FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Monica Valencia
(323) 610-7432

Edendale Branch Welcomes Award-Winning Poet Morgan Parker

Program will include discussion and book signing of "Magical Negro"

Los Angeles (March 12, 2019) – Award-winning poet and educator Morgan Parker will read from her latest book "Magical Negro" at the Edendale Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, 2011 Sunset Blvd., on Saturday, March 23, at 3:30 p.m.

"Edendale is honored to welcome Morgan Parker for a discussion of her much-anticipated collection of new poems," said Niels Bartels, the Branch's Senior Librarian.

"Magical Negro" focuses on depictions of Black American womanhood with personal narratives as it tackles themes of displacement, loneliness and objectification.

The program will include a discussion moderated by local writer Christine Larusso followed by a book signing. Skylight Books will have copies of the book for sale. The program is free but RSVPs are required at www.eventbrite.com.

Parker is the author of "There Are More Beautiful Things Than Beyoncé" and "Other People's Comfort Keeps Me Up at Night." Her poetry has been published in *The Paris Review*, *Best American Poetry 2016*, *The New York Times* and other publications. She is the recipient of a 2017 National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowship, winner of a 2016 Pushcart Prize, and a Cave Canem graduate fellowship. She resides in Los Angeles.

A recipient of the nation's highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of more than 6 million books, state-of-the-art technology accessible at lapl.org, and more than 18,000 public programs a year provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for lifelong learning.

####

MV 3/12/19