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## **LIBRARY FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES AND THE ACLU SOCAL PARTNER ON “RIGHTS NIGHT” A NEW PROGRAM HOSTED BY THE ACCLAIMED ALOUD SERIES DEBUTING THIS SPRING**

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(Los Angeles, CA – March 14, 2019) The Library Foundation of Los Angeles today announces “Rights Night,” a new series within ALOUD’s portfolio of public programs. Using the Bill of Rights as a starting point, the series was created to educate people about their rights. Each event will spotlight a different theme, making connections to current social justice issues and movements that have made headline news. ALOUD is partnering with the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California (ACLU SoCal) on program curation of these events. Three “Rights Night” programs are scheduled for this spring with more to be announced.

“In today’s dynamic political climate, the library remains one of the nation’s last vanguards for democracy and civic engagement. In creating a program that promotes civic education through lively discussion about the amendments, we aim to inform the public, incite thoughtful conversation, and encourage all attendees to take an active role in shaping their community,” says Director of Public Programs Jessica Strand.

Programs for the upcoming “Rights Night” include an evening with David Cullen, author of *Parkland*, and will focus on the Second Amendment; David Kaye, Clinical Professor of Law at UCI and author of *Speech Police: The Global Struggle to Govern the Internet*, highlighting the First Amendment; and Nina Shaw, lawyer and one of the founders of Times Up, dedicated to the Fourteenth Amendment. “Rights Night” scheduled to be held at Central Library and are free and open to the public. These programs will include conversation, a performance, and hosted stations that will further engage and inform audiences on issues discussed.

“Black Lives Matter, Parkland student activists, Women’s Marches — they are all a reminder that people exercising their rights are the bedrock of our democracy. We are thrilled and privileged to partner with the Library Foundation of Los Angeles and its Rights Night that reminds us all that we have a stake in the Bill of Rights, especially when they are under attack,” says Marcus Benigno, Director of Communications & Media Advocacy at the ACLU SoCal.

Below please find a list of upcoming Rights Night events. For a complete list of upcoming ALOUD programs please see below or visit [lfla.org/ALOUD](http://lfla.org/ALOUD).

Saturday, April 27

RIGHTS NIGHT (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment)

**Dave Cullen**

*In conversation with TBD*

*Featured performance from Kidz Club*

Co-presented with the ACLU SoCal

Location: Central Library

Free RSVP

Upon the first anniversary of Parkland, a look at the Second Amendment and how a courageous group of teenage survivors galvanized a nation with the #neveragain movement.

Saturday, May 18

RIGHTS NIGHT (1<sup>st</sup> Amendment)

**David Kaye**

*In conversation with Katherine Lo*

Co-presented with the ACLU SoCal

Location: Central Library

Free RSVP

In a world of fake news, misinformation, and hate speech, this event is an exploration of the First Amendment and the future of free expression in the digital age.

Saturday, June 22

RIGHTS NIGHT (Fourteenth Amendment)

**Nina Shaw**

*In conversation with Alyesha Wise*

Co-presented with the ACLU SoCal

Central Library

Free RSVP

More information on this program TBA.