**Tradition Keeper Black Storytellers of Western New York 2022 to 2023 Annual report. Co Presidents Marlyn L Williams and Valerie Brown-Bostic**

TK of WNY promotes and perpetuates the art of Black Storytelling embodying  the African American history, heritage  and culture. TK educates and passes on knowledge through the tradition of oral storytelling and focusing on the  African American experience.

TK proudly works in collaboration with national affiliates , National Association of Black Storytellers (NABS), to pass on black folklore, fables,myths ghoststories  and cultural mores of people of African American decent. We praise , honor and nurture our elders and ancestors in an effort to strengthening our culture.

2022 through 2023 TK participated and worked in collaboration with community members and organizations  in person and virtually. TK encourages positive self and cultural awareness and pride.

December 26, 2022    - January 1 2023 Kwanza celebration.

December 17 and January 2023.

Workshops presented to young artist to create art through Storytelling. Youth created art based on workshop tools presented.

January 18 2023

100 Years From Mississippi. Presentation Governors Room Library.

February 6, 2023

Children's Storytelling

at Merriweather Library.

February 9 2024

34th National African American Read In. Stanley Makowski Early Childhood Center.

February 10 2023

 Mother Mary Carter Celebration. Virtual Erie County Library and Facebook.

February 20, 2023

African American Readings. Family friendly reading by African American authors.

February 22, 2023

Mother Mary Carter Smith. Stories for elders and youth. William Emslie YWCA.

April 15, 2023

 Workshops

So You Want To Be A Storyteller

Oh My Do We Have Stories To Tell

Tell A Tall Tale

Children stories at Merriweather Library.

June to Sept 7, 2023.

Healing By The Water. Thursdays 5pm -7pm. Stories of  freedom. Underground Railroad, escape to Canada.

June 10, 2023

Git On Da Bus.

Mystery tour of Black owned businesses, cultural sites, etc. Mystery tour outlining business objectives and history o site. Provided stories, dance, poetry, fellowship and lite refreshments. 716 Selfie, African American Cultural Center, Michigan Street Corridor, Pilgrim Baptist Church.

August 30, 2024

Zoom meeting with Kay Merril regarding grants to recruit and train community youth in the art of storytelling.

September 7, 2023

Broderick Park.  Storytelling, dance and drumming.

September 14, 2023

Year-end gathering at MLK Park.  Review yearly events, future events planning fellowship, food, fun.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-presidents

Marlyn L Williams and Valerie Brown Bostic

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