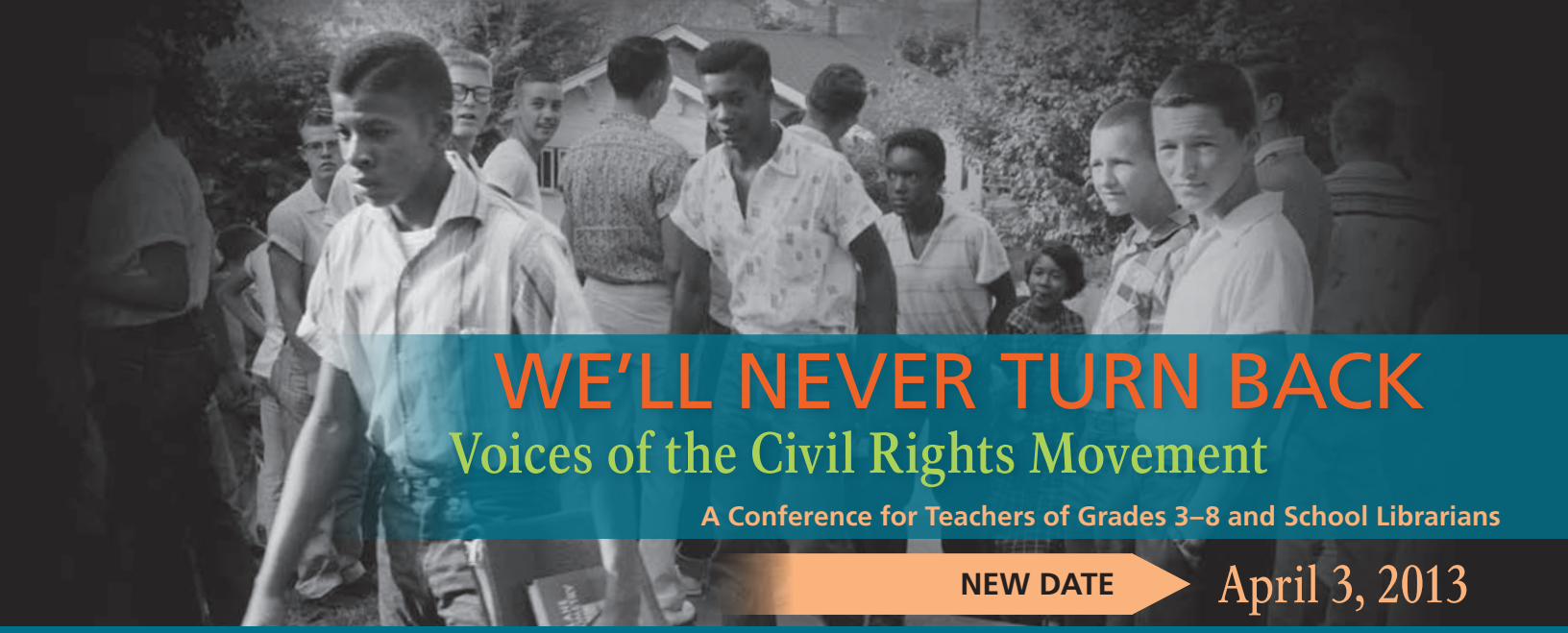

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Voices of the Civil Rights Movement

A Conference for Teachers of Grades 3–8 and School Librarians

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Registration fee is $90 and includes handouts, morning coffee and lunch. Registration form and payment must be received by **March 22, 2013**. To reduce carbon footprint, we are sending confirmation packets via email. Help us by including your email address. Please make check or purchase order payable to **Eastern National**, and mail with completed registration form to:

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In 1963, the long struggle against racial discrimination in America intensified – with a children's crusade in Birmingham, the March on Washington and a landmark civil rights bill from the Kennedy administration. This year, we mark these and other milestone events from that time with a conference that celebrates the courage and resolve of those who sought to make the promise of freedom and justice a reality for all.

Our program features remarkable individuals who played a part in the fight for civil rights during the 1960s, as well as award-winning authors who have brought this pivotal chapter in American history to life for young readers. Join us to consider how their stories can be used to inspire students to speak out against intolerance and injustice in today's world.

