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**Multidisciplinary Artist & Poet FRANK X. WALKER to
Read from His Works at the Main Library on Wednesday,
January 12, 7:00 p.m.**

Multidisciplinary artist and poet Frank X Walker will be reading from his works in the Garden Lounge of the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, on Wednesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. His visit is part of an Artistic Residency Culture Program that enhances educational projects of the Urban Appalachian Council (UAC).

Mr. Walker is a native of Danville, Kentucky, a graduate of Danville High School and the University of Kentucky, and received an MFA in Writing at Spalding University in 2003. He has lectured, conducted workshops, read poetry, and exhibited at over 250 national conferences and universities from the Verbal Arts Centre in Derry, Northern Ireland to Santiago, Cuba. A founding member of the Affrilachian Poets, he is the editor of *Eclipsing a Nappy New Millennium* and the author of *Affrilachia*, a collection of poems that has recently been nominated for the Kentucky Public Librarians' Choice Award.

A Kentucky Arts Council Al Smith Fellowship recipient, his poetry has been converted into a stage production by the University of Kentucky Theatre department and widely anthologized in numerous collections including *The Appalachian Journal*, *Limestone*, *Roundtable*, *My Brothers Keeper*, *Spirit and Flame: An Anthology of Contemporary African American Poetry* and *Role Call: A Generational Anthology of Social and Political Black Literature and Art*. He is also a contributing writer and columnist for *Ace Weekly*.

He has recently completed two new poetry collections — *Black Box* (forthcoming, April 2005) and *Bufflalo Dance, the Journey of York. Buffalo Dance* (University Press of Kentucky,

2004), which is written in the voice of York, the slave who accompanied his master, William Clark, on the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

For more information contact the Literature & Languages Department at (513) 369-6991.

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