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Stamberg, Kingsolver, Taulbert to headline "PLA at ALA" activities

National Public Radio's (NPR) Susan Stamberg, bestselling author Barbara Kingsolver and Pulitzer nominee Clifton Taulbert will be keynote speakers for Public Library Association (PLA) activities during the 1993 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Stamberg will speak at the PLA President's Program on Saturday, June 26, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Called "earthy, spontaneous, intimate and searching," Stamberg joined NPR 20 years ago as the first woman in the United States to anchor a nightly news program. Her new book, "TALK: NPR's Susan Stamberg Considers All Things," collections 85 of her interviews with such modern luminaries as James Baldwin, Rosa Parks, Annie Liebovitz, Terry Anderson and Georgia O'Keefe.

Kingsolver, author of "The Bean Trees," "Animal Dreams" and the soon-to-be-released "Pigs in Heaven," will be the featured speaker at PLA's fourth All-Star Breakfast on Monday, June 28, from 7 to 9 a.m. **The deadline for reservations is June 1.**

Celebrated as an author who "probes the human heart with uncommon wisdom, Kingsolver is also an activist committed to social responsibility, human rights and the environment. Five of PLA's most prestigious awards will be presented during the program.

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Breakfast tickets are \$25 per person, or \$245 for a table of 10. Call the PLA Office, 800-545-2433, ext. 5PLA, for registration information.

Taulbert, recipient of the 1993 Mississippi Institute of the Arts and Letters Award for Non-Fiction, will speak on Tuesday, June 29, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm., at the Hot Topics Program.

He is the author of "Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored" and "The Last Train North."

A reception will follow immediately after the program from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

PLA is also sponsoring more than 20 programs in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conference. For more information, consult the conference program or contact the PLA Office.