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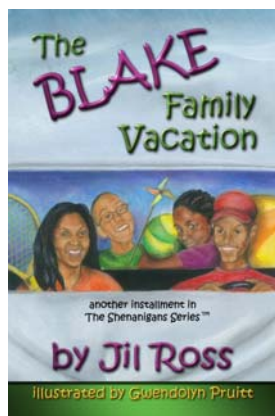
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African American Read-In WritersWalk

The African American Read-In is pleased to include the following published local writers in this year's program on stage at the Majestic (Pre-Show segment). We thank them for their participation, applaud their efforts, and wish them success and great fulfillment in their writing careers.

Author/Writer's Name: Jil M. Ross
Name of Work(s): *The Shenanigans Series™*
Publisher/Date Published: Cedar Hill Publishers



Genre/Synopsis

Juvenile Fiction

I created *The Shenanigans Series™* as a result of not being able to find challenging and thought provoking books for my two children to read when they became interested in reading chapter books. I also had a difficult time finding books that featured African Americans in a positive manner and that were relevant to issues of today. All of the stories that I write are inspired by true events, and although the stories are told with humor, they're also grounded in moral lessons.

There are currently five books in *The Shenanigans Series™*, their titles are; *Marie Plays Homeless*, *Foster the Mummy*, *What's the Matter, Mr. Ticklebritches?* *The Real Nitty Gritty* and *The Blake Family Vacation*. The books in the series are available through Amazon.com and are distributed through Baker & Taylor.

Biography

Jil M. Ross is a certified vendor with Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) and The Chicago Park District. She coordinate and participate in local (Chicago) book fairs, book readings with such organizations as, Bookworms, The Kids Literacy Program for South Side YMCA, and Jack & Jill. She has twice been a guest on WNUA's City Voices, with host Stan West, to discuss her book series and the importance of literacy, folktales and storytelling in the African American Community. In addition, she speaks with students about the necessity and fundamentals of reading, writing and creative expression. She has been featured in articles in the Beverly Review and in Culture Magazine.

For more information on *The Shenanigans Series™*, visit <http://www.shenanigansseries.com>.

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