

# 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.
- Speech must be between 3 to 5 minutes in length for Elementary Level and 4 to 7 minutes in length for the Middle School 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 given *about* the person will be disqualified. Participants *reading* speech from paper or electronic device will be disqualified.
- Speeches must be original. Speeches must be written by the participant in participant's own words. Participant can not simply memorize a known work by their chosen person.
- Open to students in Grades 3-12
- Visuals and props may be used but are not required. Power Point is not permitted.
- A Bibliography/Works Cited Page containing sources consulted should be turned in with each participant's Registration Form. Bibliographies must be turned in at the same time as the registration form. Points will be deducted for no Bibliography
- **All Registration forms with completed Bibliography/Works Cited Page MUST be turned in no later than 12:30PM, Saturday, February 16, 2019. ALL FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN AT THE SAME TIME. All late entries and all incomplete entries will be disqualified**
- **Completed entries can be emailed to [mchristie@mccpl.lib.al.us](mailto:mchristie@mccpl.lib.al.us)**
- **MCCPL is not responsible for any lost or undelivered entries**
- **Once entry is turned in participant may not change person listed on Registration Form.**
- **Parents MUST agree to students' been videoed and photographed**
- Entries may be turned in to **ANY MCCPL location**
- Only the top **three** contestants in the three grade levels will be awarded prizes:
  - Grades 3-5
  - Grades 6-8
  - Grades 9-12
- Contestants may only win in each level once.
- Students may not be prompted or coached from the audience during their presentation or they will be disqualified.

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

- **Organization**
- **Content: Depth and Accuracy**
- **Personal Appearance/Costume**
- **Language Use: Grammar, Diction, Voice**
- **Eye Contact**
- **Interaction with Audience**
- **Research Effort**
- **Creativity**
- **Presentation Length (3-5 minutes or 4-7 minutes)**
- **Bibliography**

**CONTESTANTS SHOULD REPORT NO LATER THAN 5PM AT  
CITY HALL  
103 NORTH PERRY STREET  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104**

# 2019 Voices in Black History Speech Competition

Montgomery City-County Public Library

[www.mccpl.lib.al.us](http://www.mccpl.lib.al.us)

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 - 6PM

City Hall— 103 North Perry Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

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**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 and forfeiture of any prizes. I further understand that the City of Montgomery may 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: \_\_\_\_\_