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Jimmy Carter Library & Museum

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July Events at Carter Presidential Library *Storytelling, Book Signings & a New Exhibition*

Atlanta, GA. – Good stories are on tap at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library in July. Celebrate July 4th as members of the *Southern Order of Storytellers* tell patriotic tales that the whole family will enjoy. The hour long presentation begins at 2pm on July 4th in the Carter Museum Theater and is included at no additional charge in your museum admission. Remember children 16 and under are free and between now and Labor Day, active duty military and their immediate family are free as part of the Blue Star Museum program**.

Author Marc Fitten returns to the Carter Library on Wednesday, July 11th at 7:00pm to discuss and sign his new novel *Elza's Kitchen*. Fitten fell in love with Hungary after years spent living there. His buoyant second novel is a celebration of Hungarian culture and cuisine, as well as a portrait of a woman and her country in transition. The reading and book signing is free and open to the public.

The following week, (July 18th at 7:00 pm) the Carter Library and B*ATL present Marc Wortman. Wortman is the author of *The Bonfire: The Siege and Burning of Atlanta*. The book which was called “a chilling narrative” by The Washington Post goes into detail about the city's leadership in 1864, including Mayor Calhoun who happened to own a big piece of the Battle of Atlanta battlefield now located in East Atlanta. The reading and book signing is free and open to the public.

The scheduled talk by Ghana's Vice President John Mahama on July 19th had to be cancelled. He needed to return to Ghana on business and cut his book tour short.

For the pre-schoolers, the Carter Library's Book Nook has resumed. On Mondays, Jimmy Carter Library staff and volunteers will read from a selection of story books in our library and conduct an outdoor Garden Safari. Story time will be offered in the museum lobby. Book Nook hours are from 10:00-10:30am (June 4, 11, 18, 25 and July 2, 9, 16, 23)

Garden Safari begins at 10:30am in the museum lobby, or as soon as Book Nook concludes (June 25 and July 9, 16, 23) Themes we will include are nature, the presidency, leadership, growing up, roles adults play, etc. Simple language and colorful illustrations are included in every book.

On July 14th, the Carter Library will open a new exhibition *Industrial Scars: The Photography of J Henry Fair*. These stunning photographs ironically show some of the most egregious cases of destruction of the planet, from oil spills to industrial pollution, in hopes that the viewer will come away with an innate understanding of the earth's complicity and a will to make a difference. Photographer Fair says “*At first, I photographed “ugly” things; which is, in essence, throwing the issue in people's faces. Over time, I began to photograph all these things with an eye to making them both beautiful and frightening simultaneously.*” The exhibition runs through October 14th and is included with the museum admission.

For more information, call 404-865-7109. You can keep up with the Carter Library events on the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library page on Facebook and follow the CarterLibrary on Twitter. If you wish to unsubscribe to these news releases, simply email tony.clark@nara.gov and put “UNSUBSCRIBE” in the subject line.

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