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**Press Release**

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**Nationally Acclaimed Author at West Fresno Branch Library**

Nationally acclaimed and award winning author, Renée Watson will be at the West Fresno Branch Library on Wednesday, March 21 at 4:30 PM. The West Fresno Branch is located at 188 E. California Avenue.

Watson, the Arne Nixon Center's 2018 Artist in Residence, will be in Fresno from March 19 – 23. In addition to the visit to the Library, Watson will be an integral part of English, education, and women's studies classes at Fresno State University and will visit local high schools while here.

Her book, *Piecing Me Together*, won the 2018 Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Award. The Newbery Award is an award given to works recognized "for most distinguished contribution to American Literature for children." Some of Watson's other books include *Harlem's Little Black Bird: The Story of Florence Mill*, which received an NAACP Image Award, and *A Place Where Hurricanes Happen*, based on poetry workshops she offered to the children of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

"We would like to extend our gratitude to the Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children's Literature for bringing Renée Watson to Fresno and are equally honored and excited to have Ms. Watson come speak at our West Fresno Branch," said Kelley Landano, County Librarian.

For additional information about this event, other library events, programs and services, please visit [www.fresnolibrary.org](http://www.fresnolibrary.org) or call (559) 600-READ (7323).

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