

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:

Bank on Your Family	11/1
Hispanic Focus Group	11/4
AAMI: Explore Africa	11/9
Legal Aid Tax Prep Outreach	11/10
CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY	11/11
Native Spirit Dancer @ Five Flags Theater	11/12
Resume Workshops	11/15
Family Reading Night	11/17
CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	11/23-11/27
Family Cooking Class	11/29
AAMI: Kwanzaa Celebration	12/7
Multicultural Holiday Party	12/9
Family Reading Night	12/15
Getting Ahead Graduation @ Holiday Inn	12/16
Las Posadas	12/19
CLOSED: HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	12/22-1/2/12


Current Programs:

- Tutoring/Mentoring program
- Family Reading Nights
- Computer classes
- Rosetta Stone
- Resume Workshops
- Teen Empowerment Program
- Youth dance classes
- Cultural events & celebrations
- DCSD program
- LGBTQ Teen Group
- Guitar lessons for teens
- Book Club for adults
- Family Cooking Class
- African American Museum of Iowa Outreach Programs

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Experience the Native Spirit

To celebrate that November is Native American Heritage Month, the MFC has invited Native Spirit Dancer, Brian Hammill to share his talents and knowledge with the Dubuque community.

Hammill is a two-time world champion hoop dancer who grew up on the Ho-Chunk Nation in southwestern Wisconsin. In addition to being an internationally-known dancer, he is also an accomplished musician.



This interactive, high-energy show will feature music, dancing, storytelling, regalia and explanations of cultural traditions. Hammill is joined

in this performance by accompanist, Palmer Lomakema.

The performance will take place on Saturday, November 12th from 7-8pm at the Five Flags Theatre, 405 Main Street. Seating is first

come, first serve so come early. Doors open at 6:30pm.

This event is offered at no cost to community members, thanks to the sponsorship of the Multicultural Family Center, University of

Wisconsin Platteville's InterTribal Council, City of Dubuque's Art Council, University of Dubuque, Iowa Arts Council, Five Flags Center and Mandolin Inn.

Join IBM volunteers at the MFC on Wednesday, November 15th for our resume workshops:

12-1pm
Creating a Basic Resume

4:30-5:30pm
Refining Your Resume

Free workshops! These are a great opportunity for everyone!

*not an IBM-sanctioned event.

RESUME WORKSHOPS

Taste of the World
coming in
March 2012

How do you holiday?

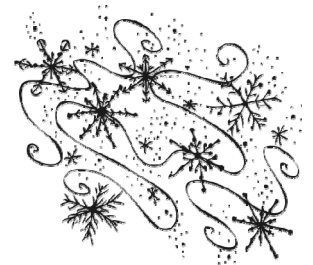
On December 9th, the MFC will host our second annual Multicultural Holiday Party, featuring dance performances, displays and presentations on different cultural and religious traditions celebrated locally in the Tri-State Area.

Last year over 150 community members joined this celebration of cultures.

Join this year's event to learn about celebrations such as: the Marshallese Gospel Day, Kwanzaa, Islamic New Year, Chinese New Year, Diwali, Las Posadas,

Hanukkah, Christmas, and others. This event is free to the public and all are encouraged to attend! Refreshments will be provided.

If you're interested in sharing your cultural or religious traditions and practices, please call us at 563-582-3681 by Friday, December 2.





Multicultural Family Center

1157 Central Avenue
Dubuque, IA 52001

Phone: 563-582-3681

E-mail: info@mfcdbq.org

Hours: M-Th 12-8pm; F 12-6pm; Sat 9am-12pm

Website: www.mfcdbq.org

Exciting youth programming opportunities!

Join the Multicultural Family Center and the African American Museum of Iowa for special outreach programs for youth:

Wednesday, November 9: Explore Africa, 3:45-4:45pm. Share the wealth of Africa's culture and history with your students.

Focusing on West Africa, students will play African instruments, try on traditional clothing, and immerse themselves in a multicultural experience. For youth in 1st-6th grades.

Wednesday, December 7: Kwanzaa Celebration, 3:45-4:45pm. Explore a holiday that focuses on unity, community, creativity, and faith – Kwanzaa! Learn about Kwanzaa's origins and meanings in this hands-on workshop. For youth in 1st-6th grades.

Both of these programs are free and open to all community youth interested in a fun and interactive cultural experience! Call to register today!

Inclement Weather & Holiday Hours

It's time for another beautiful Dubuque winter! Remember that if school is canceled or delayed, the MFC will still open at normal hours and continue with scheduled programming unless otherwise posted on www.mfcdbq.org, Facebook, or Twitter.

The MFC We will close at **6:00pm** on **Tuesday, December 6**. We will be closed on **Friday, November 11th** (Veterans Day), **Wednesday, November 23-Sunday, November 27** (Thanksgiving) and **Thursday, December 22-Sunday, January 1** (Holiday break). We will reopen on **Tuesday, January 2** with Normal Operational Hours.

23rd Annual NAACP Banquet

The NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet will take place on Friday, November 18, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Dubuque Five Flags Blue Moon Room. The youth from the MFC's Future Talk program will be honored for the third year in a row at the event. The event will begin with a cocktail hour at 6:30, with dinner at 7:00pm, the keynote speaker Representative Deborah Barry, followed by a DJ and dancing. Tickets are \$30 per individual and \$250 to sponsor a table. Contact NAACP Treasurer, Kathy Sutton for more information or to purchase your tickets today: 563-495-0660.

Thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers and community members who helped make Dia de las Americas successful! We had over 400 visitors!



Upcoming Family Events

Bank on Your Family: For families with kids in 2nd-5th grades. Financial literacy! Tues, 11/1. Dinner @6, program 6:30-7:30.

Family Reading Night: For families with kids in K-5th grades. Thurs, 11/17 & 12/15. Dinner @ 5:30, program 6-7.

Family Cooking Class: For families with kids 8 and up. Tuesday, November 29th from 5:30-7pm.

All programs are free, call to register!

Thank you!

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IBM
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Mediacom Grant
Support for Cultural Dance classes.

Optimist Club of Dubuque
Grant support for Teen Programming