

ership in a substance abuse peer education program, and work with the same age or younger age youth and community leaders to promote healthy behaviors and policies. Felicia worked with the Wayside Youth and Family Support Network, locally led by Suzanne Boucher, at the Clarendon Public Housing Center. Her special project was a Peer Education Video about HIV/Aids that ran for several weeks on Somerville's Channel 15 cable station.

She was inspired to make this video by her studies in Health Education and her current work in the Nursing Careers Program. Felicia hopes the video will shortly be shown in SHS health related classrooms. She will accept her award at a celebration at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Natick Tuesday, Oct. 10.

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By Doug Holder

Lisa Locke is a singer/songwriter who is all about listening to the music, but just as importantly the words. Locke, who is also a poet, has a new music CD out "In It For The Drama," and has been anointed the new head of "The Somerville News Poetry and Reading Series" to be held at Porter Square Books in Porter Square. Locke feels the

Lisa Locke "I'm all About The Lyrics."

comparatively staid atmosphere of a bookstore would be a preferable venue to the often noisy bars and coffeehouses. Locke, who plans to move the series in November (first Sunday 3PM), told the News: "The types of people who walk in a bookstore are the kind who will listen closely to the words." Locke wants to create a family atmosphere, with a decided sense of community. Locke, who works as a financial aid officer at Lesley University, had wanted to play the guitar for a long time. After graduating from Swarthmore College she joined the Peace Corp, and did a stint in Eastern Russia. Locke said she was in-

spired by the culture she found there. Her job was to teach English to young people. Many of her students were asked to read poetry and sing songs in English at local venues. This inspired Locke to learn the guitar to help the kids hone their English and songwriting talents

Since coming back to the states, Locke has performed her own work at clubs in New York, New Jersey and of course Somerville. Locke said: "I came to live in Somerville for the culture. I found myself always coming to events in Somerville. So it was natural that I wanted to more here."

Locke said her poetic influences include: Sonia Sanchez, and Adrienne Rich. For writers she mentioned DiFrano and local talent Delmhorst. Locke met the outgoing head Chiemu, at the Burre music series in Davis Square and they became fast friends. When she heard that C was having a baby and was be giving up the Some News Series, Locke asked if she could receive it. Locke said so often and don't listen to what the poet songwriter are trying to say, she feels they are trying to say something important for them. Hopeful new venue will make the end Locke their cars.