George Floyd was not just murdered by police, he was also failed by a country that does not value Black life. A country built by oppression. A country defined by systemic injustice.

As we look back on the past year, there is a lot to mourn. But there is also much to celebrate. In our collective struggle and grief, we came together to demand more. More from our government. More from our economy. And more from ourselves.

The past, present, and future are inextricably connected, and it is through community and solidarity that we will create a new world and achieve shared liberation.

"YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW"

Out now: On May 20, The Forge released a special issue that looks back at the uprisings of last summer, reflecting on the longer movements to defund and abolish the police and prisons. "THE UPRISINGS: YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW," features the voices of movement leaders, including Mariame Kaba and Kayla Reed, and is guest edited by LibGen co-ED Solana Rice and Kandace Montgomery and Miski Noor of Black Visions.

RSVP: A Summit for Visioning Black Women's Economic Liberation

Ahead of Juneteenth 2021 and in partnership with BlackHer, LibGen is hosting a two-hour, two-panel event centering the economic liberation of Black women. Join us on Thursday, June 17, at 1pm ET as we elevate the necessary pathways to freedom and the Black women who are leading us there. Panelists include ACRE’s Tracey Corder, Housing NOLA’s Andreanecia Morris, and the Insight Center’s Anne Price. Learn more and RSVP today.

#HearUs4Justice

People of color endure the worst of America’s oppression economy, which is exactly why our voices must be heard and centered in economic debates. Teaming up with the team at NextCity, we’re launching an ongoing column series in June to elevate experts of color who know economic justice. Check out the introduction essay by LibGen Communications Director Kendra Bozarth, and stay tuned for the first of official column penned by Demond Drummer, Darrick Hamilton, Andre Perry, and Solana Rice. Share on social with the hashtag #HearUs4Justice.

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