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AUGUSTA BAKER'S DOZEN TO FEATURE R. GREGORY CHRISTIE

Richland Library Celebrates 33 Years of Annual Storytelling Event

Columbia, SC- Each spring, the worlds of storytelling and children's literature fuse during **Augusta Baker's Dozen**. **Richland Library is celebrating 33 years of the annual storytelling event, and we're welcoming award-winning illustrator R. Gregory Christie as the 2019 featured guest.**

From April 4-6, there are two opportunities to meet and hear from Christie at our Main location (1431 Assembly Street):

- **6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 4**, join us for an author discussion and book signing during the program, [Meet the Illustrator: R. Gregory Christie](#).
- **10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Saturday, April 6**, bring the entire family and enjoy a morning of storytelling, theater performances and a presentation by Christie during the program, [A Celebration of Stories](#).

Both programs are free and open to the public.

Christie is the illustrator of more than 50 books for children, including [Jazz Baby](#) and [Freedom in Congo Square](#). He has won both the Caldecott Honor and the Boston Globe - Horn Book Award, and he's a six-time recipient of the Coretta Scott King Honor.



Customers are able to view a few pieces of Christie's work as part of [**Our Voice: Celebrating the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Awards**](#). The exhibit is on display at the library and the Columbia Museum of Art through April 26.

To learn more about Christie or the exhibit, visit us [online](#).

Augusta Baker's Dozen honors the life and work of nationally-known librarian and storyteller Augusta Baker. She captured and conveyed the melody and power of the written word, establishing herself as America's First Lady of traditional storytelling. Her inspiration has enabled generations of storytellers to introduce children to the magic of books and stories.

For questions, please contact Emily Stoll at 803-587-3637 or email estoll@richlandlibrary.com.

About Richland Library

Awarded the National Medal in 2017 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Richland Library is a vibrant, contemporary organization that provides resources and information that advance the Midlands. Offering state-of-the-art technology, a variety of literary and cultural programs and 12 bustling facilities located throughout the county, Richland Library provides a truly customizable, modern library experience for residents and visitors alike.

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