



## **ALA Memorial Resolution Honoring Satia Marshall Orange**

The progress of this world will call for the best that all of us have to give.

*-Mary McLeod Bethune*

Whereas the **American Library Association (ALA)**, the **Coretta Scott King Book Awards Round Table (CSKBART)**, and the broader library community lost a valued member with the death of Satia Marshall Orange, who departed this life to join the ancestors May 13, 2024

Whereas Satia Marshall Orange began her career in education teaching school age children, she followed in the footsteps of her parents becoming a librarian activist. Her father, A. P. Marshall, was an ALA Councilor and Director of Libraries at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, and Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti and her mother, Ruthe Langley Marshall, was Director of the Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, which was the first in the state of Michigan to offer what were then known as talking books. Both Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were active volunteers in many community and church organizations, respectively.

Whereas Satia Marshall Orange found her niche in library services that ranged from Children's Services Manager for Forsyth County Public Library in Winston-Salem, NC. to Founding Director of the Arthur Ashe, Jr. Foreign Policy Library, Trans Africa Forum, Washington, DC. and lastly to leadership at the American Library Association.

Whereas with Satia Marshall Orange's appointment, 1997-2009, as the director of **Office for Literary and Outreach Services (OLOS)**, one of the myriads of tasks she coordinated was to provide the administrative leadership, management, and oversight functions for the *ALA Coretta Scott King Book Awards*. When you look back over the history of the now **Coretta Scott King Book Awards Round Table (CSKBART)**, it's expanded reach can be attributed in large part to Satia Marshall Orange and her work with CSK Leadership:

- CSK Internet presence.
- Implementation of constitutional change that Task Force Chair would no longer serve on the Jury.
- An enhanced CSK Jury Book Award Handbook and formalized Jury Rotation Schedule of staggered jury member terms.
- The launch of the first CSK Public Awareness Campaign for 3 years with Virginia Hamilton as Honorary Chair resulted in first CSK Award Video highlighting all CSK Award Winners produced by Scholastic.
- Sound funding via changing the CSK seal vendor to get CSK better production pricing.
- CSK traveling exhibits.
- Establishment of the CSK Council of Chairs to advise new CSK Chairs. Members of the Council went with CSK Fran Ware to **Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)** when CSK moved from SRRT to its new home with **Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT)**.
- Helped establish a national CSK Breakfast chair to better coordinate the CSK Breakfast across cities.
- Established slides for the CSK breakfast from the OLOS Office.
- Helped establish the first CSK Pre-Conference in Atlanta in 2002 that included local students, Andrea Davis Pinkney as the Keynote Speaker



and Author illustrators: Sharon Flake, Sharon Draper, Brian Collier, Nikki Grimes, and Gregory Christie.

Whereas Satia Marshall Orange's leadership and excellent librarianship has garnered her the reference as *library beacon* and recipient of numerous awards: the 2000 DEMCO/ALA **Black Caucus (BCALA)** Award for Excellence in Librarianship, the 2017 Distinguished Librarian Award (American Library Association **Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT)**) and in 2022 the *Satia Marshall Orange Spectrum Scholarship Endowment Fund*.

Whereas Satia Marshall Orange followed in her mother's footsteps (Ruthe Langley Marshall, a 66-year member of Delta Sigma Theta, who was known as an example of professionalism for younger generations of Black women) to become a second-generation *Delta Sigma Theta Woman* and her daughter Tifanni Orange, a third generation *Delta Sigma Theta Woman*.

Whereas Satia Orange established "Sistah Spirit" a bi-Annual Weekend Retreat for "SISTAHS" (Delta Sorors and other professional friends) who meet in various cities across America. Satia's leadership will be sorely missed.

Whereas Satia Marshall Orange was a loving mother and beloved daughter who modeled the best for her two children Michael and Tiffani Orange.

Whereas Satia Marshall Orange was a premier library professional, whose career has spanned nearly 50 years, who developed, mentored, and encouraged the lives of many young readers, library school students, and hundreds of professional colleagues, leaving large and lasting footprints for others to follow, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members



1. we eulogize her memory by trying to bring into our own lives that excellence, humility, drive, professionalism, and positive spirit, coupled with sustained commitment, love, and purpose that made her life a worthy pattern for our emulation, and that we earnestly try to live as purposely and unselfishly as did Satia Marshall Orange and be it further
2. the **American Library Association and the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Round Table** express sincere sympathy to the extended family of **Satia Marshall Orange**, that we place a copy of this resolution in the permanent archives of the **American Library Association, Coretta Scott King Book Awards Round Table**, and that we also send a copy of this resolution to the members of **Satia Marshall Orange** family in order to show to her loved ones the high esteem in which we hold her life and her memory.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie Burger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leslie Burger, Interim ALA Executive  
Director, and Secretary of the ALA Council