

Montgomery  
City-County  
Public Library  
Presents

# VOICES IN BLACK HISTORY

Virtual Speech  
Competition



## PRIZES:

1st Place: Dell Chromebook 3100

2nd Place: \$100

3rd Place: \$50

Prizes awarded to both  
3rd-6th & 7th-12th grade categories.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan. 4th - Jan. 24th: Registration
- Feb. 1st - Feb. 12th: Preliminaries  
(Zoom by Appointment)
- Feb. 26th at 6 pm: Final Competition

Contestants will  
write and perform  
an original speech in  
character and costume  
of a  
Black historical figure.

Online registration can  
be found at  
[www.mccpl.lib.al.us](http://www.mccpl.lib.al.us)  
Events - VIBH



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# 2021 Voices in Black History Competition

## Montgomery City-County Public Library

### Objective:

Contestants will write and perform an original speech in character and costume of a Black historical figure.

### Participant:

- Open to students in grades 3-12, who are residents of Montgomery County.
- Participants must agree to be videoed, and photographed for the purpose of promoting the City of Montgomery and MCCPL services and programs.
- Individual submissions in the categories of 3rd-6th grade or 7th-12th grade.

### Registration:

- Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ViBH>
- Registration with a bibliography/works cited must be submitted no later than **11:59 pm, Sunday, January 24, 2020.**
- MCCPL is not responsible for any corrupted, lost, or undelivered entries.

### Dates and Times:

- Monday, January 4 – Sunday, January 24, 2021– Registration
- Monday, February 1– Friday, February 12, 2021 – Preliminary Competition – Zoom by Appointment
- Monday, February 15 – Friday, February 19, 2021 – Speech Practice – Zoom by Appointment
- Friday, February 26, 2021 at 6pm – Final Competition – Zoom live
- Contestants should report no later than 5:30 pm to Finals.

### Official Rules:

- Chosen historical figure cannot be changed once submitted.
- Contestants will wear a costume and present the speech as the person they have chosen to become.
- Speeches given about the person will have points deducted.
- Visuals and props may be used but are not required.
- Speeches and costumes that are racially insensitive and /or sexually provocative will be disqualified.
- Individual contestant must research and write his or her own presentation.
- Speeches must be original. Participant cannot simply memorize a known work by their chosen person.
- Participants reading a speech from paper or electronic device will have points deducted.
- Students may not be prompted or coached from the audience during their presentation.
- Speech length shorter or longer than time allowed will have points deducted.
  - 3 to 5 minutes in length for 3rd-6th grade
  - 4 to 7 minutes in length for 7th-12th grade
- Presentations must be given live. Video recordings, screen shares, and PowerPoint are not acceptable.
- A bibliography/works cited can be uploaded in the registration form as a pdf, doc, docx, png, jpg, or jpeg format. Points will be deducted for no bibliography.

### Scoring:

- Speeches will be scored based on proficiency in the following categories:
  - Costume
  - Becoming the Person the Speech is About
  - Preparation
  - Eye Contact
  - Organization of Speech
  - Vocal Quality: Grammar, Diction, Voice
  - Presence
  - Level of Creativity
  - Presentation Length
  - Bibliography/works cited

### Resources:

- Research help: Call the Reference Department at (334) 625-4992
- Library: Go to [mccpl.lib.al.us](http://mccpl.lib.al.us) for online databases or to check out books through our catalog.
- Works Cited: [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue\\_owl.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html)

### Awards:

- Prizes awarded to the top three in each of the following categories: 3rd-6th grade and 7th-12th grade.
- Contestants may only win in each category once.
- Winners announced at the Final and be notified by email.

### Contest Contact:

- Questions regarding the contest and submission of content may be emailed to [sfoster@mccpl.lib.al.us](mailto:sfoster@mccpl.lib.al.us).
- More information at [mccpl.lib.al.us](http://mccpl.lib.al.us). Choose Events and select ViBH Speech Competition.