Tonya Bolden writes stories from history with a playful feeling for language that makes them ideal read-alouds. Her titles include *Maritcha, Portraits of African-American Heroes* and *M.L.K. Journey of a King* (winner of the Orbis Pictus Award).

Larry Dane Brimner is a former teacher who has written more than 150 books for children and young adults, including *Birmingham Sunday* and *We Are One: The Story of Bayard Rustin*. His latest, *Black & White*, is a 2012 Sibert Honor Book.

Françoise Hamlin is a professor of history and Africana Studies at Brown University, and author of *Crossroads at Clarksdale: The Black Freedom Struggle in the Mississippi Delta after World War II*. Her current research focuses on children activists in the civil rights movement.

Barbara Henry, a Boston native and retired educator, helped make history in 1960 as 6-year-old Ruby Bridges' teacher during the first year of school integration in New Orleans. The two were reunited on the Oprah Winfrey show in 1996 and remain close friends today.

Bernard Lafayette is a minister, civil rights pioneer and authority on nonviolent social change. A veteran of the 1960 Nashville sit-ins and the freedom rides, he directed the 1962 Alabama Voter Registration Project and coordinated the 1968 Poor People's Campaign.

Judy Richardson is a longtime civil rights activist, filmmaker and educator. A member of the SNCC staff from 1963–66, she later worked on the acclaimed PBS series *Eyes on the Prize* and has produced many other documentaries on African-American history.

Sally Rogers is a nationally renowned singer-songwriter and folk musician, and a master teaching artist in Massachusetts and Connecticut public schools. A former president of the Children's Music Network, her recordings have won two Parents' Choice Gold Awards.

Carole Boston Weatherford is a *New York Times* best-selling author who writes books that lift up family stories, fading traditions and the freedom struggle. Her titles include *Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-ins, The Beatitudes: From Slavery to Civil Rights* and *Birmingham,*

Learn more about this year's conference speakers, concurrent sessions and program schedule.

nps.gov/jofi/forteachers/conference2013.htm

Cover photo: Boys walk into newly integrated school in Clinton, TN, 1956. Photo by Thomas J. O'Halloran. Courtesy Library of Congress. Top photo: President Kennedy and organizers of The March on Washington meet in the Oval Office. Photo by Cecil Stoughton/JFK Library.

This conference supports Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies.

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8:00 Registration/Book Browsing

8:30 Welcome

8:45 Changing History, Changing Lives: Reflections on the Movement
The fight for civil rights had many dimensions – including school integration, voter registration, sit-ins, freedom rides and other nonviolent direct action. What was it like to be on the front line of those efforts in the 1960s? How did children and young adults get involved and what impact did it have on their lives? Barbara Henry, Bernard Lafayette and Judy Richardson share their personal stories and reflections in a conversation moderated by Françoise Hamlin.

10:00 Break/Book Sales

10:30 Writing Stories about Civil Rights History for Young Readers
How do authors make the civil rights movement accessible to young readers? How can stories of desegregation, dissent and adversity inspire children to make changes in their world, as well as in their own lives? Françoise Hamlin leads a discussion with award-winning authors Tonya Bolden, Larry Brimner and Carole Weatherford.

11:30 Freedom Songs
Sally Rogers and her students from the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School chorus sing songs of the civil rights movement.

12:00 Lunch/Book Sales

1:00 Concurrent Sessions | List your first, second and third choices on your registration form.

A Music and the Movement | Grades 3–6
Join singer/songwriter Sally Rogers and Esther Kohn of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum to discover a musical approach to history. Participants learn songs of the civil rights movement and examine related primary source material such as photographs, letters and pamphlets to build an understanding of music's role in the fight for racial equality.

B Freedom Films: An Exploration of the Southern Freedom Movement | Grades 6–8
Judy Richardson leads this session on teaching about the modern civil rights movement through clips from *Eyes on the Prize* and other documentaries. Participants learn of the local people who organized and sustained the movement, with stories about the making of *Eyes on the Prize* and Judy's own experiences in the movement woven throughout.

