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**Talk on Frederick Douglass by Dottie Laster at the New Braunfels Public Library**

**New Braunfels, Texas** — Ms. Dottie Laster will give a talk on Frederick Douglass on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., at the New Braunfels Public Library. The talk, entitled “What Would Frederick Douglass Do?” will address slavery in the 19<sup>th</sup> - century, how it still exists and flourishes today, and what can be done about it. Her presentation is part of the library’s new Monthly Lecture Series, which will feature talks on the Adolescent Mind, Ancient Stoic Philosophers, and the Art of Commemorative Stamps this spring.

Laster’s presentation is based on the life work of Frederick Douglass (1818-1895), an escaped slave and a leader of the abolitionist movement, who is also Laster’s historical mentor. Reminding the audience of the obstacles that Douglass overcame, along with his accomplishments, she sheds light on the condition of slavery, then and now. Ms. Laster will share her vision with the audience and not only encourage involvement, but demonstrate ways that everyone can contribute their talents to the ongoing struggle.

Laster is on the front lines of awareness, education, and training on this topic. Her experience with such organizations as the Bernardo Kohler Center, as well as the U. S. Department of Justice, qualifies her to work with law enforcement agencies and organizations across the country to get the message to the public that human trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes affecting every country, even the United States. Laster has served as technical advisor and/or producer for television and movie projects for ABC, CBS, MSNBC, and others. During her career, she has been directly and indirectly responsible for the rescue and service of over 200 victims of trafficking in the United States.

For more information about the program, contact Ben Pensiero, Public Service Librarian, at 830-221-4325.

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