Celebrate Black History Month this year at the Kranzberg Arts Center with the return of Saint Louis Story Stitchers Artists Collective’s Perception Isn’t Always Reality. The Saint Louis Story Stitchers Artists Collective is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that brings teens and artists together in documenting our community through art, word, video, and music. Perception Isn’t Always Reality is a cultural exchange that explores the dynamics of community in St. Louis through issues of identity, bias, and public perception as related to individual lives.

On February 14th, the Saint Louis Story Stitchers Artists Collective will hold a public event and participatory activity with Stitchers Teen Council and featuring guest artist and fashion designer Qristyl Frazier called Project Perception: A Reality Runway Show. MC Mr. K.P. Dennis and Ms. Frazier will guide the audience through a fun exploration of the relationship between perception and clothing through music, game, and makeovers using repurposed clothing from Avalon Exchange to consider biases people may form about individuals based on attire.

Perception Isn’t Always Reality is a platform for community engagement through an artistic lens, with it the Saint Louis Story Stitchers Artists Collective works to shift perceptions and realities and bring hope to our community. Join us this February 14th at the Kranzberg Arts Center and become part of this vital project.

Program Sponsors
Kranzberg Arts Center, Avalon Exchange, Regional Arts Commission

Schedule of Events: Kranzberg Arts Center, 501 N Grand Blvd., 63103

Sunday, Feb 14
12:00-2:00

STUDIO THEATER PERFORMANCE: PROJECT PERCEPTION
A Reality Runway Show with Qristyl Frazier and MC Mr. K.P. Dennis.
The public is invited to explore themes of fashion, identity and biases through music and play with used clothing, games and discussion.
Doors open at noon with Stitchers Fan Club Selfies
Show 12:30-2:00
All ages.
Suggested donation $10.

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About Qristyl Frazier
Qristyl Frazier dazzles the “plus” community with her exhilarating designs shown on her exclusive website Qristyl Frazier Designs.com. Qristyl Frazier Designs is a high fashioned clothing line that graced its presence within the curvy community beginning in 2006. Qristyl has gained a vast amount of media attention from around the world including the Steve Harvey Show, Project Runway, All on the Line with Joe Zee, The Rachel Ray Show, Essence magazine and more.
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About Avalon Exchange
www.avalonexchange.com
Avalon Exchange is a buy sell trade resale clothing boutique. Our carefully curated inventory includes designer pieces, vintage, Air Jordans, denim, leather, basics, and one of a kind items. We buy directly from the public each day, as a result our selection is always a direct reflection of our community. We seek out contemporary, vintage and designer pieces, but you’ll also find brand new merchandise and accessories. 6388 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63130. (314)725-2760.

About the Saint Louis Story Stitchers Artists Collective
storystitchers.org
The mission of Saint Louis Story Stitchers is to document St. Louis through art and word to promote understanding, civic pride, intergenerational relationships and literacy. The Collective was founded in 2013 by eight artists in Old North St. Louis as a reaction to gun violence. In 2014 the organization became a 501c3 and artists-in-residence at Kranzberg Arts Center where members rehearse, present and perform in the Center’s first-class spaces. In 2015 the Collective added the Stitchers Storefront Studio in the popular Loop District for recording, editing and publishing. 616 N Skinker Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63130, (706)255-5835, storystitchers@gmail.com
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4-H Youth Futures at the University of Missouri Extension Services
Youth Futures College Within Reach is an extensive college orientation program that includes ongoing local mentoring and a college orientation conference on the MU and LU campuses. The goal of the program is to help youth go to college and stay in college.

the Clothesline
The clothesline is a monthly installation where artists intersect to transform a space for one night only. The clothesline is a conduit for detachment and vulnerability— for personal, intimate items in public. The clothesline is: Regina Martinez, Angelina Fasano, and April Fulstone (Agile1)

About The Kranzberg Arts Center
kranzbergartscenter.org
The Kranzberg Arts Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in the heart of the Grand Center Arts and Entertainment District at 501 N. Grand Blvd. It houses three distinct, multi-use spaces – a gallery space dubbed the Kranzberg Arts Incubator, a flex-seat 100 capacity black box theater, and a 100 capacity cabaret/lounge performance space with pro audio & lights. The basement of the KAC is home to the Craft Alliance Center of Art + Design Education Center while the Black Box is the home of resident theater company Upstream.

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Could I run for President?"

What’s Your Reality? Photograph of K.P. Dennis by Taron, Stitchers Teen Council, 2015

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