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Rosa Parks: In Her Own Words

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Exhibitions

Current Exhibitions

Rosa Parks: in Her Own Words
Showcases rarely seen materials that offer an intimate view of Rosa Parks and documents her life and activism—creating a rich opportunity for viewers to discover new dimensions to their understanding of this seminal figure. The materials are drawn extensively from the Rosa Parks Collection, a gift to the Library of Congress from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation.

Shall Not Be Denied: Women Fight for the Vote
Tells the story of the seventy-two-year campaign for women's suffrage. Considered the largest reform movement in American history, its participants believed that securing the vote was essential to achieving women's economic, social, and political equality. For years, determined women organized, lobbied, paraded, petitioned, lectured, picketed, and faced imprisonment. Their collective story is one of courage, perseverance.

Explore Past Exhibitions

From the Home Front and the Front Lines
Consists of original materials and oral histories drawn from the Veterans History Project collections at the Library of Congress.

Plan Your Visit

Exhibition Hours
Directions
Guidelines & Tips
Tours
“Is it worth while to reveal the intimacies of the past life? Would the people be sympathetic or disillusioned when the facts of my life are told?”
Early Life and Activism
Rosa Parks birthplace in Tuskegee, Alabama, ca. 1916. Postcard. Visual Materials from the Rosa Parks Papers, Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress (001.00.00)
Early Childhood
Incidents and experiences

Deserted by father at 2 1/2 years, shortly before brother's birth. Mother raised with her semi-mental parents. Brother and father's playing with my brother and me. He was an offspring of Scotch-Irish descent, African ancestry either remote or nonexistent. He died when I was five years old. Father taught school in the area. Sometime in the 1850s, my family moved through the area. We burned churches, schools, planting, and killing. Grandfather stayed up to wait for them to come to our house. He kept his shot gun within reach. The doors and windows were boarded and nailed tight from the inside. I stayed awake many
now.

I know I say back to you.

I don't have the time to write.

I am going to write to him,

and when I do I will be sure
to let you know.

I just like anything else in

your classes can't get their

lessons you looking at you.

I know the majority of the

likes you, they can't help it.

How don't it?

You say you are only in love

with books, but you

can't fool me. You mean

with books or you too.

I read in the paper where their

had been at flood their.

It isn't so very cold here.
April 2nd, 1931,

People

Mr. White Secy. New York City.

I am sure you have noted in the press my account of the nine Negro boys who were arrested at Scottsboro, Ala. A week ago they charged with criminal assault upon two white girls aboard a freight train. After these boys had refused six white boys aboard the same train. Our only information is from the press, with the assistance of some few lawyers, ambulance and have raised some little money and have retained a lawyer for the purpose of saving these boys. It is the purpose to have the case tried in the usual way and to have the entire case turned over to the writer. As secretary of the Committee I have been trying and trying to get just treatment for these boys. My thanks to you for your interest and your continued efforts to help these boys get justice, which is the right of all men.
The Bus Boycott

“During the Montgomery bus boycott, we came together and remained unified for 381 days. It has never been done again. The Montgomery boycott became the model for human rights throughout the world.”
I had been pushed around for all my life and felt at this moment that I couldn't take it anymore. When I asked the policeman why we had to be pushed around? He said he didn't know. "The law is the law. You are under arrest." I didn't resist.
### 1955 Income Tax Return

#### Raymond and Rosa Parks

**Name:** Raymond A. Parks, Rosa Parks  
**Address:** 4020 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011  
**Social Security No.:** 123-45-6789  
**Amount Due:** $0.00  
**Filing Status:** Single  

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**Tax Due:** $0.00

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### 1959 Income Tax Return

#### Raymond and Rosa Parks

**Name:** Raymond A. Parks, Rosa Parks  
**Address:** 4020 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011  
**Social Security No.:** 123-45-6789  
**Amount Due:** $1,234  
**Filing Status:** Married  

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Detroit 1957 and Beyond

“Our freedom is threatened every time one of our young people is killed by another child, . . . every time a person gets stopped and beaten by the police because of the color of their skin.”
UPI. Black Activist Kwame Toure (left), formerly Known as Stokely Carmichael at the University of Michigan to Discuss Civil Rights at a Forum. Another Civil Rights Leader Rosa Parks (right), has a Lighter Moment with Toure after a Panel Discussion. Photograph, February 14, 1983. Visual Materials from the Rosa Parks Papers, Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress (058.00.00)
yesterday, it rained nearly all day here, and there was a very bad storm in New Port News. Property damage was considerable but no injuries or deaths reported.

