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## **HBCU Library Alliance to Hold Membership Meeting in Atlanta**

Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library to host meeting

On Oct. 7 through Oct. 9, the HBCU Library Alliance will hold its eighth membership meeting at the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library. The theme is "The Transforming HBCU Library Alliance: Revisit, Refocus, Reframe."

Jacob Nadal, director of preservation for the Library of Congress, will be the keynote speaker for this session.

The membership meeting will celebrate the accomplishments of the HBCU Library Alliance and allow partners to gain exposure to the wealth of knowledge, commitment and expertise within the HBCU library community. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 7: Pre-conference session, Fundraising Strategies for HBCUs, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

  Presented by Debra Hess Norris, University of Delaware, and Lee Price, director of development,

  Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts
- Oct. 8 and Oct. 9: Membership and partner sessions

"This is a season of excitement for the HBCU Library Alliance as we celebrate our work, strategize to advance the mission of the organization, and build partnerships," said Executive Director Sandra Phoenix.

"The vision of the HBCU Library Alliance is transforming for tomorrow while preserving the past," said Board Chair Monika Rhue. "As a group committed to advocating for library services, we invite library leaders, members and partners to join us for our biennial meeting."

HBCU librarians, supporting staff members and partners from across the nation will convene in Atlanta to discuss ways to strengthen HBCUs and their libraries, including fundraising strategies and grant opportunities.

Other notable individuals scheduled to attend include: Bethany Nowviskie, executive director of the Digital Library Federation (DLF); Melissa Tedone, associate conservator, Winterthur Museum, Garden, & Library; Marilyn Dunn, executive director, Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University; Michelle Eisenberg, deputy director, Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts and Julieanna Richardson, executive director, The HistoryMakers.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit <a href="https://hbculibraries.org">hbculibraries.org</a> for more information.

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## About the HBCU Library Alliance

The HBCU Library Alliance is a consortium that supports the collaboration of information professionals dedicated to providing an array of resources designed to strengthen Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their constituents.