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Martin Luther King Day

Martin Luther King Day Celebration 2018



Milwaukee Public Library will host a full day of activities honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Branch. Since 2009, the branch has opened on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to offer a celebration filled with poetry, music, dance, crafts, games, and community services.

Activities from 9 a.m.-12 noon

African American Book Jacket Bingo

Bingo based on African American children's literature.

Voter Rights

Check out the presentation on voting rule changes over the years. Look at some sample voting tests and enjoy voting in some popular polls. Laptops will be available to complete voter registration online.

Family Fun Crafts

Artists Working in Education (A.W.E.) will present a special King Day project for all ages. Make a craft or two to take home. Choose pictures and words to design your own King Day pin.

Also: Blood Center of Wisconsin mobile blood donation center; free copies of Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service's *The Long March to Freedom* (9 a.m.-1 p.m.).

Live Performances from 12 noon-4:30 p.m.

12:00-12:10 p.m. **The King Drumming Group** will signal the start of the day's live performances and kick off the celebration.

12:25-12:55 p.m. **Signature Dance Company** Marvel at the dance moves of these young women during this powerful, original presentation.

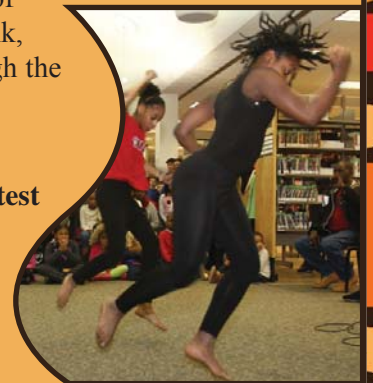
1:15-2:00 p.m. **Christopher's Project** Christopher's Project performs popular and cherished musical numbers.

2:15-2:30 p.m. **Spoken Word with Kavon Cortez Jones** An ambient amalgamation of noir jazz, hip-hop, Afro-punk, and psychedelic rock through the power of poetry.

2:30-2:45 p.m. **Trivia Contest** Participate in the trivia contest to learn facts about civil rights and earn prizes.

3:00-3:30 pm **Ina Onilu Drum and Dance Ensemble** Enjoy the sights and sounds of West African dance and drumming.

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. **Peace Cookies** Decorate cookies with family and friends.



FROM THE



CITY LIBRARIAN

PAULA A. KIELY

The new year always brings new opportunities for Milwaukee Public Library in service, programming and facilities for our community.

More and more it means the development of new partnerships and friendships internationally.

Our unique collections and our position as Wisconsin's largest urban public library have garnered the attention of public libraries, museums, and universities around the world.

MPL has long established itself as a teaching library through these partnerships, including with the UWM School of Information Studies (SOIS). Graduate students both here and abroad get real world experience in programming, archive development, digitization, and public service. Many of the professional librarians employed by MPL received their Masters of Library Science from SOIS.

This valuable partnership has expanded the library's relationships on many levels. I traveled to South Africa to learn how public libraries operate there and in exchange we've welcomed graduate students from South Africa to visit us here.

Through these international visits, graduate students learn how public libraries operate in the United States and exchange ideas and best practices with our librarians to improve service.

For the past several summers we've hosted graduate students from Taiwan along with Marquette University and the UWM Library, providing students with experience working in an urban public library and in a local university library.

Each year the International DUBLIN Literary Award is presented to a novel written in English or translated into English. More than 400 libraries in cities across the world nominate books for the award. Fiction librarian Jacki Potratz has submitted books for consideration for many years, and in 2011, recommended the book that ended up winning the award.

Other friendships have been formed with partners in the Ukraine, Mexico, Belarus, Poland, Ireland and even a small village in Kyrgyzstan where the children took turns reading one copy of a Harry Potter book because it was all their library could afford. We sent a complete set of the series, translated into Russian, to their library, and MPL began another international relationship.

These friendships put us in touch with international dignitaries, Fulbright Scholars, and even museum curators.


Just this year MPL partnered with the Muzeum Piśmiennictwa i Muzyki Kaszubsko-Pomorskiej w Wejherowie in Poland in preparing materials owned by the library on the Kashubes of Jones Island for display at the museum. Prof. Anne Gurnack of UW-Parkside developed that project with Gayle Ecklund in our Archives Department and presented a lecture on the Kashubes of Jones Island when she attended the opening ceremonies at the museum.

Librarians from MPL have participated in professional exchanges with counterparts in Ireland, West Germany, Australia and Denmark in the past. Looking beyond our own borders will continue to play a large part in how we envision the future of public libraries here, and around the world.



