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Remembering a Movement That Changed the World: Birmingham Public Libraries Reflect and Celebrate 50 Years Forward



1963
YEAR OF BIRMINGHAM

As the City of Birmingham prepared to mark fifty years since the start of its own civil rights movement, the Birmingham Public Library (BPL) looked for ways in which it could add to the celebration. Eager staff members focused on connecting annual public programs to themes promoting civil rights. For our library system, a wealth of programming opportunities already existed. Our challenge was to find creative ways to make the connection in meaningful and thought provoking ways. The year 2013 would be one in which BPL would excel – not only with programming but with meeting the needs of the world as they joined in marking this important milestone for Birmingham and the world.

During this important year, our libraries welcomed 1,641,037 visitors and circulated more than 1,101,000 items. Our Summer Reading participation increased 15 percent over 2012. At least twenty-three books were researched using the collection in our Archives and Southern History Departments. Our staff participated in a significant conference when the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) brought their annual meeting and more than 600 members to the City of Birmingham in September. This annual meeting was hosted by the Birmingham Public Library and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. Additionally, in November BPL hosted a special meeting of the National Board of Museum and Library Services at its Central Library. Rarely does this Board – which directs the work of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) – meet outside of Washington, D.C.

As an institution responsible for housing documents, books and photographs pertaining to the Birmingham civil rights movement, BPL reflected on this period in the city's history in its own unique way. From September 2012 through September 2013, BPL provided more than 200 public programs focusing on this historic period in the city's history in addition to more than 2300 regular programs. Four specific topics and programs would set the stage for the library's commemoration: a documentary tribute to civil rights icon James Armstrong, a talk with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Diane McWhorter, an international reading of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, and a city-wide reading of the book *The Watson's Go to Birmingham – 1963*. In the end, more than 30,000 residents were impacted by the reach of these programs. A summary of the key programs follows.

Getting a head start on commemorating this anniversary, the library hosted fourteen showings of the Academy Award-nominated film "The Barber of Birmingham: Foot Soldier of the Civil Rights Movement," from September 12 – October 22, 2013. The film focuses on barber and civil rights activist James Armstrong and the commitment he and his family made in the fight to desegregate public schools in the city.

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On Tuesday, April 9, 2013, Barnard College and Columbia University professor Jonathan Rieder and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Diane McWhorter discussed Rieder's book, *Gospel of Freedom*. Rieder's book brought to life the extraordinary events of 1963 with insight and eloquence. Rieder beautifully captured the spirit of fierce but loving defiance that was key not just to King's *Letter from Birmingham Jail* but all our efforts to transform America into a vital democracy. The program was videotaped by C-SPAN and broadcast on the network's *American History TV*.

In all C-SPAN visited BPL three times in 2013, also recording In Birmingham *They Love the Gov'nor: George Wallace, Birmingham and Beyond*, a panel discussion featuring three eminent historians who examined Wallace's role in Birmingham's civil rights struggle and Wallace's continuing influence on American politics and race relations today. C-SPAN visited the BPL Archives as part of the network's *American Artifacts* series, exploring historic documents relating to slavery, convict lease and the civil rights movement. All three programs are available at www.c-span.org.



On April 16, 2013, the 50th anniversary of the day that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. began writing his *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, the BPL sponsored an international initiative entitled "Letter from Birmingham Jail: A Worldwide Celebration." Beginning at noon at the Central Library, library supporters, staff and other participants read excerpts from the letter. Throughout the day at 224 locations around the world, students, members of Congress, office workers and others paused to read excerpts from Dr. King's letter.

"While we were sleeping this morning, students in Sydney, Australia began reading Dr. King's 'Letter From Birmingham Jail.'" Jim Baggett, BPL Head of Archives and Manuscripts

The Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham City Schools and the City of Birmingham partnered in a fall reading program designed to expose Birmingham fourth graders to the civil rights movement. Every fourth grade student received a copy of *The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963* written by Flint, Michigan native Christopher Paul Curtis, which looks at a family's life in Flint, Michigan and their road trip to Birmingham in 1963. To kick off the program in late August 2013, Birmingham Mayor William A. Bell, Sr., Birmingham City Schools' Superintendent Dr. Craig Witherspoon and BPL Director Renee Blalock distributed books to students at Martha

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Gaskins Elementary School. The school was one of twenty-eight Birmingham elementary and K-8 schools to participate. During the week of September 3, 2013, the library's nineteen locations provided free copies of the book to library visitors as part of the "Read It Forward Program." BPL also shared books with Birmingham's Sister Cities in Israel and the Ukraine. The book "helps people understand what it would have been like to have been a child in Birmingham in 1963. It's been a very popular book," Blalock said.



