

# 2020 Voices in Black History Competition

## Montgomery City-County Public Library

- Individual contestant must research and write his or her own presentation. Contestants will then present the speech as the person they have chosen to become.
- Speeches must be original and be written by the participant. Participant can not simply memorize a known work by their chosen person.
- Speeches given *about* the person will be penalized. Participants *reading* speech from paper or electronic device will be penalized.
- Students may not be prompted or coached from the audience during their presentation.
- Speech must be between 3 to 5 minutes in length for Elementary Level and 4 to 7 minutes in length for the Middle School/Junior High and High School levels. Penalty for presentations shorter or longer than time allowed
- Contestant must present speech in costume as the person that he or she has chosen. Speeches and costumes that are racially insensitive and /or sexually provocative will be **disqualified**.
- Open to students in Grades 3-12, who are residents of Montgomery County.
- Visuals and props may be used but are not required. Power Point is not available.
- A bibliography /works cited page should be turned in with each participant's registration form by January 27th. Points will be deducted for no bibliography.
- All registration forms should be turned in no later than **8:30 pm, Monday, January 27, 2020**.
- Entries may be turned in to **ANY MCCPL location** or emailed to [sfoster@mccpl.lib.al.us](mailto:sfoster@mccpl.lib.al.us)
- MCCPL is not responsible for any lost or undelivered entries
- Chosen historical figure can not be changed once submitted.
- Only the top three contestants in the three levels will be awarded prizes:
  - Grades 3-5      -Grades 6-8      -Grades 9-12
- All awards will be presented at the Final event
- Contestants may only win in each level once.

### Speeches will be scored based on proficiency in the following categories:

- Memorization of Speech
- Becoming the Person the Speech is About
- Personal Appearance/Costume
- Eye Contact
- Research Effort
- Language Use: Grammar, Diction, Voice
- Creativity
- Presentation Length (3-5 minutes or 4-7 minutes)
- Bibliography

**CONTESTANTS SHOULD REPORT NO LATER THAN 5PM AT  
REGIONALS AND FINALS!**

Grades 6-8/Grades 9-12 Preliminary Competition  Monday February 3, 2020 at 6PM  <u><b>E L Lowder</b></u> <u><b>Regional Library</b></u>	Grades 3-5 Preliminary Competition  Monday February 10, 2020 at 6PM  <u><b>Rufus A. Lewis</b></u> <u><b>Regional Library</b></u>	<b>FINALS</b>  Friday February 21, 2020 at 6PM  <u><b>City Hall</b></u>  Awards and food to follow
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Monday, February 3, 2020 - 6 PM — *Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12 Preliminary Competition*  
EL Lowder Regional Library, 2590 Bell Road, Montgomery, AL 36117

Monday, February 10, 2020 - 6 PM — *Grades 3-5 Preliminary Competition*  
Rufus A. Lewis Regional Library — 3095 Mobile Highway, Montgomery, AL 36108

Friday, February 21, 2020 - 6PM — *Final Competition*  
City Hall— 103 North Perry Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

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PRELIMINARIES AND FINALS!**

**Parents and participants must agree to be photographed and videoed in order to participate**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Only one person may enter per entry form

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Library: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Historical Figure: \_\_\_\_\_  
Once entry is turned in Historical Figure may not be changed

*Permission to Videotape and/or Photograph:*

I \_\_\_\_\_ am 18 years or older, and I am the parent or legal guardian of  
(Name, Please Print)  
\_\_\_\_\_, who is \_\_\_\_\_ years old on this date.  
(Name, Please Print) (Current Age)

*I have read and agree to the rules of the Montgomery City-County Public Library's **Voices in Black History Speech Competition**. I understand that failure to follow the rules will result in disqualification. I further understand that the City of Montgomery will photograph and/or videotape the events or activities in which I am (and/or my child is) participating. I give my permission for the City to use photographs and/or videotape of me (and/or my child) for the purpose of promoting the City of Montgomery and its services/programs, not limited to, but including, the Montgomery City-County Public Library. I hereby give my permission with the following understanding: No compensation of any kind will be paid to me (or my child) at this time or in the future for the use of my (or my child's) likeness.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## *For Official Use Only*

Contestant # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: 3-5 6-8 9-12 Bibliography Score: \_\_\_\_\_