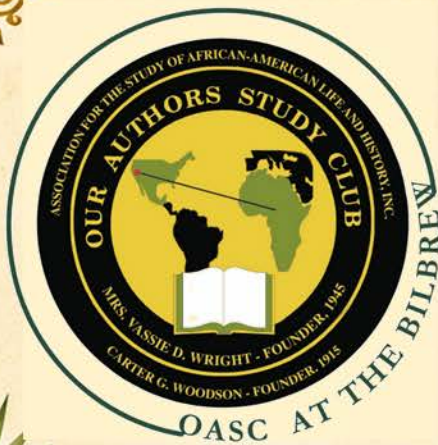




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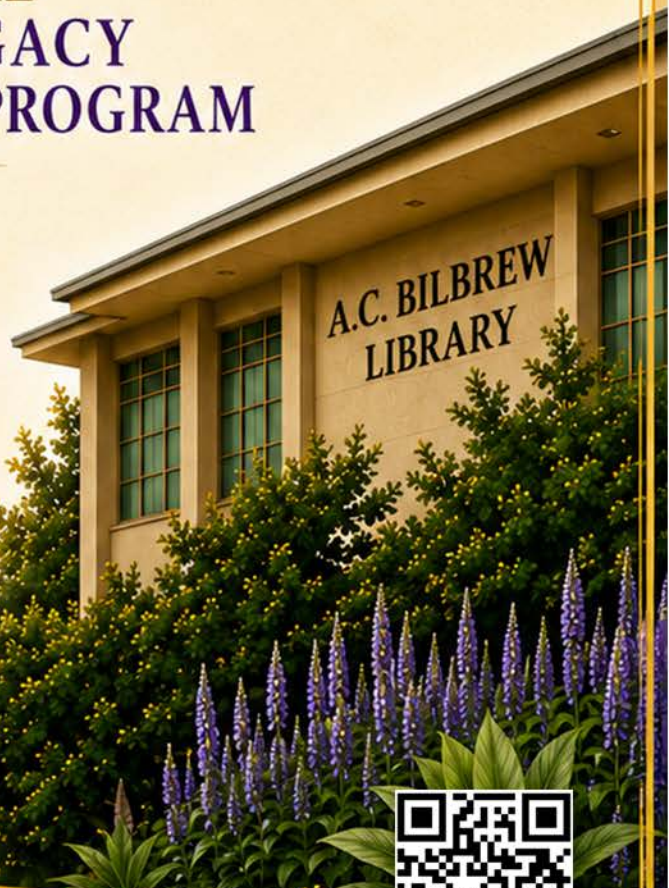
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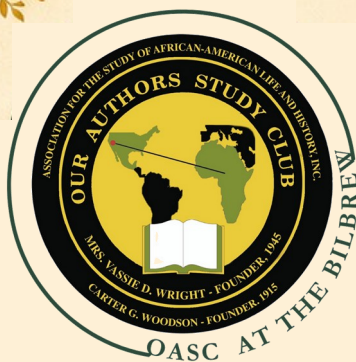
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LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING (First Stanza)

Led by Lura Ball
Guests are invited to stand and sing along

WELCOME REMARKS

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
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Presented by Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell and Lura Ball | Honoring New OASC Members: Dr. Donna J. Nicol and Dr. Maulana Karenga

SENIOR LEGACY RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Presented by Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell and Dr. Ayesha K. Randall, Vice President
Our Authors Study Club, Inc.

2026 Charter Class Honorees

Each honoree will receive a commemorative scroll and offer brief reflections.

- ♦ Dr. Maulana Karenga
- ♦ Theresa Curtis
- ♦ Barbara L. Kelley Lindsey
- ♦ Christine Nelson
- ♦ Mary Louise Reeves
- ♦ Agatha Daniel Lang

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- ♦ Presentation of the Lang Family Memorabilia Gift to Our Authors Study Club
- ♦ OASC Appreciation Presentation to Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell Presented by Keta Davis, Treasurer, *Our Authors Study Club, Inc.*

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION AND PINNING CEREMONY

Presented by Susan Hall Comrie, Membership Chair
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Adrienne M. Byers	Dr. Maulana Karenga	Dr. Anthony Asadullah
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Marley Franklin*	Christine Nelson	Fabian Wesson
Claudia Galicia	Jasmine Norris*	Cynthia Kimble-Williams
Brennen Higgins-Bell*	Anthony Onwuegbuzia	Myra Williams

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DESSERT & FELLOWSHIP

Enjoy dessert and refreshments before reconvening

IN CONVERSATION



DR. DONNA J. NICOL

Award-winning historian, author, educator, first African American Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at California State University, Long Beach, OASC Historian, and newly inducted OASC member.



DR. MAULANA KARENGA

Internationally renowned scholar, author, cultural leader, creator of Kwanzaa, and recently retired Professor and Chair of African Studies at California State University, Long Beach, following 40 years of distinguished service.

OUR MISSION

Our Authors Study Club of Los Angeles (OASC), a branch of ASALH, is dedicated to the study, preservation, and promotion of African-American history and culture through education, programs, and community engagement.

Thank You

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Senior Legacy RECOGNITION PROGRAM

CHARTER CLASS OF 2026

The Senior Legacy Recognition Program honors extraordinary individuals whose lives have strengthened our communities and enriched the African American experience through leadership, service, scholarship, education, faith, civic engagement, and cultural contributions.

The Charter Class of 2026 celebrates six remarkable honorees whose enduring legacies continue to inspire future generations.

We recognize honorees in three categories:

Centenarian (100+), Legacy Leaders (90—99), and Distinguished Seniors (80—89).

Meet Our Charter Class of 2026 Honorees



Mary Louise Reeves
CENTENARIAN (100+)



Agatha Daniel Lang
CENTENARIAN (100+)



Christina Nelson
LEGACY LEADER (90-99)



Barbara L. Kelley Lindsey
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“ The stories of our elders are the foundation of our future.
Let us honor, preserve, and pass them on. ”

Thank You

Our Authors Study Club of Los Angeles, Inc. extends our heartfelt appreciation to our members, volunteers, sponsors, partners, presenters, donors, and guests whose dedication and generosity made today's celebration possible. Together, we continue to preserve, promote, and celebrate African American history, culture, literature, and achievement while inspiring future generations.

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