Visual Commentary on the Civil Rights Era and Movement – and Beyond

Of the eleven exhibitions BPL hosted during 2013, three focused specifically on the civil rights theme. *Unseen . . . Unforgotten: Civil Rights Photographs from The Birmingham News* was curated by the Birmingham Historical Society. *The Art of Art Bacon, Artist and Activist* showcased the work of the Professor Emeritus of Natural Sciences and Humanities at Talladega College. *Birmingham 2013: Remembering the Movement that Changed the World* was curated by Fairfield, Alabama resident and retired art professor Dr. William E. Colvin. He explained that the compositions by twenty-five southern artists were "created to memorialize the Birmingham civil rights movement and celebrate the liberties and freedoms of all citizens."



2013 By The Numbers

Hours Open to the Public:

44,476

Number of People Visiting BPL Locations:

1,641,037

Number of Items Checked Out:

1,101,658

Number of New Items Added to the Collection:

37,506

Number of Resource Items in the Library:

678,704

Number of items in BPL Collection:

786,392

Archives and Manuscripts:

30,500,000

Active BPL Card Holders:

164,047

New Library Cards Issued:

12,678

Public Use of Meeting Rooms:

3,648

Number of Uses of the Public Computers:

735,120

Total Minutes Public Computers Used:

19,543,318

Reference Transactions:

8,2224

Programs and Events for the Public:

2,542

Number of Program and Event Attendees:

57,722

New Services:

Mergent Online – Internet-based suite of information resources that enables in-depth business and financial research.

Business Plans Handbook Online – Business plans compiled by, and aimed at, entrepreneurs seeking funding for small businesses.

CareerCruising – Career guidance information, schools database, financial aid information, portfolio tool, employment resources, and other assessments.

Mango Languages Online – Language learning system that teaches real conversation skills for practical communication.

TumbleBooks Library – Online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format kids love.

Tumblr – Latest site added to BPL's social media library.

Participation in BPL's Summer Reading Programs

Number of Children: 5254

Number of Teens: 1359

Number of Adults: 267

Total Participants: 7743

Number of Programs Offered: 480

Attendance at Programs: 18,411

Total Square Footage of BPL Libraries: 367,987

Personnel

Full Time & Part Time Librarians: 57

All Full Time Staff Positions: 172

Part Time Staff Positions: 131

Total Positions: 303

Selected Programs, Classes, and Events Presented in 2013

Tens of thousands of children and adults benefit from the array of educational and entertaining programs presented by the Birmingham Public Library. A selection of the 2,542 special offerings is highlighted below. In addition, regular story times, family events and afterschool activities were held at all locations. Each branch has weekly or biweekly story times and, during the summer months, there is an average of three programs a week at each location. Activities include book clubs, health and fitness information programs, financial literacy programs, technology training and gardening and fitness classes.

1963: The Year of Birmingham To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Birmingham's civil rights struggle, the Birmingham Public Library sponsored the *Year of Birmingham*, a twelve month series of lectures, documentary films, performances and panel discussions.



Begin the Day: The Tenth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture "Every New Generation: Immigrants, Society and the Law in the American South" Isabel Rubio, Executive Director, Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama.

Letter From Birmingham Jail: A Worldwide Celebration Sponsored By Birmingham Public Library On April 16th, 2013, the 50th anniversary of the day that Martin Luther King, Jr. began writing his *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, participants worldwide read King's Letter in celebration. Participants hosted public readings from the letter at various locations around the globe from South Africa to Iceland.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scavenger Hunt Held at all library locations.

Read-It-Forward An annual community-wide reading program designed to encourage reading throughout the City of Birmingham. This year's book was *The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis.

Author Christopher Paul Curtis spoke and signed copies of his book, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963* at the Central Library.

