

# Black Storytellers Alliance



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November 2017 – November 2018

## BSA Affiliate Report

### November – January

- KMOJ Kimoja Radio Seniors Program with Brother Milford
- Presentation of recycling play at Sumner Library with Environmental Youth Ambassadors
- Kwanzaa Bazaar At a local community park
- Vusi Zulu interviewed about Plymouth Avenue Rebellion in the 60's
- 4 Black History presentations
- 3 storytelling presentations for students at 2 elementary schools, and 3 special groups: The Kofi Program; a program for adoptive European American parents of African American Children and a shelter for women and children who are homeless

### February - April

- Storytelling for several programs including the Schools Family Involvement Day, the Baptist Women's Love Gala, schools and Shakopee Women's Prison, PICA Head Start, Jack and Jill and Peace Program
- Tuesday storytelling residency with seniors of failing memory
- Presentation for Story Corp at the Fitzgerald Theater
- Storytelling for Rum River Library, Hale Elementary Global Night, KOFI
- Storytelling workshops for Breck School



## May - July

- Finished senior residency, open Karamu Communal Garden
- Storytelling presentations at Lawse Museum, Anthony Middle School, St. Thomas University Inclusion Dept., Home Free,
- Juneteenth storytelling presentations at 4 local libraries
- Storytelling presentations at three local libraries, Bible school, Free Black Dirt at the Walker Art Center
- Began Morning Circle storytelling at the summer academy for the Network for the Development of Children of African Development
- Presented a workshop on the benefits of storytelling at the Education Global Conference



## August - September

- Storytelling presentations at local library, NdCAD graduation and three days at the Minnesota State Fair
- Mentored co-hort member actress and performer
- Storytelling presentations for ReCast Strength, Resilience and Healing grants to several libraries, Therapy organization and BSA.
- Kmoj radio program with Brother Milford to share some stories and promote the upcoming festival "*Signifyin' & Testifyin'*"
- Beverly Cottman and Nothando Zulu presented workshop for Story Arts Minnesota
- Presented/produced three-day storytelling festival



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## October

- Continued healing stories at Therapy organization and libraries.
- Storytelling for KOFI program celebration