Pictured above is a collection of materials MPL received from its partnership with the city of Irpin in Ukraine.

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Vision: The Milwaukee Public Library is an anchor institution that helps build healthy families and vibrant neighborhoods – the foundation of a strong Milwaukee.
Mission: Inspiration starts here – we help people read, learn, and connect.

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Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month at your Milwaukee Public Library with free programs for all ages that include music, movies, books, games and art.

Sista Strings
Saturday, February 10,
11:30 a.m.

Central Library Schoenleber Reading Room

Sista Strings are

Milwaukee-based sisters Monique Ross and Chauntee Ross who are using their gifts of music to create social change. Classically trained instrumentalists Monique and Chauntee are a dynamic, collaborative pair riffing on elements of classic and gospel music to create a unique sound rooted in passion.



A History of Jazz in America
Wednesday, February 7, 5-6 p.m.
Villard Square
Tuesday, February 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Center Street

Enjoy the music of jazz greats like Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, John Coltrane, Thelonious Monk, Wynton Marsalis, and singers such as Ella Fitzgerald,

Billie Holiday, and Sarah Vaughn with jazz enthusiast Carol V. Johnson. See classic vinyl jazz albums, listen to live music, and enjoy light refreshments.

Book Talk: *March* trilogy by John Lewis

Tuesday, February 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Washington Park Community Room

Join a discussion of the *March* trilogy, a firsthand 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.



Film Screening: *13th*
Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 p.m.
Villard Square Community Room

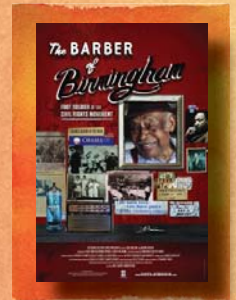
The title of Ava DuVernay's extraordinary and galvanizing documentary refers to the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which reads, "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime

whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States." With a potent mixture of archival footage and testimony from a dazzling array of activists, politicians, historians, and formerly incarcerated women and men, DuVernay creates a work of grand historical synthesis.

Film Screening: *The Barber of Birmingham*
Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m.

East Ellipse Community Room

Academy Award-nominated *The Barber of Birmingham* movingly portrays the unsung "foot soldiers" of the civil rights movement through the personal story of 85-year-old barber James Armstrong, who carried the American flag in the epic 1965 "Bloody Sunday" Selma voting rights march, and spear-headed efforts to integrate public schools in Alabama.



Film Screening: *Milwaukee 53206*

Monday, February 19, 6-7:30 p.m.
Central Library Community Room 1

In the 53206 zip code in Milwaukee, 62% of adult men have spent time in jail or prison - the highest percentage of incarceration for a zip code in the United States. *Milwaukee 53206*



documents the story of three families caught in this destructive cycle of incarceration.

For additional programming see the website at mpl.org.

Children's Programming - For details see the website at mpl.org or the Calendar of Events

Book Jacket Bingo

Tuesday, February 6, 4-5 p.m.

Zablocki

Tuesday, February 20, 5-6 p.m.

Center Street

Wednesday, February 21, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Central

Wednesday, February 28, 4-5 p.m.

East

Mind, Body and Soul Line Dancers

Monday, February 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Villard Square

Read-In with Ald. Milele A. Coggs

Wednesday, February 21, 5:30-7 p.m.

M.L. King

African American Inventors

Monday, February 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Atkinson

African American Jeopardy

Tuesday, February 27, 4-5 p.m.

Capitol

Pottery Poetry

Tuesday, February 27, 4-5 p.m.

Tippecanoe

Congratulations to Senator Herb Kohl and Don Rosanova on Receiving the Benjamin Franklin Awards

The Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation is grateful for your support of the 2017 Benjamin Franklin Awards Celebration! Guests enjoyed a library-themed menu of dinner courses offered throughout Central Library, and viewed Milwaukee Public Library's cherished collection of Vintage Milwaukee memorabilia.

At the event, Senator Kohl announced a gift of \$2,000,000 to the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation - the single largest individual gift received in the Foundation's 30-year history. Through their contributions and leadership, Don Rosanova, President of Mariano's, and Senator Kohl have invested more than \$4,000,000 in support of the public library's commitment to service in Milwaukee. Thank you to all who join us in support of literacy and lifelong learning.



