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1 Poems and book readings at Brooks Memorial Library
2 highlight voices of African American poets, authors, and activists

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5 In celebration of African American History month,
6 Brooks Memorial Library and the Windham County NAACP are
7 co-sponsoring “A Legacy of Courage: Poetry and Book Readings”
8 for the whole community on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m.,
9 featuring the words of poets and writers over the last 200 years.
10 “We will hear the powerful words of Sojourner Truth and
11 Frederick Douglass, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., June Jordan,

12 Howard Thurman, Nikki Giovanni, and many more,” said
13 organizers in a news release. “We invite you to join us and if you
14 have a favorite poem or reading, please bring to share! In these
15 challenging times, we look to these activists, abolitionists, poets
16 and writers whose words can strengthen our resolve and offer us
17 vision to continue on, helping to bend the arc of the universe
18 toward justice.”

19 In words attributed to Sojourner Truth, “Life is a hard
20 battle anyway. If we laugh and sing a little as we fight the good
21 fight of freedom, it makes it all go easier. I will not allow my life’s
22 light to be determined by the darkness around me.”

23 The Windham County Vermont Branch of the NAACP is
24 dedicated to serving the needs and promoting the social,
25 economic, political, and inter-personal power of people of color
26 and their allies living in our county.

27 Brooks Memorial Library is located at 224 Main St., and
28 is accessible to wheelchair users. For more information, contact
29 the library at 802-254-5290 or visit brookslibraryvt.org.

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