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Palmdale City Library's African-American Book Club to Discuss *Black Man in a White Coat: A Doctor's Reflections on Race and Medicine*

PALMDALE – The Palmdale City Library will host the next meeting of the African-American Book Club to discuss *Black Man in a White Coat: A Doctor's Reflections on Race and Medicine* by Damon Tweedy on Tuesday, Sept. 20 from 6:45 to 7:45 pm at the Library, located at 700 E. Palmdale Blvd.

*Black Man in a White Coat* examines the complex ways in which both black doctors and patients must navigate the difficult and often contradictory terrain of race and medicine. As Tweedy transforms from student to practicing physician, he discovers how often race influences his encounters with patients. Through their stories, he illustrates the complex social, cultural and economic factors at the root of many health problems in the black community. These issues take on greater meaning when Tweedy is himself diagnosed with a chronic disease far more common among black people. In this powerful, moving, and deeply empathic book, Tweedy explores the challenges confronting black doctors, and the disproportionate health burdens faced by black patients, ultimately seeking a way forward to better treatment and more compassionate care.

New members are always welcome. The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month.

The Palmdale City Library is open seven days a week. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm; Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm; and Sunday from 1 to 5 pm.

For more information, please call the Palmdale City Library at 661/267-5600 or TDD 661/267-5167, or visit [www.cityofpalmdale.org/library](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/library).

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