Wednesday, March 25

Attendees arrive

Thursday, March 26

8:30 a.m.—2 p.m.  Leading and Emerging Authors School & Prison Visit

Facilitator: Valerie Combie
Emerging writers and leading authors visit the prison as well as elementary, secondary and public schools throughout the island to read and discuss their work and experience with writing books.

6 p.m.—9 p.m.  Reception—Government House

Mistresses of Ceremony: Gillian Royes and Provost Camille McKayle

Authors, sponsors, organizers meet and greet reception. Hosted by Innovative & USVI Department of Tourism.

Welcoming Remarks — UVI President Dr. David Hall
Reading and Dance interpretation of Marvin Williams’ “Heirs” by Caribbean Dance Company and Alscess Lewis-Brown
Music by UVI Steel Ensemble - directed by Valrica Bryson

Showing of the Film: The Skin written and produced by Howard Allen of HAMA Productions.
Introduction by David Edgecombe

Friday, March 27

8 a.m.—9 a.m.  Registration — UVI Albert A. Sheen Campus Great Hall

9:05 a.m.—10 a.m.  Opening Ceremony - UVI Great Hall

Mistress and Master of Ceremony: Valerie Combie and Simon Jones-Hendrickson

SPEAKERS
Tourism Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty
Interim Dean of C.L.A.S.S Dr. Kimarie Engerman
UVI President Dr. David Hall
Governor of the Virgin Islands Kenneth E. Mapp
Keynote Speaker Tiphanie Yanique

Introduction of Tiphanie Yanique: Vincent Cooper
SESSION I

10:05 a.m. — 11:05 a.m. What’s in a Good Story: From Thought to Telling
Panelists: Gillian Royes, Tiphanie Yanique, Sharon Millar and Joanne C. Hillhouse - UVI Great Hall
Facilitator: Amelia Headly-Lamont

Writing Responsibly about Culture, Gender, Race, Religion and Nationality: A 21st Century Community Agenda?
Panelists: Akia Gore, Jeffrey Perry, Frandel Gerard, Richard Austin and Mario Moorhead
NWW 102–103
Facilitator: Chenzira Davis-Kahina

10:05 a.m. — 11:45 a.m. Children’s Corner with Muntsa Val, Janice Tutein, Zenzi Hodge, Wayne “Bully” Petersen, Alscess Lewis-Brown and Denise Bennerson — Under the Big Tent and UVI Library

Session A: Story Telling/Special Performance (Spanish) Muntsa Val
Session B: Story Telling — Alscess Lewis-Brown
Session C: Children’s Book Readings — Zenzi Hodge and Aunty Janice (Janice Tutein)
Session D: Readings and performance — Wayne “Bully” Petersen and Denise Bennerson
Facilitator: Yvette McMahon-Arnold

10:05 a.m. — 3:05 p.m. Books Swap - sponsored by the University Bound Program Pavilion

SESSION II

11:10 a.m. — 12:10 p.m. Responding to the Call for Modern Caribbean Literature
Panelists: Frank Mills, Carol Ottley-Mitchell, Semaj Johnson, Ingrid Bough and Anika Johnson
Facilitator: Yvette McMahon-Arnold
UVI Great Hall
Poetry/Music: A Community Conversation and Social Debate
Panelists: Vincent Cooper, Patricia Harkins-Pierre, Camille “King Derby” Macedon, Lauren Larsen and Nana Farika Berhane
NWW 102–103
Facilitator: Eugene Petersen

12:15 p.m. — 1:15 p.m. LUNCH
UVI Great Hall
Featured Presentation by Malaika Adero
“A Publisher’s Perspective on Writing and Publishing in the 21st Century”

Introduction: Gillian Royes
Friday, March 27 cont.

SESSION III

1:20 p.m.—2:20 p.m.
Writing about History: Valuing Perspectives, Purpose and Context
Panelists: Elizabeth Rezende, Edgar Lake, Karen Thurland, Gilbert Sprauve, Attorney Michael Joseph and Akia Gore
NWW 102

Facilitators: Gerard Emanuel and Demitri Copemann

The Future of Digital and Print Publishing in the USVI
Panelists: Judith Rogers, Malaika Adero, Reuben Molloy and DaraMonifah Cooper
NWW 102-103

Facilitator: Simon Jones-Hendrickson

2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
Literature and Art as Therapy: La terapia con literature y arte
Panelist: Muntsa Val (Presentation will be conducted in Spanish)
EVC 405

Facilitator: Valerie Wilhite

The Role of Children and Young Adult Literature in Shaping Society
Panelists: Joanne C. Hillhouse, Sharon Millar, Alscess Lewis-Brown and Douglas Larche
NWW Great Hall

Facilitator: Nancy Morgan

SESSION IV

4 p.m.—5 p.m.
Book Bacchanal — Waterfront at Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts
Facilitators: Janis Valmond and Candia Atwater
Master of Ceremony: Junior Garcia

Book sales, book signings, vendors, performances by Music in Motion Dance Academy, Ay-Ay Cultural Dancers. Music by Central High School Jazz Ensemble, Kent Moorehead, Demitri Copemann and other local musicians.

