



### African American Read-In Scheduled

To help celebrate Black History Month in February as well as to promote literacy, NMCC will be hosting a Read-In at noon on Friday, February 12 in the library. Students, employees and community members are invited to attend.

The event is being coordinated by Jennifer Graham, NMCC English instructor, and Gail Roy, assistant dean of learning resources. This marks the second year that NMCC faculty and students are taking part in an African American Read-In. To keep things interesting for folks from the campus and local community who may have attended last year's event, the duo are taking a different direction with this year's Read-In.

"Last year, NMCC students presented more of a historical overview of African American literature by reading excerpts of authors' works from the beginning of the tradition (slave narratives) up through current black writers, ending with Barack Obama's recent autobiography to tie in his election," explained Graham. "This year, Gail and I opted to do a more focused approach, by selecting one of the most famous American writers, Langston Hughes."

Hughes is particularly known for his colorful, insightful portrayals of black life in America from the 1920s through the 1960s. He wrote poetry, novels, short stories and plays, and is also known for his engagement with the world of jazz and the influence it had on his writing. His works tell the story of his people in ways that reflected their actual culture, including both their suffering and their love of music, laughter and language itself.

During the NMCC Read-In, Graham will read a short bio on Hughes to kick things off. A number of NMCC students and employees will then be reading a Hughes poem of their choice. Members of the College and local community are invited to come and hear Hughes' work.

### Monday, February 8:

- SNA Bake Sale**, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, Christie Lobby
- Business Department Faculty Meeting**, 12:00 - 1:30 pm, CHR 207
- TRiO Workshop - Test Anxiety**, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center
- Dutch Soccer Academy**, 3:00-9:00 pm, Gym

### Tuesday, February 9:

- Student Senate Meeting**, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, CHR 201
- Banking Course**, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, CHR 208I
- AYBL Basketball**, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Gym

### Wednesday, February 10:

- Employee Safety Training**, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, CHR 101
- Allied Health Testing**, 12:30-3:30 pm, MRT 105
- TRiO Workshop - Drinking Games**, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center
- AYBL Basketball**, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Gym
- Aroostook Football**, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Gym

### Thursday, February 11:

- Use of Facilities Demo**, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center
- Fall & Winter Expo Meeting**, 12:00 - 2:00 pm, Reed Commons Keegan Room

**The college will be closed on Monday, February 15, for President's Day. There will be no classes the week of February 15. Have a safe and fun February vacation!**

What's Happening on Campus...

### LUNCHTIME IN THE REED COMMONS

#### Monday

- Basil Tomato Soup
- Turkey Rice Soup
- Potato Chowder
- BBQ Beef Brisket
- Black Beans & Rice
- Seasoned Corn
- Brussel Sprouts
- Bacon Swiss Burger
- Southwest Panini
- Taco Pizza
- Chicken Fajitas
- BLT Sandwich
- Desserts

#### Tuesday

- Vegetable Chowder
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Potato Chowder
- Chicken Pot Pie
- Herbed Noodles
- Green Beans/Zucchini
- Buffalo Chicken Wrap
- Milano Wrap
- Mushroom Pizza
- Alfredo Summer Vegetables
- Marinated Green Beans
- Philly Cheese Steak
- Desserts

#### Wednesday

- Oriental Beef Noodle Soup
- Potato & Leek Soup
- Potato Chowder
- Beef Enchiladas
- Spanish Rice
- Cauliflower
- Summer Squash
- Italian Sausage Sandwich
- Ham & Cheese Wrap
- Greek Pizza
- Stir Fry Station
- California Cruisin Ckn. Sand.
- Desserts

#### Thursday

- Minestrone Soup
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Potato Chowder
- Hot Turkey Sandwich
- Mashed Potatoes
- Peas
- Spinach
- Hot Dog
- Grilled Smoked Turkey Panini
- Sausage Pizza
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Marinated Green Beans
- Desserts

#### Friday

- Beef Barley & Noodle Soup
- Lentil Soup
- Classic Cuban Sandwich
- Blanched Broccoli
- Herbed Vegetable Blend
- BBQ Cheddar Turkey Burger
- Fried Fish Sandwich
- BBQ Chicken Pizza
- Fresh Veg. Fried Rice
- Marinated Green Beans
- Turkey Ceasar Wrap
- Desserts

Weekly Menu

*A salad bar and items from the grill are also available daily.*

## Winter Break Smash-Up

*Want to get some stress or anger out? Come choose your weapon and help demolish a car!*

Seniors in the automotive collision repair program are holding a Winter Break Smash-Up event on Wednesday, February 10, in the auto body lab. This is a fund raiser for the students' trip to Detroit later this semester.

