

Honoring the Legacy of MLK Jr.

Did You Know?

Martin Luther King Jr. had preached about his "dream" on previous occasions, but did not include it in his prepared speech for the March on Washington. During a pause in his remarks, gospel singer Mahalia Jackson called out, "Tell 'em about the dream Martin" and he then went off-script to preach the lines which now define the day. Read more here.

Events Around the District:

Saturday, January 14 9:00-11:00

Potomac River Cleanup at Theodore Roosevelt Island,

Monday, January 16

9:30-2:00 2023 MLK Holiday DC Annual <u>Peace Walk</u> & <u>Parade</u>,

12:00-2:00 Carter Baron Amphitheater Clean Up

11:00-3:00 "The People's Holiday" Community Event at the National Museum of African American History

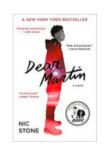
6:00pm "Let Freedom Ring" Concert with Leslie Odom Jr. at the Kennedy Center (free tickets!)

All Month:

Last chance to see "I Dream a World: Selections From Brian Lanker's Portraits of Remarkable Black Women" at the National Portrait Gallery

Photography: Martin Luther King Jr. at the 1963 March on Washington, Getty Images

Book Recommendations



Dear Martin, Nik Stone (14+)
"Justyce McAllister is a good kid, an honor student, and always there to help a friend—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out."

Child of the Dream: A Memoir of 1963, Sharon Robinson (8+) In January 1963, Sharon Robinson turns thirteen the night before George Wallace declares on national television "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever" in his inauguration speech as governor of Alabama.

This is the story of how one girl finds her voice in the fight for justice and equality."





<u>March</u> Graphic Novel Trilogy, John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, Nate Powell (13+)

"March is a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement."



