OPEN TO ALL MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITIES

All nonprofit and government organizations can hold a one-time conversation or a series in a public space or at a public venue and sponsored by two or more organizations at any time of the year. Readings are often introduced by a historian and other scholar and/or followed by a moderated discussion.

CIVIL RIGHTS DISCUSSION GRANT

Civil Rights Discussion grants are available to create an Open & Honest event.
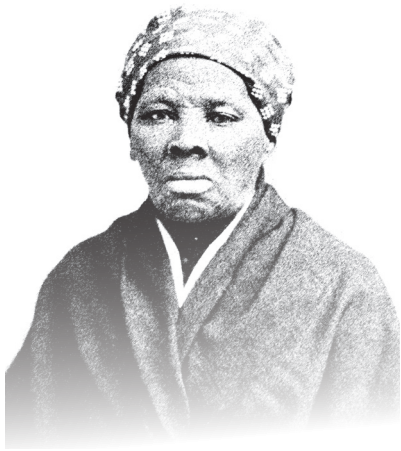
Applications are accepted bimonthly and grant funds books, photocopying, facilitator honorarium, equipment rental, and publicity.

Apply online at masshumanities.org

Open & Honest is a new spin on the popular Reading Frederick Douglass program, where public community readings of Douglass's famous Fourth of July speech take place around Independence Day. To find a RFD event near you, go to masshumanities.org.
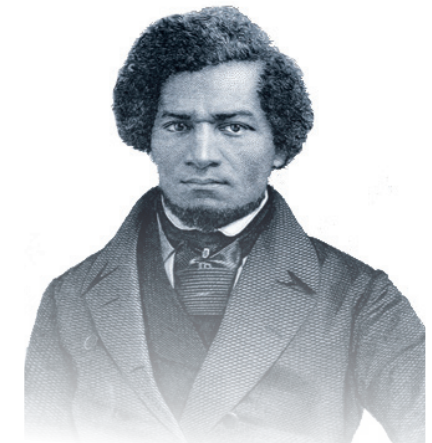

Scenes from a recent Reading Frederick Douglass event at the State House

"If you hear the dogs, keep going. . . If you want a taste of freedom, keep going."
Harriett Tubman

"Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The feeling of the nation must be quickened; the conscience of the nation must be roused."
Frederick Douglass

Open & Honest events are public readings of civil rights speeches and other short writings followed by open conversation on race, rights and the lasting legacy of American slavery.

The writings of eminent civil rights leaders offer direct access to the oratorical skills, strategic thinking and planning, and ever evolving consciousness of 19th- and 20th-century black protest in America.

INFORMATION

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Start an
Open & Honest
conversation in
your community.

Organize a shared reading *about aspirations for* civil and human rights, *informed by the experience of* Black America.