

Building *unity* out of diversity.

(spanish) Partiendo de la diversidad construimos la unidad

(marshallese) Boktok elon kain manit to kajojo nan koba ibben dron.

Upcoming events and programs:

"Author" Camp begins	6/27
CLOSED FOR 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY WEEKEND	7/1-7/6
Dr. Carver's Lab	7/7
AAM: Vietnam Syndrome	7/7
Spanish Camp begins	7/11
Movie in Comiskey Park: Ratatouille	7/12
Planet Patrol	7/19
Drama Camp begins	7/25
Family Reading Night	7/28
Food for Thought: Hillcrest Wellness Center	8/2
Movies in Comiskey Park: Karate Kid	8/9
YP Bash @ Prescott	8/10
Future Talk graduation	8/12
Music in Jackson Park	8/14
Planet Patrol	8/16
CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY AND STAFF TRAINING	8/29-9/5

Current Programs:

- Summer Camps
- Family Reading Nights
- Computer & typing classes
- Rosetta Stone
- Pilates Classes
- Future Talk
- Latin Dance for youth & adults
- Cultural events & celebrations
- Teen Volleyball League
- Movies in Comiskey Park
- Guitar lessons for teens
- Book Club for adults
- Planet Patrol
- Dare to Be King

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Community celebrates Juneteenth

On Sunday, June 19, the MFC hosted our second annual Juneteenth Celebration in Comiskey Park.

Over 350 attended the event, which included food, music, children's activities, information booths from local organizations, displays by local African-American owned businesses, a talent show, and an appearance from Abraham Lincoln!

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the end



of slavery in the US. On June 19, 1865, the last African American slaves in Texas were told that slavery had ended and they were free. This was 2.5 years after the Emancipation Proclamation Today, Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom and the achievement of African Americans.

The event was made possible thanks to our planning committee and sponsors: McGraw-Hill, the City of Dubuque, NAACP, and the African American Museum of Iowa.

L: Youth wait in line for bouncy house.

R: Abe Lincoln makes a speech.



Get connected to the MFC!

There are lots of ways to stay up to date on our programs besides this newsletter! For updates on our programs and events and to see photos, **like us on facebook!**

You can also see a list of upcoming events on the front page of our website, **www.mfcdubq.org**. While you're browsing, you can check out our calendar, publications, and if you're looking to get involved, there's a list of our volunteer opportunities!

Our **wish list** is also online and includes sports equipment, coloring books, movies, office supplies, healthy snacks, and more!

Our website also makes it easy to make a monetary **donation with a credit card** securely online with PayPal.

Additionally, we have an **endowment** at the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque where donations can be made to receive tax credits.

All of our programs are funded by grants and private donations. It's through the generosity of our donors that we are able to offer our programs at no cost to the community.

All donations are tax-deductable!

Alliant Energy
Funding for Future Talk

City of Dubuque
Funding for summer enrichment programs, transportation, Movies in the Park, and summer camp supplies

DRA
Funding to purchase a PA system for our cultural and family events

Black Hills Energy
Donation for our Community Garden

Hy-Vee
Donation for general operating expenses

THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS!



Multicultural Family Center

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Special Community Events

Food for Thought: Learn more about Hillcrest Wellness Center on Tuesday, August 2. Dinner @5:30, program 6-7

Future Talk Graduation: Celebrate and congratulate the youth who complete Future Talk on Friday, August 12 from 5:30-7pm

Join us for **Music in Jackson Park** on Sunday, Aug 14 from 6-8pm!

Unique summer programming partnerships

We're partnering with the Dubuque Metropolitan Solid Waste Agency, the African American Museum of Iowa, and the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium this summer to offer some awesome programs for youth, adults and families! Here's what's happening in July and August:

DMSWA: Planet Patrol: The Case of the Broken Loop on Tuesday, July 19 and Environmental Jeopardy on August 16! Both are from 5:30-7pm for the whole family!

African American Museum: "Dr. Carver's Lab" (2-3pm for kids) and "Vietnam Syndrome: Iowa's Call to Duty" (5:30-7pm for adults) will be presented on Thursday, July 7. Dinner and child care provided for later presentation.

River Museum: "Rockin' Reptiles and Awesome Amphibians" on July 12 and "Mammals of the Upper Mississippi River" on August 9 will be held @ the MFC from 2-3 for youth entering K-6th.

Please call or stop by to register or for more information!

Operational hours and special closings

Our **Summer Hours** are: Mon-Thurs: 11am-7pm; Fri: 11am-5pm & Sat: 9am-12pm.

The MFC will be closed Saturday, July 2—Wednesday, July 6 for the Fourth of July Holiday and Mon, August 29—Mon, September 5 for Labor Day and staff training.

We will reopen on Tuesday, September 6 with our **Normal Operational Hours:** Monday-Thursday 12-8pm; Friday 12-6pm; Saturday: 9am-12pm.

Teen Empowerment Program

This fall the MFC will launch a new educational program for teens in 9th-12th grades. **Youth can register for this program beginning July 1.**

The Teen Empowerment Program takes a 3-part approach to prepare teens for their future: mentoring, college or career preparation, and service to the community.

Weekly mentor matches will assist with homework, life-skills, and job-skill attainment. Monthly educational sessions may include **college fairs, college visits, career panels, industry tours, assistance with financial aid forms, assistance with job applications, interview workshops**, etc.

The monthly community service projects will benefit both the Dubuque community and the youth by developing a sense of connectivity to Dubuque and each other.

Youth will **earn a \$25/month incentive** when they complete all three components of the program. Additionally, youth in 10-12th grade and their parents will be invited to go on college visits four times a year (summer, fall and two in the spring).

Call or stop by the MFC for more information on the program or to pick up an application. Apps are also available online at www.mfcdbq.org.

Thank you!

The MFC extends a huge thank you to the 2011 Juneteenth Sponsors:

McGraw-Hill

City of Dubuque

NAACP

African American Museum of Iowa

We also extend our gratitude to our AmeriCorps members who are completing their terms:

Jason Greenwald

Maitha Jolet

Providencia Lopez (Mrs. P)

Melissa Reinhardt

And our Summer AmeriCorps:

Maggie Chilsen

Shelli Glover

Kelsey Rusk

Solomon Sun

Brittany Trewin

Summer Camps

It's not too late to register for:

Spanish Camp July 11-22

and

Drama Camp July 25-Aug 5

Registration forms are online or @ MFC