

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

Monday, January 19, 2026

Martin Luther King Branch | 2901 N. MLK Jr. Dr.



“Building Hope and Inspiring Change”

The NEW Martin Luther King Branch is open 9 am to 5 pm
on Monday, January 19 in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

All Day

Makerspace Projects

Stop by the lab to work on a group weaving project and sticker wall.

Button Making

Create your own statement pieces.

9:30 - 11 am

Community Art Project with EGO the Artist

Discover your unique style while designing a canvas.

Milwaukee Teens' Mural of Hope

MPL Teen Advisory Board invites you to write your hopes and dreams for Milwaukee on paper that will be transformed into a mosaic banner.

We Connect

Chat with neighbors using conversation prompts.

10:30 - 11 am

Story Time

Enjoy stories, songs and play literacy for preschoolers.



More details can be found on the library's website at mpl.org/MLKDay

Afternoon Live Performances

12:00 pm “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Milwaukee Academy of Science Choir

12:05 pm Greetings from City Librarian Joan Johnson, Dr. Joan Prince, and elected officials

12:30 pm Milwaukee Academy of Science Choir and Drill Team

Experience the harmonious performances of the Milwaukee Academy of Science Choir and the dance moves of their Drill Team.

1 pm Libraries, Museums, and Their Critical Roles in Democracy

A panel discussion about history, civics, and local communities with Dr. Robert Smith, Marquette University

2 pm Signature Dance Company

Young dancers demonstrate a new form of dance in which creative expression and spirituality explode in an exciting and uplifting style.

2:15 pm Milwaukee Poet Laureate Shelly Conley

Be inspired by spoken word presented by Milwaukee's Poet Laureate.

3 pm Alpha Phi Alpha Trivia Contest

Learn facts about Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement while earning prizes.

3:30 pm Birthday Party

Enjoy music and treats in the Community Room while supplies last.

Funding for the day supplemented by the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. Contact the City of Milwaukee ADA Coordinator, 414-286-3475 or adacoordinator@milwaukee.gov no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event. 2026