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Literary Moments

We have five upcoming events that you won’t want to miss in the first two months of 2018. We invite you to mark your calendars and make plans to join us!

Kevin Young. Credit: Melanie Dunea/CPi.

Bunk: A Reading by Kevin Young
Thursday, Jan. 18 at 4 p.m.
Jones Room, Woodruff Library

Young, who served as curator of literary collections and of the Raymond Danowski Poetry Library at the Rose Library for nine years, is the poetry editor of The New Yorker and the director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem.

Register for this event
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Rand Brandes

The Publishing Life of Seamus Heaney
Thursday, Feb. 1 at 5 p.m.
Rose Library
Heaney scholar and Emory alumnus Rand Brandes will deliver a lecture on the publishing legacy of the late Irish poet, who was also his friend and mentor. Brandes, an English professor at Lenoir-Rhyne University in North Carolina, earned his master’s and doctorate degrees at Emory and spent many hours researching among the special collections at Emory.

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12th Night Revel with guest poet Tracy K. Smith
Friday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Woodruff Library
Emory Libraries’ most festive night of the year, the annual 12th Night Revel to benefit the Rose Library, will feature newly appointed U.S. poet laureate Tracy K. Smith as our special guest poet.

This exclusive, intimate experience will feature a delectable progressive meal, roving poetry readings, viewing time in “The Dream Machine” exhibition, and plenty of opportunity for meeting new friends and chatting with poet prior and after the revel. Single tickets are $100, and purchase information will be available in the coming weeks.

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Add this event to your calendar and receive event updates

Tracy K. Smith. Credit: Rachel Eliza Griffiths.

Poetry reading with Tracy K. Smith
Saturday, Feb. 17 at 4 p.m.
Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts
Tracy K. Smith, 22nd U.S. poet laureate, will give a reading of her poems, open to the public at no charge. She is the author of the critically acclaimed memoir, “Ordinary Light,” and three books of poetry. Her collection “Life on Mars” won the 2012 Pulitzer Prize. Her next collection of poems, “Wade in the Water,” will be published this year. Ticket information is forthcoming.

Add this event to your calendar


The Rebel: In Celebration of Mari Evans
Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Jones Room
Black Arts Movement scholars will participate in a panel on the multi-faceted aspects of Mari Evans’ practice as a writer, educator, musician, activist, and poet. A reception will follow, including readings of Evans’ poems by students. Emory’s Rose Library holds a large collection of Evans’ papers.

Register for this event
Access the Rose Library finding aid for the Mari Evans papers

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