

Arlington Vision 2020 Diversity Task Group  
Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Observance Committee of Arlington  
and Robbins Library

Invite you to

# Meet Fannie Barrier Williams

Wednesday, May 18, 7 to 8:30 pm

Robbins Library Community Room  
700 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington

Fannie Barrier Williams will be arriving from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century to share her remarkable life story (1855-1944) with us.

She grew up in Brockport, N.Y., where black and white children were educated together and freely visited each other's homes. Imagine Fannie's surprise and distress when she moved to the South to teach!

We'll learn how Fannie assured that the African American experience would be represented at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago and how she worked to improve women's rights. She was one of the founders of NAACP and nationally known in her time.

Fannie will answer our questions about her life and the period in which she lived. She'll use a newfangled Magic Lantern to show us images from her life.

Presented by Marian Evans Melnick  
who has researched Fannie's life and the period in which she lived, drawing on  
Fannie's Autobiography of a Negro Woman

High school students are welcome to attend

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