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Black Scholars and Activists Gather to Read Banned Books - An ASALH Banned Book Read-Out

Jacksonville, Florida – Thursday, September 21, 2023

In a powerful display of unity and resilience, the oldest African American History organization in the US, **The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)** and the courageous Jacksonville community are holding an inspiring workshop/gathering to challenge the unjust policies which make it a crime to teach the history, culture, and literature of Black Americans. Hundreds of years of historical research and literary and cultural genius are being tossed aside for false narratives of enslavement and discrimination. ASALH leaders, local, regional, and national activists, educators, legislators, and more will read excerpts from banned books. A limited number of free banned books will be distributed. This event promises to be a transformative experience that brings together individuals from all walks of life to honor some of the written works that are being silenced and to amplify the stories that we will not let be suppressed.

Distinguished social justice leaders will take center stage as featured speakers, offering their insights, knowledge, and experiences, along with readings from selected banned publications. Participants include such esteemed names as **Angela Davis, Angie Nixon, Rodney Hurst, Charlie Cobb, Jr., Paul Ortiz, Ryan Sinclair, and more.**

Event Details

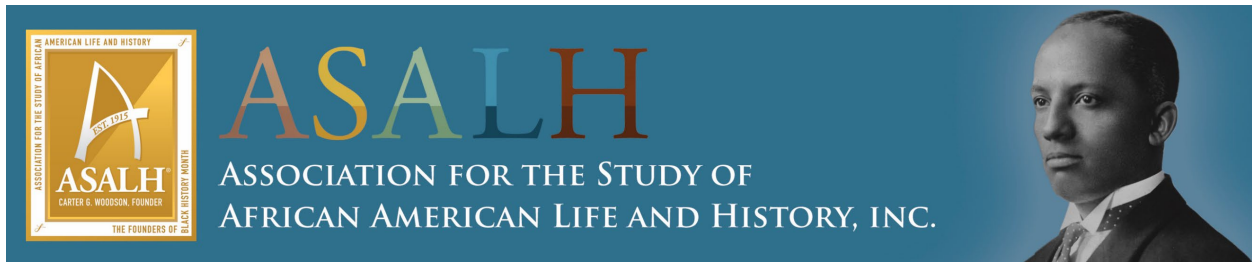
Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023

Time: 5:15 - 6:45 pm EST

Location: James Weldon Johnson Park, 135 W Monroe St, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Local participants of the workshop are encouraged to come together in solidarity at the historic James Weldon Johnson Park. Shuttle services will also be available for the convenience of those attending ASALH's Annual Meeting & Conference at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. Attendees are advised to wear comfortable shoes and bring water to stay refreshed throughout the event.

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For more information about the event, please visit: <https://asalh.org/social-justice/> and follow ASALH on social media platforms.

About ASALH

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) is dedicated to researching, preserving, and promoting the history and culture of African Americans. ASALH serves as a beacon of knowledge, fostering a deeper understanding of the contributions of African Americans to the world.

Event Hashtags:

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#JacksonvilleBannedBooks

Note to Editors:

High-resolution images and further information about the event are available upon request.

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