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CSK EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

THE CORETTA SCOTT KING BOOK AWARDS BREAKFAST
is held on Sunday during ALA’s Annual Conference from 7:00-9:30 a.m., and features the winners and honor illustrators and authors.

THE CORETTA SCOTT KING BOOK AWARDS DONATION GRANT
was created to help build collections and bring books into the lives of children in latchkey, preschool programs, faith-based reading projects, homeless shelters, charter schools, and underfunded libraries. An enduring message of the Committee’s Public Awareness Campaign is that books and reading can only add value to children’s lives if they have opportunities to read.

“"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members, a heart of grace and a soul generated by love.”
—CORETTA SCOTT KING
WHAT IS THE CORETTA SCOTT KING BOOK AWARDS COMMITTEE?

The committee within the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) that administers the Coretta Scott King Book Awards which are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values. The award commemorates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and honors his wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace and world brotherhood.

Members can join various committees (e.g., technology, membership, and publications) that support the award besides the actual jury. Any member of EMIERT of the American Library Association can join the Committee!

WHY JOIN THE CORETTA SCOTT KING BOOK AWARDS COMMITTEE?

CSK MEMBERS HAVE AN ACTIVE ROLE in supporting one of the most prestigious awards in youth literature.

CSK MEMBERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK AND PARTICIPATE in important events throughout the year, including the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Breakfast, the Youth Media Awards, the ALA Diversity & Outreach Fair, and more.

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THE AWARDS

The Coretta Scott King Book Awards are given in author and illustrator categories; honor recipients in both categories may also be named.

The John Steptoe Award for New Talent is occasionally given for up-and-coming authors or illustrators who demonstrate outstanding promise at the beginning of their careers.

The Coretta Scott King - Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement is presented in even years to an African American author, illustrator or author/illustrator for a body of his or her published books for children and/or young adults, and who has made a significant and lasting literary contribution. In odd years, the award is presented to a practitioner for substantial contributions through active engagement with youth using award-winning African American literature for children and/or young adults, via implementation of reading and reading related activities/programs.