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History of Buffalo's Landmark Little Harlem Hotel Presentation

Researcher Unveils Story Based on Library Archives

Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Bing Crosby, Cab Calloway and Lena Horne are just a few of the celebrities who performed at or visited Ann Montgomery's landmark Little Harlem Hotel on Buffalo's East Side beginning in the mid-1930's. Alison Fraser, a PhD candidate from the University of Buffalo, will discuss her research on the fascinating history of one of Buffalo's oldest established African American businesses, the Little Harlem Hotel, based on the collection of rare holdings housed in the Grosvenor Room at the downtown Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square.

Free and open to the public, the "Little Harlem Hotel History" presentation is Monday, October 21 at 12 noon in the Ring of Knowledge on the main floor of the Library.

Ms. Fraser received a research fellowship this summer from Riverrun to study the Library's Little Harlem archival files which include both family and business photographs and program books. Located at 496 Michigan Avenue, the nightclub was started in 1934 by businesswoman Ann Montgomery Woodson to showcase aspiring stars. In its later years, the Little Harlem was a meeting ground for politicians and community leaders. It was later destroyed by a fire in the 1990s. A photo collection featuring the Library's holdings can be seen at: <http://bit.ly/1cpPSPS>

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