

Martin Luther King Jr Day 2023

Resources for the whole family to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. and his work. For additional resources and information visit mpl.org/MLKDay.

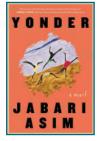
RESOURCES FOR ADULTS

Fiction Books



Two Lives of Sara

by Catherine Adel West. Sara, a young, Black, unwed mother works at a boarding house for Mama Sugar in Memphis, Tennessee during the 1960s. She finds friendship until secrets are revealed that force her to make a life changing decision.



Yonder by Jabri Asim.

Black people on a southern plantation in the mid-1800s are forced to work in inhumane conditions until a visiting minister begins to preach independence. As they learn what freedom might truly mean, they reimagine the life and love they could have.

DVDs



Till

Based on the true story of Mamie Till Mobley's relentless pursuit of justice for her 14-year-old son, Emmett Till, who, in 1955, was brutally lynched while visiting his cousins in Mississippi.



The Woman King

Inspired by true events, the film follows the heroic journey of General Nanisca of the Agogjie. This all-female warrior people defend the African Kingdom of Dahomey in the 1800s.



Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America

Information is shared from lectures, personal anecdotes, and interviews in this documentary that traces a timeline of anti-Black racism in the United States from slavery to today.

Nonfiction Books



The Civil Rights Queen: Constance Baker Motley and the Struggle for Equality by Tomiko Brown-Nagin. As the first black woman to be

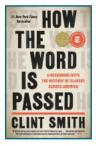
As the first black woman to be appointed as a federal judge and to argue a case before the Supreme Court, civil rights pioneer Constance Baker Motley has led an extraordinary life.



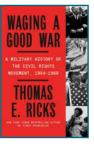
No Justice, No Peace: From the Civil Rights Movement to Black Lives Matter by Devin Allen.

Through words and pictures, this book offers a look at the resistance that has empowered Black lives for generations. It is a reminder of our moral

responsibility to break unjust laws and take action.



How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America by Clint Smith. Readers embark on a remarkable tour of monuments and landmarks in this well-researched examination of slavery which provides insight on how memory and history have shaped America.



Waging a Good War: A Military History of the Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1968 by Thomas E. Ricks. Ricks explores how the civil rights movement used military tactics like having clear goals, adopting a tactical approach, carefully training troops, and seeing the mission through, to advance the war for equality.



Making the Movement: How Activists Fought for Civil Rights with Buttons, Flyers, Pins, and Posters by David L. Crane.

Presents more than 200 nonviolent weapons along with the stories of the campaigns and the activists that fueled the civil rights cause.

Teen and Children's Resources on Back

RESOURCES FOR TEENS

Fiction Books

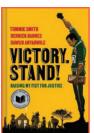


Survive the Dome

by Kosoko Jackson. Ages 15-18. Set in a dystopian Baltimore, Jamal, an aspiring photojournalist, pursues the story of an officer-involved shooting that kills a local Black man. When police use an impenetrable dome to try and stop the flow of information, can Jamal and his crew save their city?

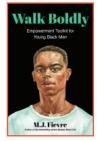


Required Reading for the Disenfranchised Freshman by Kristen R. Lee. Ages 15-18. Savannah fears losing her scholarship if she speaks out against blatant racism she encounters at her new University.



Graphic Novel

Victory. Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice by Tommie Smith. Ages 12-14. In this graphic novel memoir, learn the story of two brave athletes at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics who protested racial injustices imposed upon African Americans during this time in history.



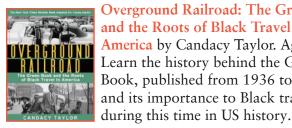
Nonfiction Books

Walk Boldly: Empowerment Toolkit for Young Black Men by M.J. Fievre. Ages 12-14.

Full of questions and life lessons, this unassuming book encourages young black males to grow in their selfconfidence, self-esteem, and strive to become our next leaders.



You are More than Magic: The Black and Brown Girls' Guide to Finding Your Voice by Minda Harts. Ages 14-18. This guide helps young women find their voice and make themselves recognized as they prepare for their future.



Overground Railroad: The Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America by Candacy Taylor. Ages 12-14. Learn the history behind the Green Book, published from 1936 to 1966, and its importance to Black travelers

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

Fiction Books



We Are Here by Tami Charles; illustrated by Bryan Collier. Ages 5-8. This breathtaking picture book chronicles the history of Black excellence, assuring Black children they are part of an ongoing legacy of pride and power.



Standing in the Need of Prayer: A Modern Retelling of the Classic Spiritual by Carole Boston Weatherford;

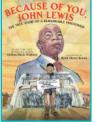
illustrated by Frank Morrison. Ages 6-9. The historical spiritual is combined with striking illustrations to depict Black perseverance.



We Were the Fire: Birmingham 1963

by Shelia P. Moses. Ages 10-12. Rufus, an 11-year-old African American boy from Birmingham, AL., joins thousands of young people as they protest for equal rights. He realizes that their fight for equality is a fire that cannot be put out.





Nonfiction Books

Because of You, John Lewis: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship by Andrea David Pinkney; illustrated by Keith Henry Brown. Ages 5-8. Tybre Faw, a young civil rights activist, travels to meet his idol, John Lewis. The two form a friendship, mir-

roring the experience Lewis had as a young man when he was befriended by Martin Luther King, Jr.



Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement by Angela Joy; illustrated by Janelle Washington. Ages 6-9.

Mamie Till-Mobley used her grief as a catalyst to fight for justice after the racially motived murder of her young son, Emmett Till, in Mississippi.



Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round: My Story of the Making of Martin Luther King Day

by Kathlyn J. Kirkwood; illustrated by Steffi Walthall. Ages 10-12. Kirkwood shares her life story of activism and how she joined the fight to make

Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a national holiday.