Above, left: Library Director Paula A. Kiely, Foundation Executive Director Ryan E. Daniels, President of Mariano's Don Rosanova, Senator Herb Kohl, Foundation President Nancy Hernandez. Above, right: Kristen Cogswell, Matt Simon, Art Harrington, Connie Carson. *Photos by Scott Paulus*

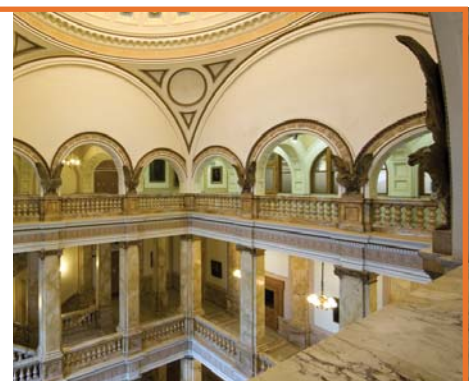


Above, left: Jim and Nancy Kornfeld and their guests of PAX Holdings. Above, right: Social Hour signature cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the rotunda. *Photos by Scott Paulus*

Architectural Tour of Central Library and a FREE Book at the Bookseller and Cafe

Experience fascinating Milwaukee Public Library history every Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Central Library, located at 814 West Wisconsin Avenue. Tours begin in the rotunda and tour goers will receive a coupon for a free book at the end of the tour in the Bookseller Book Store and R Café. Central Library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

To arrange for a special tour or to learn more about becoming a docent, please call (414) 286-TOUR.





FROM THE FRIENDS

OF THE LIBRARY

Exclusive Invitation for Friends And Donors

New Book Releases for Spring

Friday, February 9, 7:30 a.m.

Central Library, Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room

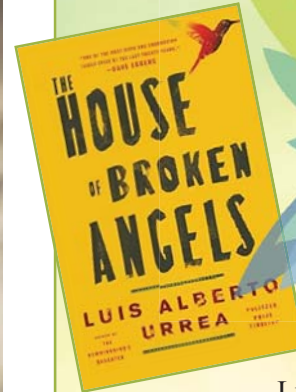
Bring a friend and have your morning coffee at the library! We invite you to select complimentary books from the Advanced Readers collection of soon-to-be-released titles.

MPL Fiction Selector Jacki Potratz will provide insights on new books being published this spring including *Speak No Evil*, the new novel from Uzodinma Iweala. Iweala is the author of *Beasts of No Nation*, the award-winning book which was made into a 2015 film by the same title. In the tradition of Junot Diaz's *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's *Americanah*, *Speak No Evil* explores what it means to be different in a fundamentally conformist society, and how that difference plays out in our inner and outer struggles.

For fans of Christina Baker Kline's *The Orphan Train*, there's *The Home for Unwanted Girls* by Joanna Goodman. This suspenseful, provocative novel is filled with love, secrets, and deceit - the story of a young unwed mother who is forcibly separated from her daughter at birth and the lengths to which they go to find each other.

Please RSVP to Kristine at 414-286-8720 or kapeter@mpl.org by February 5, 2018.

Please Save the Date!



The Spring Literary Luncheon

will be held on **Friday, May 11, 2018** at **The Wisconsin Club**.

The Friends of Milwaukee Public Library, together with Boswell Book Company and the Wisconsin Club, are thrilled to announce **Luis Alberto Urrea**, author of *The House of Broken Angels*, as the featured author for the 2018 Spring Literary Luncheon.

Details for reservations will follow in the March issue of the Reader.

For sponsorship information, please call 414-286-8720.



Spring Used Book Sale

Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ~ Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Coincides with Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration on Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Central Library

Featuring a large selection of used books, audio books, magazines, comics, sheet music, children's books and more. All proceeds from this sale benefit the Milwaukee Public Library. Friends members may enter sales 30 minutes before the public with current membership card. Please use the Eighth Street entrance and present your card. There will be a 2-for-1 sale in the Bookseller Used Book Store during the sale.

Bookseller Half-price Specials: January - Religion & Philosophy; February - Paperbacks.
Next Sale: Saturday, June 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Summer Sale at Central Library



THE BOOKSHELF

Thriftstyle: The Ultimate Bargain Shopper's Guide to



Smart Fashion by Allison Engel, Reise Moore and Margaret Engel. 381.1 E572. This clothing bargain guide covers types of thrift stores, quality clothing brands, navigating thrift stores, and discovering your personal style. Useful “What the Pros Know” sections include interviews with designers, style bloggers, and costume designers who provide tips on replacing buttons, refashioning and altering clothing, and shopping for vintage. Photos of outfits include price, brand, and thrift store.

Better Homes & Gardens Decorating Book. 747 B5645 2017.



