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## **Midnight Train: Harriet Tubman on the Underground Railroad**

Mary J. Kelly portrays Harriet Tubman during her years as a slave, her journey to freedom, and her endeavors to help others flee northward. *Midnight Train: Harriet Tubman on the Underground Railroad* will be at the Headquarters Palatka Library on Thursday, February 15th from 6-7pm and the Bostwick Public Library on Friday, February 16th from 4-5pm. This program is FREE and open to all.

“The program starts with a 45-minute performance - Mary J. Kelly in-character as Harriet Tubman - followed by a 15-minute questions and answer session with Ms. Kelly acting as researcher,” says Jeremy Yates, Special Projects Coordinator. “Mary portrays Harriet Tubman in schools and libraries throughout Florida, hoping to provide a glimpse into the life of this amazing woman.” This presentation is made possible by a traveling grant from the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs.

Harriet Tubman the first African-American will replace Andrew Jackson, on the \$20 bill in 2020. “Many of our youth and adults of today don’t know about Harriet Tubman and her contributions to build a greater nation allowing all its citizens the privileges held in the constitution,” Ms. Kelly says. “Harriet’s story is one of triumph and survival under the harshest conditions one can imagine.”

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