From Page to Stage: The Watsons Go to Birmingham A Reader's Theater Workshop for Children In a partnership with the Birmingham Children's Theater and the Junior League of Birmingham, free theater workshops were held at Avondale, Central, East Lake, Five Points West, Pratt City, Southside, Springville Road, and West End.

Carole Robertson Day celebrated at the Smithfield Branch Library by the Jack and Jill of America Inc., Birmingham Chapter and community members. Robertson was one of four girls killed in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing.

Author Michael Stolowitzky spoke and signed copies of his book, *Getruda's Oath* at the Central Library.

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America's Music Programs held in many BPL locations. One such program was held at the West End Branch which included a Broadway Review with songs performed by Royce Brown, a Broadway performer.

MakingCents Birmingham Public Library, along with fourteen other libraries in Jefferson and Shelby counties, offered a year-long series that focused on a variety of issues related to personal finance and investing.



Author Jan Brett With over thirty-seven million books in print, she is one of the nation's foremost author illustrators of children's books. Brett spoke and signed copies of her books as part of her national bus tour.

Adaptations: Read the Book, See the Movie, and Talk About It A series presented at Avondale Library throughout the year.

Blast Into Fitness Fitness and exercise tips were offered as part of the city's Let's Move Birmingham health initiative.

September Author Visit Kim and Reggie Harris, traditional folk musicians and storytellers, presented fourteen performances at several branches and also performed at Princeton School.

Author Jo S. Kittinger spoke and signed copies of her book *Rosa's Bus* at the North Avondale Branch Library and the Springville Road Regional Library.

Author Margaret Wrinkle Birmingham native Wrinkle spoke and signed copies of her book *Wash* at the Five Points West Library.



It's A Downloadable World Classes taught to train the public how to checkout and download material from the library's catalog onto the individual's personal reading and listening devices.

PRIME TIME Family Reading Time Program presented at the Woodlawn Branch helped low-income families bond while reading and talking about books. It provided a model and encouraged family reading and discussion of humanities topics, and aided parents and children in selecting books and becoming active public library users.



Bards & Brews Poetry slam and beer tasting presented at several library branches and municipal libraries and for the first time at the Avondale Brewery. The events are presented monthly except during December.

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1, 2, 3 Play With Me / Family Place Library Presented two five-week programs held at Avondale, Five Points West, Springville Road, North Birmingham and Central. Children played with developmentally appropriate toys in a play group atmosphere and parents met and questioned community experts in the areas of child development, speech and language, nutrition, play, movement and music.

Bullying Forums The Birmingham Public Library and the David Mathews Center for Civic Life invited the public to participate in several Alabama Issues Forums on bullying.



Gifts of a Wordsmith Workshop Monthly poetry workshops were held at the Central Library and were funded by the Friends of BPL.

Cities for Life Diabetes Education Programs The library partnered with the Cities for Life and the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation to present “Healthy Living, Healthy Eating” programs and to help promote the new website www.mydiabetesconnect.com.

An Evening with Miss Iwate and Alan Pate The Birmingham Public Library and the Birmingham Doll Club presented a program featuring the library’s Japanese friendship doll Miss Iwate. Pate’s lecture “The Long Journey of Friendship: Miss Iwate and the

Japanese Goodwill Dolls of 1927” was followed by a viewing of Miss Iwate.



The Cotchery Foundation Football Clinic and Tailgate Party Professional football player, Jerricho Cotchery and his foundation teamed up with the library to provide football fun and training as part of the library’s Summer Reading program.

Ghouls’ Ball The fifth annual Halloween party was held by the BPL Youth Services group at the Central Library.,



Hallo-Read Family Fun Celebration The fourth annual event was held at the North Avondale Branch.

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WORD UP! Annual poetry slam for high school students enrolled in schools or home schooled in Jefferson County. Winners this year were the first ever selected to represent Alabama at the international Brave New Voices poetry competition.

World Book Night All branches participated in this national event that gave away free books to people in the community.

Author Ron Cooper spoke and signed copies of his book *It's My Trail, Too: A Comanche Indian's Journey on the Cherokee Trail of Tears* at the Central Library.

