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Ezra Jack Keats Award Marks 35th Anniversary

Advancing diversity in children's literature is the theme of the 35th anniversary celebration of the Ezra Jack Keats Award. Upcoming celebratory activities include the announcement of the 2021 Award winners and honorees on March 9th, and the 35th EJK Award Ceremony at the Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival on April 13th. Events at the Children's Book Festival will include a Luminary Silent Auction and a Mock EJK Award Panel. The anniversary celebration will culminate on May 24th with the premiere of a documentary about Ezra Jack Keats' impact on the evolution of diversity in American children's literature.

The Ezra Jack Keats Award is given annually to an outstanding new writer and new illustrator by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. Since 2012, the de Grummond Children's Literature Collection has co-presented the award at the Children's Book Festival, held in April, at The University of Southern Mississippi.

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Registration is open for the 2021 Virtual Southern Miss Institutional Repository Conference (SMIRC), taking place April 29-30.

SMIRC consists of speakers, panel discussions, and workshops that address topics ranging from the basics of IRs to new ideas for longtime IR managers.

[Registration](#) is free to all attendees.

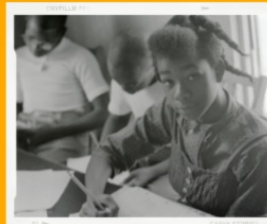
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