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### **The Anancy! Anansi! Festival Returns to Washington, DC for a Third Year**

Washington, DC, May 1, 2014 -- The third annual Anancy! Anansi! Festival in Washington, DC will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The event takes place at The Martin Luther King Jr. Branch of the DC Public Library, located at 901 G Street Northwest Washington, DC 20001. Admission is free. The first 100 families to register will receive a free Anancy storybook.

The Anancy! Anansi! Festival, named for Anansi, the West African trickster of folklore, is a celebration of Caribbean-American culture that's geared toward children and teens. The festival provides a unique way for youngsters to learn about their cultural heritage and experience a rich collection of stories, music and dance.

Xavier Murphy and Dr. Andrea Shaw are the co-founders of the event. Since the Washington, DC's inaugural event in 2012, Eva Greene Wilson, Caribbean Parenting Blogger at SocaMom.com, has been the coordinator and host for "Anancy! Anancy!" The festival is on the official calendar of events for the Institute of Caribbean Studies' Caribbean American Heritage month celebration.

This year, the event will once again take place in eight cities - Orlando, Florida, Ft Lauderdale, Florida, Washington DC, Atlanta, Georgia, New York, Nairobi, Kenya, Accra, Ghana, and Kingston, Jamaica.

"Each year the event gets bigger, better, and more exciting," says Eva Wilson. "I am a first generation Caribbean American mom, and I feel that it is important for me and parents like me to keep children connected to West Indian culture."

This year, the Anancy! Anansi! Festival will include storytelling, face painting, movies, arts and crafts, and more. The event has been extended from one hour to two. While the event is geared toward youngsters, the young and young at heart are sure to find plenty of activities and stories to encourage people of all ages to experience the rhythm of the islands through the Anancy stories.

Families may register for Anancy! Anansi! at [www.anancyfestival.eventbrite.com](http://www.anancyfestival.eventbrite.com). For more information on the festival in Washington, DC, visit [www.socamom.com](http://www.socamom.com). For information on the events in other cities, visit [www.anancyfestival.com](http://www.anancyfestival.com).

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