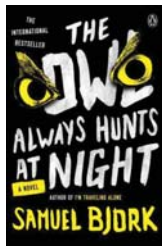
Love mid-century home decorating style? This book is an exact reprint from 1961, with pages of amazing room layouts, funky furniture, and wild wallpaper straight out of the past. The book also gives straight-up advice on how to mix furniture styles within one space, decorate using a specific color palate, and create extra space in a room.

For the Most Beautiful: A Novel of the Women of Troy



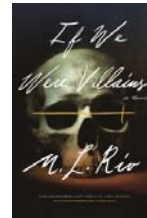
by Emily Hauser. Fiction. In *The Iliad*, Trojans Briseis and Krisayis are mere props to move the story along. Enslaved by the Greeks, they're mostly seen pouring wine for their captors or being used as bargaining chips. In Hauser's novel they take center stage. The women might not be able to change the outcome, but their actions do much to minimize Trojan losses.

The Owl Always Hunts at Night



by Samuel Bjørk. Mystery. A botanist out for a hike discovers the body of a malnourished girl lying naked in a bed of feathers. A video provides a horrifying glimpse of what happened between then and the time she disappeared from a school for troubled teens outside of Oslo. Holger, Mia and the investigative team from *I'm Traveling Alone* reunite to hunt down the killer in this fast-paced crime thriller.

If We Were Villains



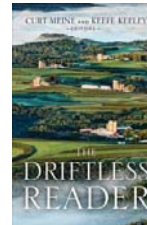
by M. L. Rio. Fiction. Four years of conservatory training as a Shakespearean actor might feel like a prison sentence, but after 10 years in prison, Oliver knows better. On the eve of his release, he tells a retired detective the truth about his classmate Richard's death. Rio's novel does honor to the Bard, incorporating plotlines and dialogue from Shakespeare's oeuvre.

Believe Me: A Memoir of Love, Death, and Jazz



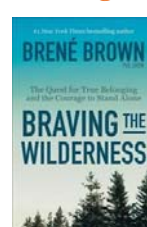
by Eddie Izzard. 927.942 I9955A. For Izzard fans wondering how his manic stage style translates to the page, the answer is: It doesn't. The gift here is Izzard's ability to describe, in matter-of-fact prose, the series of completely ordinary events that served as the building blocks of his extraordinary and ongoing story.

The Driftless Reader



edited by Curt Meine and Keefe Keeley. 977 D778. The Driftless Area of the Upper Midwest is anthologized here with readings and illustrations from the region's Native people, explorers, scientists, historians, journalists, poets, and artists, including Black Hawk, Mark Twain, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Aldo Leopold.

Braving the Wilderness



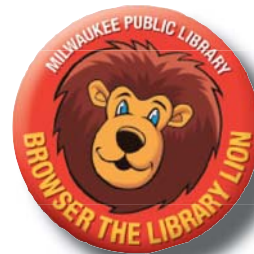
by Brené Brown. 158.2 B8773. Join the conversation about the experiences that bring meaning to our lives - courage, vulnerability, love, belonging, shame, and empathy. Brown redefines what it means to truly belong in an age of increased polarization through a mix of research, storytelling, and honesty.

Robinson



by Peter Sis. PIC SIS. In this beautifully illustrated book, a boy comes dressed as Robinson Crusoe for a costume party. He can't wait to show his friends, but is quickly upset when they make fun of him. A lovely story of adventure, imagination and forgiveness.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

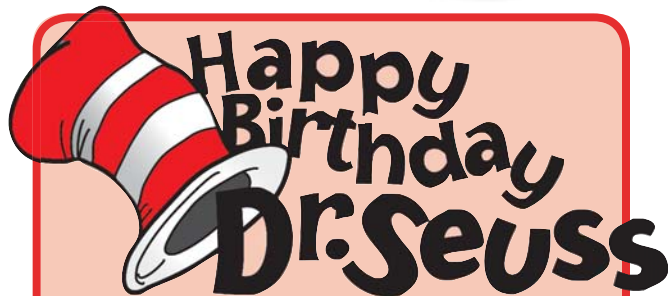


Read Before You Play!

We take reading seriously at the library, but did you know we also take playing seriously? Play is an important part of the Five Practices of Early Literacy, the building blocks of learning to read.

