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## **RICHLAND LIBRARY ANNOUNCES TWO NEW RESIDENCIES**

*Meet Tammaka Staley (AiR) & Kevin Williams (EiR)*

Columbia, SC- With the New Year underway, **Richland Library** is thrilled to announce two new additions to our residency program. Please join us in **welcoming Tammaka Staley as our artist-in-residence (AiR) and Kevin Williams as our entrepreneur-in-residence (EiR).**

A native of Columbia, Staley runs a performance art and speaking brand called Talks with Tammaka, and she's the founder and executive director of Youth Affirming Sex Education (YASÉ), LLC. She hosts writing workshops to teach youth and young adults how to construct poems and improve stage performance. Staley also facilitates dialogues in public and online spaces about various gender, racial and sexuality inequities.

Founder of Cognizant Leadership, LLC and owner of Escapology Columbia, Williams combines visual learning tools, escape room experiences, and team retrospectives to help individuals and groups learn more about themselves and create lasting change. He has more than 25 years of business experience in a variety of technical and leadership positions both nationally and abroad.

**During their residencies**, Staley and Williams plan to:

- **serve as liaisons** to the artistic and entrepreneurial communities
- work with our staff to **offer online programs**, which are free and open to the public
- **host online office hours or virtual appointments** to interact with local residents and answer their questions
- **curate digital content** to highlight and share their expertise

**Williams' residency extends through May 2021, and Staley's residency continues through June 2021.**

The library's residency program aims to connect the community directly with local working artists, entrepreneurs and writers. [Learn more here.](#)

For questions, please contact Emily Stoll at 803-587-3637 or email [estoll@richlandlibrary.com](mailto:estoll@richlandlibrary.com).

**About Richland Library**

Awarded the National Medal in 2017 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Richland Library is a vibrant, contemporary organization that provides resources and information that advance the Midlands. Offering state-of-the-art technology, a variety of literary and cultural programs and 13 bustling facilities located throughout the county, Richland Library provides a truly customizable, modern library experience for residents and visitors alike.