For a \$3 donation, you have one minute to do as much damage as you can. Ball peen hammers will be provided at no cost, or pay a little for some more destructive weapons: pipe (\$2), carpenter's crowbar (\$3), or Big Bertha sledge-hammer (\$5). Safety equipment will be provided.

## Students Invited to Senate Meetings

The Student Senate meets each Tuesday, from 12:15-12:45 pm, in CHR 201. All students are invited to attend and have their opinion heard.

## Ski Packages

Big Rock and the Maine Winter Sports Center are welcoming the entire NMCC community to their newly upgraded facilities. Once again, NMCC students and employees enjoy a great discounted rate, thanks to the Student Senate.

All NMCC employees and students can purchase daily ski and snow tubing lift tickets for \$5/day. Spouses and children living in the homes of students/employees can purchase tickets at 25% off the daily lift ticket prices when accompanying an NMCC student/employee. Students/employees may also purchase a season pass for skiing for only \$150. To take advantage of these bargains, the student/employee must present his or her college ID.

For more information, visit [www.bigrockmaine.com](http://www.bigrockmaine.com) or call 425-6711.

## Skating

NMCC students can skate for free at the Forum, simply bring your student ID with you. Call the Forum for general skate times at 764-0491.

*Courtesy of Student Senate*

## Swimming at the Indoor Pool...

NMCC students can swim for free at the Presque Isle indoor pool, located next to the Forum. Simply bring your student ID with you and be sure to sign in at the desk. To find out times when the pool is open to the public, you can call 764-2564.

*Courtesy of Student Senate*

## Volunteers Needed for Junior Olympics

The Junior Olympics will be taking place in Presque Isle during the week of March 7-13. More than 400 athletes, age 14-19, will be competing at the Nordic Heritage Center in cross country skiing. Hosting an event such as this requires a lot of volunteers, both for the athletic events themselves as well as all of the other cultural/community events surrounding the event.

Students and employees who are interested in volunteering should go to [www.juniorolympics2010.org/volunteers](http://www.juniorolympics2010.org/volunteers) and complete the form. You can specify whether you want to volunteer for outside or inside activities, which days you can help, times of day, etc.

Also, please note that the College is hosting the closing ceremony and dinner for the Junior Olympics right here in the NMCC gym on Saturday, March 13. We will need quite a few volunteers to help with the set-up on Thursday afternoon and Friday and clean-up on Monday, as well as help at the event itself. Members of the campus community who are interested in helping out should contact the development office by e-mailing [info@nmcc.edu](mailto:info@nmcc.edu), calling 768-2809 or stopping by the office, located just off the Christie lobby.

## Community News

◆ The annual **Chocolate Festival** will be held on Saturday, February 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Caribou Wellness & Recreation Center. The cost is \$10 for a 13 coupon booklet, \$5 for a 6 coupon booklet, or a \$2 donation for no booklet. With each coupon, you get a choice of many yummy chocolate delights and admission to an activity. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Caribou Children's Discovery Museum.

◆ The Presque Isle Kiwanis Club is holding auditions for its annual Talent Revue on Saturday, February 20, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Presque Isle Middle School. Competitors are being sought for four categories: elementary (grades k-5); middle school (grades 6-8); high school (grades 9-12); and college. For each category, there will be \$150 prize for first place and a \$100 prize for second place. There will also be a prize for high ticket sales. Hard copies of the application are available at NMCC's information window, or you can complete the application on-line at [pikiwanisclub.homestead.com](http://pikiwanisclub.homestead.com). This year's Talent Revue will be held on Saturday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Presque Isle Middle School. For those not interested in competing, mark your calendars and plan to attend.

### Newsletter Items...

*Do you have items that you would like printed in the Weekly Bulletin?* If so, please submit your information to the development office, by calling 768-2809, e-mailing [info@nmcc.edu](mailto:info@nmcc.edu) or stopping by the office, just off of the lobby of the Christie Building. **The weekly deadline is Thursday by 10 a.m.**