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**CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN  
HISTORY MONTH WITH POETRY  
LED BY NIKIA CHANEY**

Fridays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 11am-1pm  
@ Fontana Lewis Library and Technology,  
8437 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA  
Meeting Room A



**February, 3:** History, Dispota and the Harlem Renaissance, reading works by Langston Hughes, Rita Dove, Gwendolyn Brooks

**February, 10:** Identity, and the Black Arts Movement, reading works by Amiri Bararka, Sonia Sanchez, Nikki Giovanni

**February, 17:** Final Discussions, reading participants responses, final workshops

**February, 24:** Reading and Celebration

Whether you are new to creative writing, just want to learn about African American history, or you need creative spark, this FREE workshop series will have something to inspire everyone. It will celebrate the cultural heritage of African Americans through creative writing in response to music, poetry, and art in a rich historical and contemporary urban traditions. Each week participants will be reading poems by famous writers and writing responses to those works.

**Nikia Chaney** has upcoming publishing in *New York Quarterly* and *491 Magazine*. She has a MFA in Poetry from Antioch University. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Creative Writing, completing transfer coursework at California State University San Bernardino. Nikia teaches poetry workshops for San Bernardino Valley Community College as well as poetry classes for children. Nikia came to poetry through her combined love of music and language, often pushing the boundaries of syntax and explicit meaning in her work. She lives with her husband and children in the Inland Empire.

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