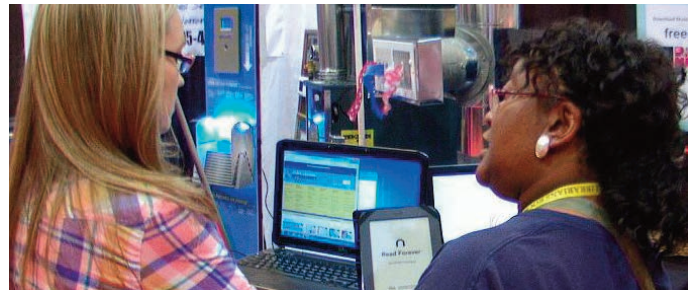
Brown Bag Lunch Programs Included the Carlton Reese Memorial Singers, The Alabama Movement, Lawson State Choir, and author Tim Hollis.

Summer Reading Programs for Children, Teens, and Adults Almost 500 programs were offered and 18,411 patrons attended. This year 7,743 people registered to participate, and 4,359 were awarded certificates of completion during the 2013 summer long reading program.



Birmingham Noir Nighttime walking tour of notorious downtown Birmingham was led by BPL Archivist, Jim Baggett.

Tech Petting Zoo at Birmingham Home and Garden Show Birmingham Public Library showed visitors how to download e-books, audiobooks, and music onto their personal digital devices.



Valentines for Children's of Alabama Hospital and the Birmingham VA Medical Center's Patients Library patrons created valentines for patients. Staff collected and distributed the cards to patients on Valentine's Day.

Read and Romp at Railroad Park Springville Road Regional Library partnered with local organizations to provide this outdoor event and the city's newest park.

SaveFirst Program presented by Impact Alabama that provides free tax help for qualified patrons. The program was available at three BPL locations: Smithfield, West End, and Woodlawn.

Computer Classes were held at Central (135 classes) and other libraries across the system.



Annual Publications Produced by BPL *African American Booklist 2013* and the *Weekly eNewsletter*.

Selected Training and Development

Almost all staff meetings include aspects of training and cover such topics as library policies, library services, and resources conducted by library staff. The following is a sampling of training done by non-library staff presenters:

Staff Development Day 2013 at the Birmingham Museum of Art and the Central Library took place on October 17. Speakers included Edward Bowser of AL.com, Joseph Dees of Dees & Associates, and Melva Tate of Tate & Associates.

Linda Mechem from National Seminars Training presented "Effectively Working with Others Using Emotional Intelligence" to 149 full time employees.

Training for the City of Birmingham's new human resources system.

Customer Service Training presented by the Jefferson County Personnel Board.

The new BPL Personnel Policy Manual was handed out to staff.



Major Building Improvements in 2013



Bike racks were donated and installed throughout the library system by Commute Smart Birmingham Program.

The Pratt City Branch's new building had a final walk-through in December.

Ground-breaking ceremony was held at the Inglenook Branch for its renovation.

The Inglenook Branch staff moved into the Inglenook Recreation Center to provide limited service to the community until the renovation was completed.

The Birmingham City Council approved the contract for the design documents for the renovation of the Central Library.

Planning process for the redesign of the Central Library began.



Fourth Floor Gallery, Central Library



Unseen...Unforgotten: Civil Rights Photographs from The Birmingham News
February 2-March 28

Afri-Spiritus Sember: Diasporic Art Work, The Paintings of Mero'e Rei
April 2-May 10

The Art of Art Bacon, Artist and Activist
May 16-June 21

Fusion: Sculpture by Jamey Grimes and Charles Clary
June 26-August 2

Surfacing: The Paintings of Sky Shineman
August 15-September 20

Watercolor Society of Alabama Annual Showcase
September 24-October 31

Birmingham 2013: Remembering the Movement That Changed the World
November 6-December 27

First Floor Gallery, Central Library

Annual Birmingham Pledge Poster Contest

Unseen...Unforgotten: Civil Rights Photographs from The Birmingham News
June 1-October 31