C Teaching *Freedom North*: Stories from Boston and Beyond | Grades 3–8
The civil rights movement played out in every region of the United States. Local history can be a powerful tool for uncovering these stories while building students' social science and critical thinking skills at any grade level. Join Ann Marie Gleeson and Susan Zeiger, program directors at Primary Source, for a hands-on session, working with oral history, statistics and other primary sources that tell Boston's civil rights story.

D From a Child's Perspective: Literature on the Civil Rights Era | Grades 3–8
This session highlights exceptional children's books that reflect the experiences of young people who lived during the civil rights era. Sasha Lauterbach, librarian at Cambridge Friends School and Marion Reynolds, lecturer at Tufts University, discuss how to select books that encourage young readers to identify and empathize with the challenges of that turbulent time.

2:10 Meet the Authors | List your first, second and third choices on your registration form.
Guest authors meet with participants to discuss their work and conference-related topics.

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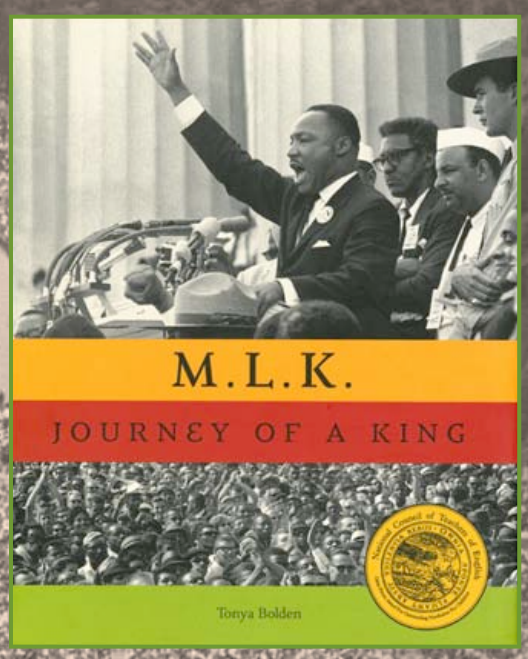
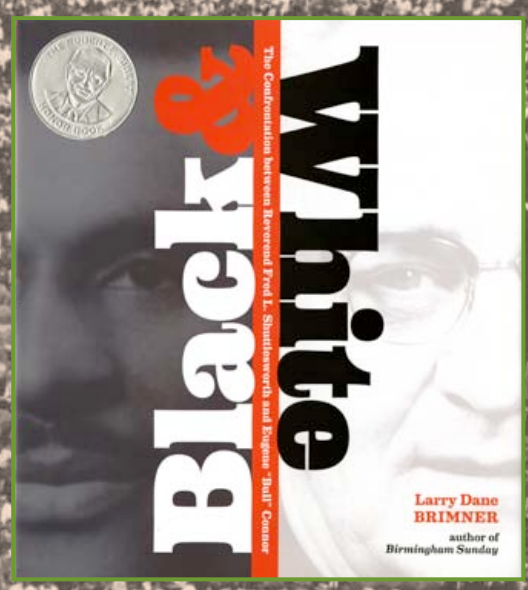
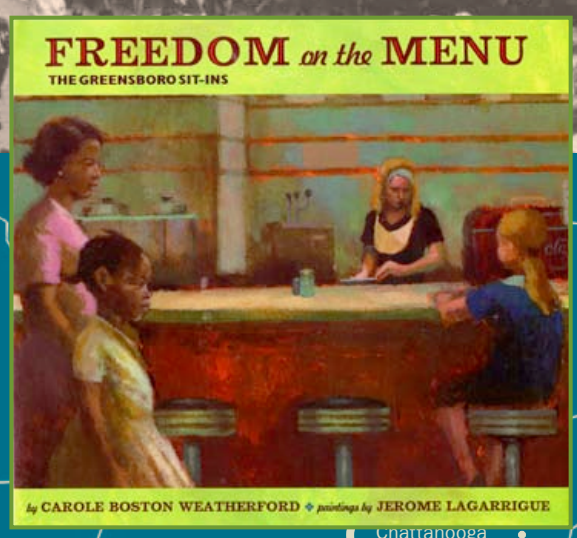
3:00 Closing Session & Book Signing







Background photos and photo at left by Warren K. Leffler, March on Washington, 1963. Courtesy Library of Congress. Background map based on historical records.