

In February

# Vanzant Is Set to Receive Sankofa Freedom Award

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Iyanla Vanzant

TULSA—Iyanla Vanzant, the *New York Times* best-seller author, and television and stage performer, will receive the 2018 Sankofa Freedom Award, presented by the Tulsa County Library's African-American Resource Center.

The award will be presented in February at the Central Library, Fifth Street and Denver avenue.

The author will speak at the event and autograph copies of her book, "Get Over It: Thought Therapy for Healing the Hard Stuff."

She is the author of 15 books with six of them on *The New York Times* best-sellers list.

The Sankofa (a Ghanaian word meaning "reclaim our history") Freedom Award consists of a \$10,000 cash prize and an engraved medallion.

It is awarded every other year in February (Black History Month) to a nationally acclaimed individual who has dedicated his or her life to educating and improving the Black community.

Previous recipients of the award are Tavis Smiley (2016), Susan L. Taylor (2014), Hill Harper (2012), Pearl Cleage (2010), Nikki Giovanni (2008) and Dr. Michael Eric Dyson (2006).

There is no charge for attending the awards event, but seating is limited.

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