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November 18, 2016

Remembering Rosa Parks & the Montgomery Bus Boycott

**Wilmington, DE** – **November xx, 2016.** Join the Delaware Historical Society for a family program, *Remembering Rosa Parks & the Montgomery Bus Boycott*, on Saturday, December 17. Children of all ages will be captivated by the story of Rosa Parks and how the Montgomery bus boycott unfolded. Families with children ages 6-10, will enjoy story time in the Mitchell Center Theater with two readings of *I Am Rosa Parks* (11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.). Older readers will enjoy a graphic novel about the Montgomery bus boycott.

In December 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat in the front of a bus in Montgomery, Alabama and was arrested for violating Jim Crow laws. The African American community took to the streets in protest and boycotted the public transportation system for more than a year. In 1956, the Supreme Court declared segregation to be unconstitutional, and as a result, Parks became one of the icons of the civil rights movement.

Families are invited to explore the *Journey to Freedom* exhibition in the <u>Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage</u>, and express yourself in the *Expressions of Selfhood* Gallery. Fee included with admission.

The Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage is named in honor of two great activists of the civil rights movement in Delaware. Learn even more about our history in the new exhibition, *Delaware: One State, Many Stories*!

The Delaware History Museum is open Wednesday-Saturday, 11 am to 4 pm.

**Fees** 

Members: Free Adults: \$6.00

Seniors (65+ older) / Military / Student (with I.D.'s): \$5.00

Children (3-18): \$4.00 (2 & under Free)

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## **About the Delaware Historical Society**

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; the Jane & Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in Wilmington; as well as the Read House & Gardens located in historic New Castle, recognized as an õAmerican Treasureö by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service.

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