It was sad to read about Jeremiah Reeves getting the chair. I suppose you already know about it.

I still want to get to Montgomery, but don't know if I can get away. I should leave April 9, be back here the 15. I will let you know right away what I will do.

I hope Parks is keeping well, also brother and family. Does he still have his car? How is the recession treating all of you there? Give my regards to Anne, Hanne Mae, Thomas and

Rosa Parks to Leona McCauley concerning Jeremiah Reeves, April 7, 1958. Autograph letter. Rosa Parks Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress (081.00.00)
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Judge Damon Keith
Honorary Chair
Honorary Chair

Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development. African Farewell & Celebrity Fashion Show, Monday, August 10, 1992, 7:00 P.M., Detroit Public Library, Main Branch. Rosa Parks Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress (060.00.00)
“We must have courage—determination—to go on with the task of becoming free—not only for ourselves, but for the nation and the world—cooperate with each other. Have faith in God and ourselves.”
Three calligraphy examples showing “Mrs. Rosa Parks” written in Chinese (pink paper strip), Arabic (yellow paper strip), Hindi and Tamil (green paper strip), between 1970 and 2000. Ink on colored construction paper. Visual Materials from the Rosa Parks Papers, Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress (063.00.00, 063.00.01, 063.00.02)
The President of the United States of America

Awards this

Presidential Medal of Freedom

to

Rosa L. Parks

On December 1, 1955, going home from work, Rosa Parks boarded a city bus in Montgomery, Alabama, and with one modest act of defiance, changed the course of history. By refusing to give up her seat, she sparked the Montgomery bus boycott and helped launch the civil rights movement. In the years since, she has remained committed to the cause of freedom, speaking out against injustice here and abroad. Cited as the "first lady of civil rights," Rosa Parks has demonstrated, in the words of Robert Kennedy, that "each time a person strikes out against injustice, she sends forth a tiny ripple of hope which, crossing millions of others, can sweep down the walls of oppression."

The White House
Washington, D.C.
September 9, 1996

William J. Clinton
“We must have courage—determination—to go on with the task of becoming free—not only for ourselves, but for the nation and the world—cooperate with each other. Have faith in God and ourselves.”

~Rosa Parks
Rosa Parks

FREEDOM FIGHTER

Webinar for students in
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We are going to:

-Become Examiners of History
"I would rather be lynched than be mistreated and not be allowed to say I don’t like it."

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When I was a very little girl, not more than 10 years old, I angrily cried these words to my grandmother in answer to a severe scolding she had given me. I happened to have a certain manner that was both bad and much disliked. One day, I made a threatening gesture with one hand; at the same time he picked up a small piece of brick and drew back to strike him if he should hurt me. I was angry, though he seemed to be half taunting and half bullying me. He went his way without further comments."
Mass Meeting for the Montgomery Bus Boycott
The Missing Speech

In 6 words or less, finish this phrase:

Jim Crow has blocked our right to . . . .
The Missing Speech Ending

Change is in the air. A new day is upon us. No longer shall we be silent. No longer shall we endure disgrace. We shall destroy Jim Crow and shatter the bonds of cruelty. This day we stand up for freedom. This day we stand up for equality. This day we stand up for justice. We stand! We march! We move!
“I would like to be known as a person who is concerned about freedom and equality and justice and prosperity for all people.”
(As an advocate for Rosa Parks, finish the phrase in 6 words or less)

Rosa Parks fought for freedom by . . . .
FREEDOM FIGHTER

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Rosa Parks: Teaching, Teacher Education & Black Lives Matter
When students come to class and demand to be educated, education will take place.

“I hope to someday see an end to the conditions in our country that would make people want to hurt others.”

“When students come to class and demand to be educated, education will take place.”
“I’d like people to say I’m a person who always wanted to be free and wanted it not only for myself.”

*Freedom means...
*Freedom looks like...
*Freedom includes...
*Freedom for what...
*Freedom for whom...
Rosa Parks & Black Lives Matter

“How can the life of Rosa Parks help us better understand the BLM movement and protests?”

“Don’t give up and don’t say the movement is dead” (Rosa Parks).
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