Heart Gallery Alabama
October 31-November 9

Five Points West Regional Library Exhibitions

O. V. Hunt Exhibition
November 5, 2013-January 15, 2014

Community Partnerships That Helped BPL Do More

A. G. Gaston Boys and Girls Club, Inc.
Alabama Genealogical Society
Alabama Health Info-Net
Alabama Holocaust Education Committee
Alabama Public Library Service
Alabama Public Television
Alabama Sports Hall of Fame
American Association for State and Local History (AASLH)
Avondale Brewing Company
Back Forty Beer Company
Barnes & Noble
Beer Engineers
BIG Communications
Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Birmingham Children's Theater
Birmingham City Schools
Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
Birmingham Cultural Alliance Partnership (BCAP)
Birmingham Genealogical Society
Birmingham Historical Society
Birmingham Holocaust Education Center
Birmingham Doll Club
Birmingham Metro NAACP
Birmingham Museum of Art
Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board
Birmingham Pledge Foundation
Birmingham to Beijing Project
Birmingham Zoo
Blue Pants Brewery
Cahaba Brewing Company
Committee to Protect the Homeless
Cotchery Foundation
Cultural Alliance of Greater Birmingham
The David Mathews Center for Civic Life at Montevallo University
Family Violence Center
Friends of Rickwood Field
Girls Inc. of Central Alabama
Good People Brewing Company
Greater Birmingham Convention and Visitors Bureau
Highland Brewing Company
Impact Alabama
The J. Clyde
Jason's Deli
JCCEO Positive Pathways Program
Jefferson County Historical Commission
Jefferson County Office of Senior Citizens
Junior League of Birmingham
LINKS, Incorporated (Magic City Chapter)
Literacy Council of Central Alabama
Mayor's Office Division of Youth Services
McWane Science Center
Public Libraries In Jefferson County
Rally's Hamburgers, Inc.
Reach Out and Read Alabama
Reading with Ringling Brothers
Real Life Poets
Rock Creek Graphics
The Rotaract Club of Birmingham
STAIR Reading Program - Westminster Presbyterian Church
Terrapin Beer Company
The Theo Hawthorne Insurance Agency - State Farm
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Vulcan Materials Company
Vulcan Park and Museum

Awards and Honors

Head of Archives and Manuscripts, Jim Baggett received the Virginia Van der Veer Hamilton Award from the Alabama Historical Association.

Director of Development, Kelsey Bates received an award from the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for her webinars on fundraising.

Kelsey Bates won the David Warren Bowen award from the Alabama Association of Historians for her presentation "The Women of Gee's Bend."

Library Director, Renee Blalock received the Eminent Librarian Award from the Alabama Library Association.

Library Associate Director, Angela Fisher Hall served as the chair of the Local Arrangements/Host Committee for the American Association for State and Local History Conference in September.

Angela Fisher Hall was appointed to the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Council for Alabama.

Library Trivia Team won Birmingham's Brightest Trivia Competition.



Grants

Alabama Power in support of Summer Reading Program \$15,000

Alabama State Council on the Arts for Word Up! \$1,000

Alabama State Council on the Arts (ASCA) for Teen Poetry Initiatives \$4,900

Alabama State Council on the Arts in support of Bards and Brews \$1,700

Alabama State Executive Commission Community Service Grant for West End programming and materials \$3,000

The Caring Foundation for fall family programming \$1,000

Forest Park/South Avondale Merchant Association and Silvertron Cafe for Avondale's Carnival Night \$500

Mike & Gillian Goodrich Foundation for Early Literacy computers \$10,000

Junior League of Birmingham for Family Place Libraries \$3,335

LSTA End-Of-Year Grant for a computer commons at Five Points West and computers for several locations \$75,000

LSTA Grant for Civil Right Digitization \$15,000

Philip Morris for Birmingham Architecture and Design Project \$10,000

NEH Bridging Cultures Project, Muslim Journey Bookshelf: Books, Films, and other Resources

Regions Bank for Early Literacy computers \$500

Susan Mott Webb Foundations for Springville Road EcoScape garden \$10,000

State Aid Bonus Grant for upgrading county-wide library computer system (Sierra) and two self-checkout machines for Central \$30,856

Selected Gifts

Alabama Forever, Inc. for supplies for Pratt City \$15,000

The Altamont School for Avondale youth programs \$600

Birmingham Public Library Young Professionals for Wish list items \$500

Brooke H. Coleman for the screening of the film "Bully" at the Edge Theater \$1,000

Dunn-French Foundation for Early Literacy Stations \$2,800

Eastwood/Irondale Rotary to the Eastwood Branch Library to purchase materials \$1,000

