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### **BCALA Announces the Inaugural Walter Dean Myers Memorial Lecture 2017**

**The Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc.** (BCALA) is pleased to announce the Inaugural Walter Dean Myers Memorial Lecture 2017, scheduled **for June 24, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** at the Palmer House Hotel, 17 E. Monroe St, Chicago, IL 60603. This event is co-sponsored by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), The American Association of School Librarians (AASL), The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), the Coretta Scott King Book Award Committee (CSK), the Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT), The Association for Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), The Public Library Association (PLA) and Simon & Schuster, Inc.

The event will include an engaging panel discussion featuring Phoebe Yeh, Vice President and Publisher at Crown Books for Young Readers at Penguin Random House; librarians Jessica Anne Liddell, Karen Lemmons, and Janice Greenberg; and award-winning author Jason Reynolds.

"Walter Dean Myers' career spanned 45 years writing over 100 books for children and young adults. His contributions to the field of literature is unparalleled and worthy of praise and honor. " said **BCALA President, Denyvetta Davis**. "BCALA is excited to host this first Walter Dean Myers Memorial Lecture."

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