Sponsored by Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts

5:05 p.m.—6 p.m.
Poetry and Prose Improvisational Response to Art
Attendees will be invited to respond to works of art on display at the gallery. They will present their creation in the open mic session.
Friday, March 27 cont.

6:05p.m.—7:30p.m. **Caribbean Award-Winning Authors Book Launch**
Sharon Millar, author of *The Whale House and Other Stories*, winner of the 2013 Commonwealth Short Story Prize.
Joanne C. Hillhouse, author of *Musical Youth*, second place winner of the 2014 Burt Award for Caribbean Literature.
Attorney Michael Joseph, author of *Fountain Valley 1972*.
Remarks: Carol Ottley-Mitchell

*Facilitator: Tiphanie Yanique*

7:35p.m.—9:00p.m. **Open Mic Poetry:**

*Special appearance by Miss St. Croix AnuMaat Davis-Kahina*

Saturday, March 28

8a.m.—9a.m. **Registration**
UVI Albert A. Sheen Campus Great Hall

9:05a.m.—10a.m. **Bush Tea Morning Social**
Musical performance: Daniel Lago and The Mighty Junito (Noel Tirado)
Open Mic Island Flash Fiction
Master of Ceremony: Frank Mills

10:05a.m.—11:05a.m. **Keynote Address with Q&A**
Keynote Speaker: Jamaica Kincaid
UVI Great Hall

*Introduction: Alscess Lewis-Brown*

**SESSION V**

11:10a.m.—12:10p.m. **Autobiography: What We Write Is Out Of Our Lives**
Presenter: Jamaica Kincaid
UVI Great Hall

*Facilitators: Malaika Adero and Alscess Lewis-Brown*

11:10a.m.—12:50p.m. **Children’s Corner** with Muntsa Val, Janice Tutein, Zenzi Hodge, Wayne “Bully” Petersen, Alscess Lewis-Brown and Denise Bennerson—*Under the Big Tent and UVI Library*

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Saturday, March 28 cont.

11:10a.m.—4:10p.m. **Books Swap - sponsored by the University Bound Program Pavilion**

12:15p.m.—1:15p.m. **Lunch**

UVI Great Hall

**Featured Presentation** by Author Jeffrey Perry

on *Hubert Harrison’s biography*

*Introduction: Stephanie Hanlon-Nagent*

1:20p.m.—2:20p.m. **The Best Poem of the Best Poet: Translating Virgil’s Georgics, Caribbean Insights**

Panelist: David Gould

*Great Hall*

*Facilitator: Vincent Cooper*

**Empowering VI Writers: Building a Publishing Strategy**

Panelists: Zenzi Hodge, Pamela Richards, Patricia Harkins-Pierre and Richard Schrader

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*Facilitator: Ingrid Bough*

**Accessing The Danish St. Croix Connection in Literature through the Danish Language**

Panelists: Lise Bostrup, Lene Asp and Gilbert Sprauve

*UVI Great Hall*

*Facilitator: Nina York*

2:30p.m.—3:30p.m. **Hubert Harrison’s Early Writings**

Panelist: Author Jeffrey Perry

*UVI Great Hall*

*Facilitator: Stephanie Hanlon-Nagent*

3:45p.m.—4:45p.m. **Recovery and Displacement Writing**

Panelist: Carrie Jo Coaplen

*NWW 102-103*

*Facilitator: Semaj Johnson*

5p.m.—6:30p.m. ~ BREAK ~

7p.m.—9p.m. **Hubert Harrison**, play by David Edgecombe

*James C. Savage Theater on the old Good Hope Campus*

*Presentation of Flash Fiction Awards: Valerie Combie*
Sunday, March 29

**SESSION VII**

**Literary Island Tour of Historic Sites**, led by National Park Superintendent Joel Tutein

*Bus will leave the Albert Sheen Campus at 9:00, travel east to National Park Office in Christiansted*

*Facilitators: Mary Roebuck and Olasee Davis*

**Tour, write and share** – An interactive writing experience from the East End to West End, starting in Christiansted Historic District. Visit to Hubert Harrison’s family home in Estate Concordia, lead by Historian George Tyson. Presentation of a writing product as an outgrowth of the tour — a poem, a flash fiction story, a comment, a line, an idea.... at the end of the tour.

*Facilitators: Alscess Lewis-Brown and Chenzira Davis-Kahina*

**SESSION VIII**

**The Basics of Paleography and Archival Research**
Panelists: Valerie Wilhite, Mary Roebuck, Jeffrey Perry and George Tyson

*Facilitator: Mary Jo Wilder*