## Mid-Manhattan Library presents

## **Mixed Bag**

### **Story Time for Grown-Ups**

Love a good story?
Sit back and relax as we read you a story or two at lunchtime.

Brown bag lunches welcome!

# February 2013 African-American Voices

#### February 6

How John Boscoe Outsung the Devil

by Arthur P. Davis

**Mama's Missionary Money** 

by **Chester Himes** 

# February 20 Marigolds

by Eugenia W. Collier

**Exodus** 

by James Baldwin



# All readings will take place on Wednesdays 1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. on the 1st floor Room 101



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### February 6

How John Boscoe Outsung the Devil by Arthur P. Davis John Boscoe was the sweetest bass singer in Virginny, and he knew it too. One day the Devil overheard him boasting and challenged him to a singing contest.

#### Mama's Missionary Money by Chester Himes

When Lemuel "accidentally" found the old black purse in his Mama's dresser drawer, it was filled with quarters and dimes and nickels and even a few dollar bills. He only took a quarter the first time. He knew Mama would find out eventually. It was just a question of time and punishment.

### February 20

Marigolds by Eugenia W. Collier

Old Miss Lottie lived in a ramshackle shanty in rural Maryland. Times were hard in the Depression, and the only thing of beauty in her life was the bed of marigolds in her dusty yard.

#### **Exodus** by James Baldwin

Florence decided the time had come to leave her Southern small town for New York City, even if it meant leaving her aged mother and her shiftless brother Gabriel behind. It was time to write her own history instead of reliving her mother's.

