

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
- 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!

<p>Grades 6-8/Grades 9-12 Preliminary Competition</p> <p>Monday February 3, 2020 at 6PM</p> <p><u>E L Lowder</u> <u>Regional Library</u></p>	<p>Grades 3-5 Preliminary Competition</p> <p>Monday February 10, 2020 at 6PM</p> <p><u>Rufus A. Lewis</u> <u>Regional Library</u></p>	<p>FINALS</p> <p>Friday February 21, 2020 at 6PM</p> <p><u>City Hall</u></p> <p>Awards and food to follow</p>
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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: _____

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