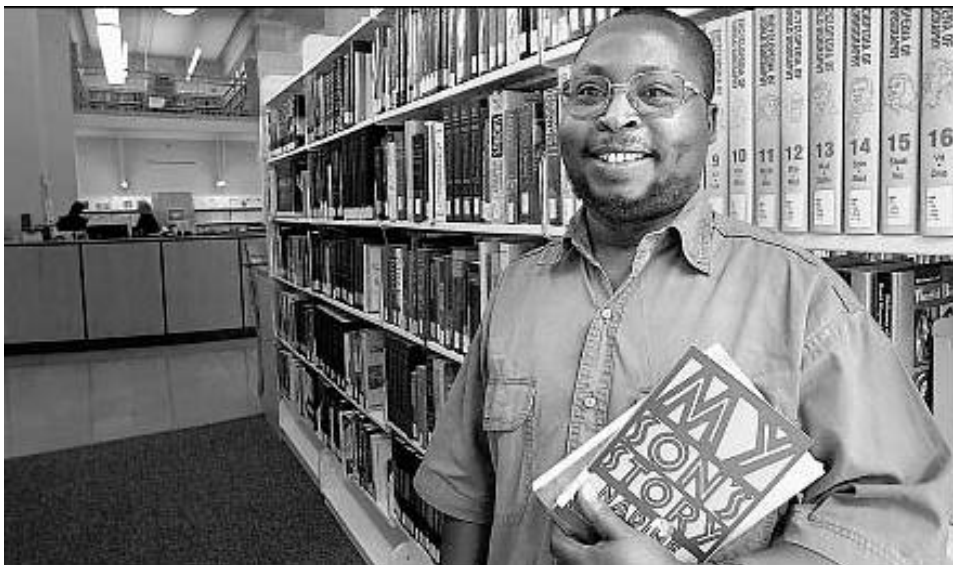


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Visiting scholar brings Swahili to NSU, TCC

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NORFOLK — *"It means no worries for the rest of your days."*

That, of course, is the definition of *hakuna matata*, as any "Lion King" fan will tell you.

What most fans of the movie probably don't know is that the words come straight from the African language of Swahili, not from the mind of some Disney lyricist.

The song translation is right on, says Andrew Mwenda Mbatiah, a Kenyan scholar who will teach lots more Swahili words to students at Norfolk State University and Tidewater Community College under an unusual arrangement this school year.

Mbatiah, who has written novels in Swahili and compiled a dictionary of Swahili terms, will be a visiting Fulbright scholar shared by both campuses. In the fall and spring semesters, he will

teach two courses each at NSU and TCC's Norfolk campus, including introductory Swahili, African fiction and African-American literature.

"At TCC, we have students who do not have an oppor-

tunity to go abroad," said Jeanne B. Natali, the college's coordinator of international programs. "This gives them a chance to internationalize

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