Selected Gifts

Faith Chapel Christian Center for after school snacks and Summer Reading at Wylam \$1,295

Friends of Birmingham Public Library for Teen Poetry Initiatives \$1,000

Pete Hanna Charitable Foundation for Wylam programs \$500

Huisking Foundation for literacy and youth services \$2,000

Steven and Stephanie Hunt for North Avondale and Avondale books \$500

Dolores Hydock for adult programming \$500

KBR and the Arthur Black family for microform reader repairs \$3,600

Rita & Sol Kimerling Family Advised Fund for the program "In Birmingham They Love the Guv'nor: George Wallace, Birmingham, and Beyond" \$5,000

Sol Kimerling for Wish list items \$1,000

Ichiro Miyagawa for the restoration of BPL's Japanese Friendship Doll, Miss Iwate \$1,000

St. Andrews Episcopal Church for the processing of their archival records \$5,016

Slice Pizza fundraiser \$520

Strain Foundation for unrestricted use \$10,000

Watercolor Society of Alabama \$150

Wiggins Child Quinn & Pantazis LLC for an Early Literacy computers \$2,800

William and Mary Blake in honor of David Blake and support of the Fiction Department \$500

In Kind Gifts

Harold B. Blach: Twenty copies of *Blach's Fair and Square: The Store, The Family, Their Story* by James R. Bennett

Commute Smart: Bike racks installed at Central and various branches

Jack and Jill of America Inc., Birmingham Chapter: A bench to Smithfield

Terrazzo & Marble Supply Companies: Stone for new Pratt City building

Researched in the BPL Archives and Published in 2013

Books

Arnett, Ronald C. and Pat Arneson (editors), *Philosophy of Communication Ethics*. Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2013.

Barefield-Pendleton, Ruth, *Minutes of the Central Committee – Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights and Southern Christian Leadership Conference*. Birmingham Historical Society, 2013.

Barra, Allen, Mickey and Willie -- *Mantle and Mays, The Parallel Lives of Baseball's Golden Age*. Crown Publishers, 2013.

Bennett, James R., *Blach's: The Store, The Family, Their Story*. TVA Publishing Company, 2013.

Booker, Simeon, *Shocking the Conscience: A Reporter's Account of the Civil Rights Movement*. University Press of Mississippi, 2013.

Colton, Larry, *Southern League: A True Story of Baseball, Civil Rights and the Deep South's Most Compelling Pennant Race*. Grand Central Publishing, 2013.

Crider, Beverly, *Lost Birmingham: Forgotten Magic City Landmarks*. History Press, 2013

Edison, Erin, *Rosa Parks*. Capstone, 2013.

Fazio, Michael, Marian Moffett and Lawrence Wodehouse, *Buildings Across Time: An Introduction to World Architecture*. Laurence King Publishing Ltd. (London), 2013.

Feldman, Glenn, *The Irony of the Solid South: Democrats, Republicans, and Race, 1865-1944*. University of Alabama Press, 2013.

Gilbreath, Edward, *Birmingham Revolution*. InterVarsity Press, 2013.

Isom, Chervis, *The Newspaper Boy: Coming of Age in Birmingham, Alabama During the Civil Rights Era*. The Working Writer, 2013.

King, William M., *A History of the Episcopal Church in Clanton and Chilton County, Alabama*. Trinity Episcopal Church, 2013.

Patterson, Nicholas, *Birmingham Foot Soldiers: Voices of the Civil Rights Movement*. History Press, 2013.

Rieder, Jonathan, *Gospel of Freedom: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail" and the Struggle that Changed a Nation*. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2013.

The Role of Convict Labor in the Industrial Development of Birmingham. City of Birmingham, 2013

Ross, Joseph, *Gospel of Dust*. Main Street Rag Publishing, 2013.

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Skaggs, Heather, *Bluff Park*. Arcadia Publishing, 2013.

Stern, Robert, David Fishman and Jacob Tilove, *Paradise Planned: The Garden Village*. Monacelli Press, 2013.

Theoharis, Jeanne, *Rosa Parks: A Rebellious Life*. Beacon Press, 2013.

