



42nd Annual FOCAL Award

Featuring Arisa White & Laura Atkins in Conversation

About

Celebrate Juneteenth with the powerful story of Biddy Mason. The FOCAL Award is given annually by The Friends of Children and Literature to a distinguished children's book highlighting California. This year the award is presented to *Biddy Mason Speaks Up*, by authors Arisa White and Laura Atkins, featuring illustrations by Laura Freeman. Join us for a conversation with the authors about their experience creating the book and sharing Biddy Mason's story, followed by the presentation of this year's puppet award.

This free virtual event is open to all ages and sponsored by Friends of Children and Literature (FOCAL), the Friends group of the Children's Literature Department.

For **ADA accommodations**, please call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event.

When

Saturday, June 19, 2021
1:00 p.m.

Where

Streaming live on LAPL's Facebook page and YouTube channel!

