Group B - Lunch		Authors' and Writers' Lounge, 3rd Floor
15 Minute Break			
12:00PM - 1:00PM	Group A - Lunch		Authors' and Writers' Lounge, 3rd Floor
12:00PM - 1:00PM	Group B - Anansi: An Introduction to Folk Tales	Peachseed Youth Storytelling Festival	Heritage Education Center Auditorium, 4th Floor
15 Minute Break			
1:15PM - 2:00PM	Closing Session	Mama Koku	Heritage Education Center Auditorium, 4th Floor

Closing Session

Mama Koku, (African-American Storyteller Donna Kokumo Buie)

More Than A Story ...

Literacy and storytelling go hand in hand. Children develop listening skills through frequent experiences in hearing stories being told, listening to stories being read, and in conversation. These skills contribute directly to the ability to decode and better comprehend written language.

African-American storyteller Donna Kokumo Buie (Mama Koku), is a Master Storyteller and children's writer. She is also an educator who has taught children at all age levels, from preschool to high school. Mama Koku is a member of the Kuumba Storytellers of Georgia, The National Association of Black Storytellers, and the Southern Order of Storytellers. Koku is the Official Teller for the National Black Arts Festival's Children's Educational Village. She has performed as Featured Teller for the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, the Atlanta History Center, Imagine it Children's Museum of Atlanta and at numerous festivals and museum programs in several states.





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Atlanta Public Schools: Gideon's Elementary Pre-K
 Atlanta Job Corps Child Development Center
 Easter Seals Child Development Center
 Minnie Howell Child Development Center
 YMCA Head Start: Chattahoochee Academy

READERS

Coralwood Education Center
 Robert Shaw Traditional Theme School
 Sheltering Arms East Lake Center
 Sheltering Arms International Village Center
 Scottdale Child Development & Family Resource Center

LIGHT

Childcare Network #33
 Sheltering Arms Cobb Center
 Sheltering Arms Mansour Center
 Zion Baptist Academy

APPLE

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 Atlanta Public Schools: Dunbar Elementary,
 JFK Middle School, Cook Elementary
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