Thorne, T.K., *Last Chance for Justice: How Relentless Investigators Uncovered New Evidence Convicting the Birmingham Church Bombers* (Chicago Press Review, 2013)

Vaughn, J. Barry, *Bishops, Bourbons, and Big Mules: A History of the Episcopal Church in Alabama from 1828 to 2012*. University of Alabama Press, 2013.

Widell, Robert W., Jr., *Birmingham and the Long Black Freedom Struggle*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

Articles and Conference Presentations

Adams, Jonathan, "Liberty and Justice for All." *Exodus Magazine*, Winter 2013.

Baggett, James L., "'With No Place to Go But Up': Birmingham and the Legacy of 1963." Presented at the Alabama Historical Association's Annual Meeting (Eufaula, Alabama), April 2013.

Estes, Cary, "Birmingham Bowls." *Birmingham*, December 2013.

Olliff, Martin T., "Getting on the Map: Alabama's Good Roads Pathfinding Campaigns, 1911-1912." Presented at the Alabama Historical Association's Annual Meeting (Eufaula, Alabama), April 2013.

*Bates, Kelsey Scouten, "The Women of Gee's Bend." Presented at the Alabama Association of Historians Annual Meeting (Florence, Alabama), February 2013.

*Recipient of the David Warren Bowen Award of the Alabama Association of Historians

Hosford, Nicholas C., "Broad and Sweeping Federal Power: Birmingham Barbecue and Southern Culture in the Crosshairs of the Commerce Clause." *Vulcan Historical Review*, Vol. 17 (2013).

Nelson, Andrew, "Both Sides of the Lens: Photographs by the Shackelford Family, Fayette County, 1900-1935." *Alabama Heritage*, No. 107 (Winter 2013).

Nordan, Clay, "A Minor Mystery Solved." *Super A* (magazine of International Harvester's Collectors, Chapter #23), Spring 2013.

Robb, Frances, "Who Are These Masked Men?" Presented at the Alabama Association of Historians Annual Meeting (Florence, Alabama), February 2013.

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White, Robert J., "Theater District: Then and Now." Presented at the American Institute of Architects, Birmingham Chapter State Meeting, (Birmingham), June 2013.

Theses and Dissertations

Hicks, Terri L., "Oak Hill Cemetery: A Reflection of Early Birmingham, 1871-1913." M.A. Thesis, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2013.

Motion Picture Productions

Bizarre Foods America episode "Birmingham: The New South." Tremendous! Entertainment for the Travel Channel, 2013.

FIFTY. Peep This Entertainment for screening at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, 2013.

Three Days at Foster. Shadow Vision Productions, 2013.

The March. Smoking Dog Films for British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and Public Broadcasting System (PBS), 2013.

Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly segment "The Children's March: 50th Anniversary." THIRTEEN for Public Broadcasting System (PBS), 2013.

STAND! Three D Productions, 2013.

Westfield High School. Burning Sands Productions, 2013.

Exhibits

The Moton Story: Children of Courage. Robert Russa Moton Museum (Petersburg, Virginia), 2013.

Permanent Exhibit. Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Museum (Hyde Park, New York), 2013.

Permanent Exhibit. GulfQuest National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico (Mobile, Alabama), 2013.

Permanent Exhibit. National Civil Rights Museum (Memphis, Tennessee), 2013.

A Place of Our Own: The Fourth Avenue District, Civil Rights, and the Rise of Birmingham's Black Middle Class. Vulcan Park and Museum (Birmingham), 2013.

While the emphasis of this year's programing was the "50 Years Forward" anniversary, BPL focused its planning efforts on reimagining the Central Library in accordance with our 2011-2016 strategic plans. BPL worked with its Steering Committee, Robert A. M. Sterne Architects of New York and Creig Hoskins Architecture of Birmingham to define the architectural program for a redesigned East Building and a renovated Linn-Henley Research Library. Ideas from the general public were solicited through a web-based project and a series of meetings was held with the Library and Foundation Boards and other stakeholders. Together BPL is working toward an innovative state-of-the-art Central Library that will enhance the downtown community and continue to anchor the entire system.

Steering Committee:

Gwendolyn Amamoo, Library Board President

David Fleming, Foundation Board

Renee Blalock, Library Director

Angela Fisher Hall, Associate Library Director

Cheryl Morgan, Auburn Urban Studio Director

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Sherri Nielson, City of Birmingham Mayor's Office

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