

# February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 3:30pm Leesburg Heritage Society	3 3pm Greenwood: The African American Experience Demo For Teens	4 6pm Greenwood: The African American Experience Demo	5 <b>Library Closed</b>	6
7 <b>Library Closed</b>	8	9	10 2pm Rampaging Hormones	11	12 <b>Library Closed</b>	13
14 <b>Library Closed</b>	15 1:30pm Kinseekers Genealogical Society	16	17 2pm Closing Your Florida Home	18 1pm Florida Highwaymen	19 <b>Library Closed</b>	20
21 <b>Library Closed</b>	22	23 2pm The Belle of Amherst	24	25	26 <b>Library Closed</b>	27
28 <b>Library Closed</b>	<b>Celebrate Black History Month</b>					



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### From the Reference Desk: **Carol Anderson**

Leesburg claims 1857 as her founding date, based on the year Evander McIver Lee moved his wife, Susannah, and their eight children from Adamsville in present-day Sumter County, to the beautiful land between Lakes Griffin and Harris. The Lees were not the first settlers, but they were the first to make a permanent home here.

What is not as commonly known is that Leesburg's first black family, the Dabneys, also arrived in 1857. John Butler Dabney and his wife, Mackey, moved here from Marion County that year. Dabney Elementary School was named for one of their sons, John Morgan Dabney – Leesburg's first black teacher.

Three years later, in 1860, freed South Carolina slave Dennis Mike chose Leesburg as the home for his family. On Mike Street, named for Dennis Mike, the Leesburg African-American Historical Museum endeavors to educate visitors about the heritage

of blacks in our community.

During this Black History Month, we invite you to enjoy the exhibit provided by the Leesburg African-American Historical Museum in the Library's front display window .

The Leesburg Public Library is pleased to announce the addition of a new database to our online resources – *Greenwood: The African American Experience*. You are invited to a demonstration of this premier source of research and writings related to African American history and culture.

Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm in Meeting Room A will be a Demo for teens.

Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Meeting Room A will be a demo for the general public.

Any Leesburg library patron is free to access *Greenwood: The African American Experience* from any computer with Internet access, using a valid library card number and our website.

**For further information:**  
 please call 352-728-9790  
 or E-mail:  
[librarian@leesburgflorida.gov](mailto:librarian@leesburgflorida.gov)

### Check It Out!

#### Books:

**Secret whispers / V.C. Andrews**  
**Poor little bitch girl / Jackie Collins**  
**Coming of the storm / Kathleen O'Neal Gear**  
**Flirt /Laurell K. Hamilton**  
**Gator-a-go-go / Tim Dorsey**  
**Matthew's story / Tim LaHaye**  
**Split image /Robert B. Parker**  
**Worst case / James Peterson**

#### CDL:

**Last Surgeon / Michael Palmer**  
**Whisper to the living / Stuart M. Kaminsky**  
**Night too dark / Dana Stabenow**  
**Dark matter / Peter Straub**  
**Horns / Joe Hill**  
**Star Wars: fate of the Jedi: backlash / Aaron Allston**

#### DVDS:

**Amelia / Hillary Swank**  
**Coco before chanel / Audrey Tautou**  
**Couples retreat / Vince Vaughn**  
**Everybody's fine / Robert De Niro**  
**Informant / Matt Damon**  
**Time traveler's wife / Rachel McAdams**

### Library Programs

2/3 3pm  
**Greenwood Demo for teens**  
 2/4 6pm  
**Greenwood Demo**  
 2/10 2PM  
**Rampaging Hormones**

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2/17 2PM  
**Closing your Florida Home**  
 2/18 1PM  
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