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Dr. King’s legacy to be honored at celebration during ALA Midwinter

(BOSTON) - Maurice J. (Mitch) Freedman, Publisher, U*N*A*B*A*S*H*E*D Librarian, and ALA Past President (2002-2003), will be the keynote speaker at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. sunrise celebration during the American Library Association’s (ALA) Midwinter Meeting in Boston. The celebration will be held on Monday January 18, from 6:30-7:30 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom A/B of the Westin Boston Waterfront.

This year’s program will feature a theme of “A Testament of Hope: Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not a Day Off!” and bring together leaders from across the association, including ALA President Camila Alire and ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels. Readings will include selections from the works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Dr. E.J. Josey, founder of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association and Past President of the American Library Association (1984-1985).

The program is sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Task Force of the ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), and supported by ALA Office of Literacy and Outreach Services. Pastries, coffee and juice will be served, thanks to support from World Book, Inc.