Birmingham Public Library and the Alabama Humanities Foundation Present:

**Let’s Talk About: Making Sense of the American Civil War**

**Schedule**

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**Time:** 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM  
**Where:** Arrington Auditorium in the Central Branch of the Birmingham Public Library.

**Part One: Imagining War - March 15, 2012**
- Geraldine Brooks, *March*
- Readings from *America's War* (Part 1)
  - Louisa May Alcott, "Journal kept at the hospital, Georgetown, D.C."

**Part Two: Choosing Sides - March 29, 2012**
- Readings from *America's War* (Part 2)
  - Frederick Douglass, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?"
  - Henry David Thoreau, "A Plea for Captain John Brown"
  - Abraham Lincoln, First Inaugural Address
  - Alexander H. Stephens, "Cornerstone" speech
  - Robert Montague, Secessionist speech at Virginia secession convention
  - Chapman Stuart, Unionist speech at Virginia secession convention
  - Elizabeth Brown Pryor, excerpt from *Reading the Man: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee Through his Private Letters*
  - Mark Twain, "The Private History of a Campaign That Failed"
  - Sarah Morgan, excerpt from *The Diary of a Southern Woman*

**Part Three: Making Sense of Shiloh - April 12, 2012**
- Readings from *America's War* (Part 3)
  - Ambrose Bierce, "What I Saw of Shiloh"
  - Ulysses Grant, excerpt from *Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant*
  - Shelby Foote, excerpt from *Shiloh*
  - Bobbie Ann Mason, "Shiloh"
  - General Braxton Bragg, speech to the Army of the Mississippi

**Part Four: The Shape of War - April 26, 2012**
- James M. McPherson, *Crossroad of Freedom: Antietam*
- Readings from *America's War* (Part 4)
  - Drew Gilpin Faust, excerpt from *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the Civil War*
  - Gary W. Gallagher, "The Net Result of the Campaign was in Our Favor: Confederate Reaction to 1862 Maryland Campaign"

**Part Five: War and Freedom - May 10, 2012**
- Readings from *America's War* (Part 5)
  - Abraham Lincoln, address on colonization
  - John M. Washington, "Memorys [sic] of the Past"
  - Abraham Lincoln, Emancipation Proclamation
  - Frederick Douglass, "Men of Color, To Arms!"
  - Abraham Lincoln, letter to James C. Conkling
  - Abraham Lincoln, letter to Albert G. Hodges
  - Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address
  - James S. Brisbin, report on U.S. Colored Cavalry in Virginia
  - Colored Citizens of Nashville, Tennessee, Petition to the Union Convention of Tennessee Assembled in the Capitol at Nashville
  - Margaret Walker, excerpt from *Jubilee*
  - Leon Litwack, excerpt from *Been in the Storm So Long*
  - Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address

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