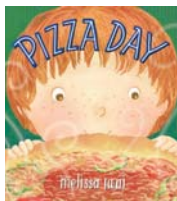
We give children daily opportunities to play in our children's areas at each of our library locations and during special events and programs. In our Play and Learn programs, children and their adults can explore and pretend in a world modeled from real-life experiences. Want to work at a farm or be an archeologist digging for dinosaur bones? Our Play and Learns are expertly crafted to create rich, engaging and educational experiences that are fun too!

Before you play, check out one of these great books based on the theme of a Play and Learn to give your child background knowledge, an important component of learning and remembering. You can see the list of Play and Learns listed in the Calendar of Events on the library's website, or pick up a copy at your Milwaukee Public Library.

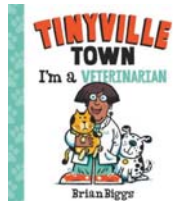


Don't miss out on Dr. Seuss-inspired fun at the Central Library Kick-Off Celebration with Fox and Branch, Chris Fascione and activities galore on **Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

For additional details on the Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss kick-off event as well as a complete list of Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss events at neighborhood branch libraries, check out the library's Calendar of Events at mpl.org



Pizza Day by Melissa Iwai. PIC IWAI. Ages 4-7.
A child and his father pick ingredients from the garden to make their own home-made pizza—recipe included!



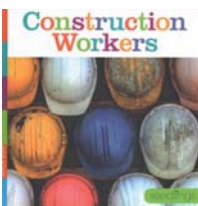
I'm a Veterinarian by Brian Biggs. BRD BIGGS. Ages 0-3.
Val the veterinarian spends every day helping animals; today, Flash the dog needs her help. Part of the Tinyville Town series, this board book uses simple illustrations to explain the busy day-to-day life of the town's resident animal doctor.



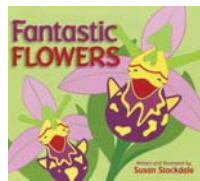
Dinosaur Discovery by Salina Yoon. BRD YOON. Ages 0-3.
Rhyming text and lift-the-flaps make this a delightful way to discover different types of dinosaurs that once roamed the earth.



Stanley the Mailman by William Bee. PIC BEE. Ages 0-3.
Everyone's favorite hamster is back in a new career! Stanley the mailman devotes his day to delivering mail to his friends around town. This delightful book showcases the tools and skills of this community helper.

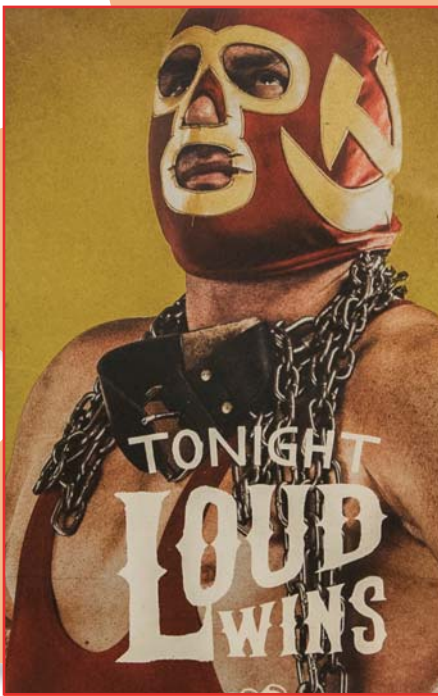


Construction Workers by Quinn M. Arnold. 338.7624 A757. Ages 3-7.
Young children will get an introduction to the variety of jobs that construction workers take on in this ideal primer, complete with vibrant photographs and enriched vocabulary.



Fantastic Flowers by Susan Stockdale. 635.9 S864. Ages 4-8.
Is that a ballerina? A flying parrot? Wild baboons? Nope, they're actually flowers! This gorgeous, rhyming non-fiction book introduces readers to the wonderful world of unusual flowers.

Mondo Lucha: Crush the Shush



Milwaukee Public Library's Library Loud Days series "Crushed the Shush" at the new Mitchell Street Branch on Friday, December 1 with Mondo Lucha - Milwaukee's very own Mexican-style professional wrestling show. More than 400 free tickets were claimed in just a few days to fill the library and surround the ring erected in the center of the Mitchell Street Branch. The show was also streamed on Facebook Live for those who could not attend in person.

With funding provided by the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, MPL hosted the event which included crafts, giveaways, and the chance for families to cut and edit their own video promos using equipment available in Mitchell Street's Studio M.

This was the first Library Loud event held at a branch library.



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Tippecanoe 3912 S. Howell Ave. • **Villard Square** 5190 N. 35th St. • **Washington Park** 2121 N. Sherman Blvd.
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