

EXPLORING HUMAN ORIGINS

2.18.17 - 3.17.17

A travelling Smithsonian exhibit and community learning opportunity

Fletcher Free Library

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Exploring Human Origins: what Does It Mean to be Human? was organized by the Smithsonian's Natural Museum of History in collaboration with the American Library Association Public Programs Office. This project was made possible through the support of a grant from the John Templeton Foundation, and support from the Peter Buck Human Origins Fund.

Associated Programming

Book Discussions



Shaping Humanity: How Science, Art and Imagination Help Us Understand Our Origins
by John Gurche
Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 pm
Local History Room

Absence of Mind
by Marilynne Robinson
Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30pm
Local History Room

Lectures



Opening Reception and Science Talk
by Dr. Rick Potts
Wednesday, February 22 at 5:30pm
Main Reading Room and Fletcher Room

What Does Human Evolution Mean to You? A Community Conversation
Thursday, February 23 at 6 pm
Fletcher Room

Human Evolutionary History – Progress and Challenges
Lecture by Dr. Bernard Wood
Friday, February 24 at 4:30pm
Offsite - Saint Michael's College

Genomics: Insights Into Our Differences and Similarities
Lecture by Dr. Debra Leonard
Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30pm
Fletcher Room

What Makes Us So Special? Does Human Culture Make Humans Unique?
Lecture by Dr. Michael Lange
Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30pm
Fletcher Room

The First Signs: Tracking Early Complex Society In The Ancient Near East
Lecture by Dr. David Ian Lightbody
Wednesday, March 8 at 6:00pm
Fletcher Room

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More Than Money: Extending the Meanings and Methodologies of Farmworker Food Security Lecture by Dr. Teresa Mares
Thursday, March 9 at 6:30pm
Fletcher Room

7th Annual Seed Swap
Saturday, March 11 at 12pm-3pm
Youth Area and Fletcher Room

Dr. Robert Macauley
Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30pm
Fletcher Room

The Complex Evolutionary History of Bipedalism: What New Fossils From South Africa Are Revealing.
Lecture by Jeremy DeSilva
Wednesday, March 22 at 4:30pm
Offsite – St. Michael's College Cheray 101

Tales of the Ex-Apes: How We Think About Human Evolution
A Lecture by Dr. Jonathan Marks
Thursday, March 23 at 6pm
Main Reading Room

Workshops



Educator Workshop
Wednesday, February 22 at 10am-2pm
Fletcher Room

Who's Your Gran-Daddy?
Genealogy Workshop
Saturday, March 18 at 12pm-2pm
Local History Room

Arts & Culture



What Is Your Story?
Wednesday, March 29 at 6pm
Fletcher Room

TURNmusic
Tuesday, March 7 at 7pm
Fletcher Room

Film Series



All screenings are in the Fletcher Room at 3PM

2001: A Space Odyssey (02/25)
The Adventures of Pinocchio (03/04)
Into the Wild (03/11)
A.I (03/18).
Bicentennial Man (03/25)
Being Human (04/01)

Documentary Film Series

Your Inner Fish AV (02/21 at 10am)
Nova: Becoming Human (03/15 at 10am)
Unbroken Grounds (03/22 at 6:30pm)

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Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean To Be Human? Feb. 18, 2017 – Mar. 17, 2017

The Fletcher Free Library has been selected nationwide as one of 19 public libraries to host a Smithsonian exhibition.

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The exhibition contains panels, interactive kiosks, interactive displays and sculpture to explore milestones in the evolutionary journey of becoming human — from walking upright, creating technology and eating new foods, to brain enlargement and the development of symbolic language and complex societies — advancements that define the unique position of humans in the history of life.

The Exploring Human Origins exhibit is located in the Library's Main Reading Room. Take a tour of the exhibit anytime during the Library's open hours. Questions about the exhibit? Contact a library staff person.