Stride Toward Freedom

2013 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunrise Celebration

Monday, January 28 - 6:30 a.m.
Washington State Convention Center
Room 611-614
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Welcome
LaJuan Pringle  Co-chair, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunrise Celebration

Audience Participation
“Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”
(words on back cover of program)

Maureen Sullivan  ALA President, 2012-13
Keith Michael Fiels  ALA Executive Director
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Sam Wallin  Representative, Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS)
Janice Kowemy  President, American Indian Library Association (AILA)
Tina Sieg Smith  Representative, Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL)
Tess Tobin  Chair, ALA Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT)
David S. Vess  Chair, ALA Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT)
Laura Koltutsky  Coordinator, ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)
Alexandra P. Rivera  Chair, ALA Committee on Diversity

Introduction of Keynote
Fantasia Thorne  Chair, ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach Services (OLOS) Advisory Committee

Keynote
Dr. Jeanne Theoharis  Professor of Political Science, Brooklyn College, City University of New York

Call-to-Action Speaker
Dr. Sandra Hughes-Hassell  Professor, School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Vivian Wynn  Representative, ALA Committee on Literacy
Liana Juliano  Chair, ALA Committee on Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds

Adam S. Szczepaniak, Jr.  Chair, ASCLA Accessibility Assembly
Candice Mack  Spectrum Scholars
Leslie Campbell Hime
Susan Hoang
Featured Speakers

Dr. Jeanne Theoharis received her AB in Afro-American studies from Harvard College and her PhD in American culture from the University of Michigan. She is the author or coauthor of six books and numerous articles on the black freedom struggle and the contemporary politics of race in the United States. Her latest book, “The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks” (Beacon, 2013) presents a corrective to the popular iconography of Parks as the quiet seamstress who with a single act birthed the modern civil rights movement, revealing a civil rights movement radical who fought to expose and eradicate the American racial caste system in jobs, schools, public services and criminal justice. The release of the book will coincide with Rosa Parks’ 100th birthday on Feb. 4, 2013. Dr. Theoharis’ participation in the 2013 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Sunrise Celebration is made possible through the generous support of Beacon Press.

Dr. Sandra Hughes-Hassell is a professor at the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her current research focuses on social justice issues in youth library services and the role of school librarians in education reform. Her most recent book is “Urban Teens in the Library: Research and Practice” (ALA Editions, 2010), which she co-edited with Denise E. Agosto. Recent journal publications include articles in Library Quarterly, Library and Information Science Research, School Library Research and Teacher Librarian. She teaches courses in services to diverse youth populations, materials for young adults and the development of school library media programs.

Special thanks to Beacon Press for their support of Dr. Theoharis’ participation in this morning’s event.

Beacon Press is the publisher of “The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks,” Dr. Theoharis’ definitive political biography of Rosa Parks that examines her six decades of activism, challenging perceptions of her as an accidental actor in the civil rights movement.

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Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing
Lyrics: James Weldon Johnson; Music: John Rosamond Johnson

Lift ev’ry voice and sing,
’Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us March on ’til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast’ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;

Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
’Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;

Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

We Shall Overcome
Traditional; Derived from “I’ll Overcome Someday,” by Charles Albert Tindley

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

The Lord will see us through, The Lord will see us through,
The Lord will see us through someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

We’re on to victory, We’re on to victory,
We’re on to victory someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We’re on to victory someday.

We’ll walk hand in hand, we’ll walk hand in hand,
We’ll walk hand in hand someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We’ll walk hand in hand someday.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,
We are not afraid today;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We are not afraid today.

The truth shall make us free, the truth shall make us free,
The truth shall make us free someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
The truth shall make us free someday.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall live in peace someday.

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