[ORGANIZATION] to participate in the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Literature Week

In 2024, [ORGANIZATION NAME] will join thousands of libraries and classrooms from across the country as we remember, celebrate, and recognize Coretta Scott King’s work in social justice through the Coretta Scott King Book Awards 55th Anniversary.

Given annually, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards serve as a guide for parents, librarians and caregivers to the most outstanding books for youth by African American authors and illustrators that affirm African American culture and universal human values.

The Coretta Scott King Book Awards Roundtable Standing Anniversary Committee has planned a series of events in celebration and remembrance of Mrs. Coretta Scott King. Through the CSKBART 55th Anniversary Celebration, Reception, Silent Auction, and Breakfast participants can learn more about Mrs. King and celebrate the numerous author and illustrator winners.

Since 1969, outstanding African American authors and illustrators such as Toni Morrison, Maya Angelou, Walter Dean Myers, Virginia Hamilton, Jerry Pinkney and Christopher Paul Curtis have been honored by the American Library Association (ALA) as Coretta Scott King Book Awards recipients.

Winners are selected by the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Roundtable and announced annually to a waiting national audience at the ALA Youth Awards Press Conference, held on the Monday of the LibLearnX Conference. Award recipients are selected within three categories, including the Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award, Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Book Award and Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Award. The awards are supported by ALA’s Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS).

Award founders Glyndon Flynt Greer, a school librarian in Englewood, New Jersey; Mabel McKissick, a school librarian in New London, Connecticut; and John Carroll, a book publisher; envisioned an award that would recognize the talents of outstanding African-American authors and encourage them to continue writing books for children and young adults. The awards commemorate 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.

Additional information regarding the Coretta Scott King Book Awards and other ALA Youth Media Awards, please visit www.ala.org/csk.
For [ORGANIZATION NAME] Coretta Scott King Book Awards Celebration information please visit [WEBSITE].

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