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## Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Milwaukee Public Library hosts a full day of activities honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Branch. For the past 10 years the branch has opened on Martin Luther King Jr. Day to offer a celebration filled with poetry, music, dance, crafts, games and community services. Programming for the celebration is supported by the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation.

### Family Activities from 9 a.m. to noon

(except where noted)

#### Make and Take Art

Design your own King-inspired laminated bookmark with the help of artists from Express Yourself MKE.

#### TRUE Skool

What are you doing to make Dr. King's dream a reality? Craft your answer through beat-making, writing and a recording session. (ends at 11 a.m.)

#### Video Booth

Stop by the video booth and answer the question – "What are you doing to make Dr. King's dream a reality?"

#### I Have a Dream!

Write about your dreams and ideas and create miniature how-to books to take home.

#### Volunteer Recruitment Fair

Meet representatives from local organizations to find out about volunteer opportunities in the community.

#### Play Super-Sized Chess

Challenge friends or family to a game on the super-sized chess board.

#### Craft Stations

Make one or more family fun crafts to take home.

#### Button-Making

Choose pictures and words to design a King Day pin.

#### 3D Pen Creations

Use 3D pens to create peace signs.

### Afternoon Performances beginning at 12 noon

**Noon Mayor Tom Barrett and City Librarian Paula Kiely kick off an afternoon of live programming**

**12:10 p.m. Lincoln Center of the Arts Middle School Orchestra, Choir and Dance**

Milwaukee Public School student performers pay tribute to Dr. King's legacy.

**1:05 p.m. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Beloved Community: Understanding Our Responsibility for Celebration**

Dr. King promoted *The Beloved Community* as a difficult yet achievable goal for individuals and communities. Dr. Monique Liston of Ubuntu Research and Evaluation will lead a discussion about *The Beloved Community* as a practice that leads to change through an interactive workshop.

**2:00 p.m. SistaStrings**

Enjoy the soulful sounds of this classically trained musical duo.

**2:30 p.m. Mini-Step Show**

Enjoy a performance by Milwaukee Public School's Delta Sigma Nu high school fraternity and sorority.

**2:35 p.m. Alpha Phi Alpha Trivia Contest**

Learn facts about the civil rights movement and compete to earn prizes.

**3:00 p.m. Popular music band Cigarette Break performs cherished musical numbers.**

End the day with a slice of cake in honor of Dr. King's 90th birthday (while supplies last).

FROM THE



# CITY LIBRARIAN

PAULA A. KIELY

Late last year, author Rosemary Wells gifted the Milwaukee Public Library with a series of original illustrations from her 2016 book, *Hand in Hand*.



Rosemary wanted to bring her illustrations out of storage so children could see them and learn more about the creative process of illustrating a book. She chose public libraries - including the Milwaukee Public Library - as the vehicles for bringing them to light, and offered us the choice of one of her books.



*Hand in Hand* was selected, and the entrance to the Betty Brinn Children's Room was deemed the perfect place to display these beautiful and charming illustrations.



The book celebrates the parent as the bunny's first teacher - the concept we teach through our Books2Go and Ready to Read early literacy initiatives. The illustrations capture daily interactions such as talking, playing and reading, along with quiet times, and the simple activities enjoyed while being together - all of which help start the children on a path toward a happy and successful life.



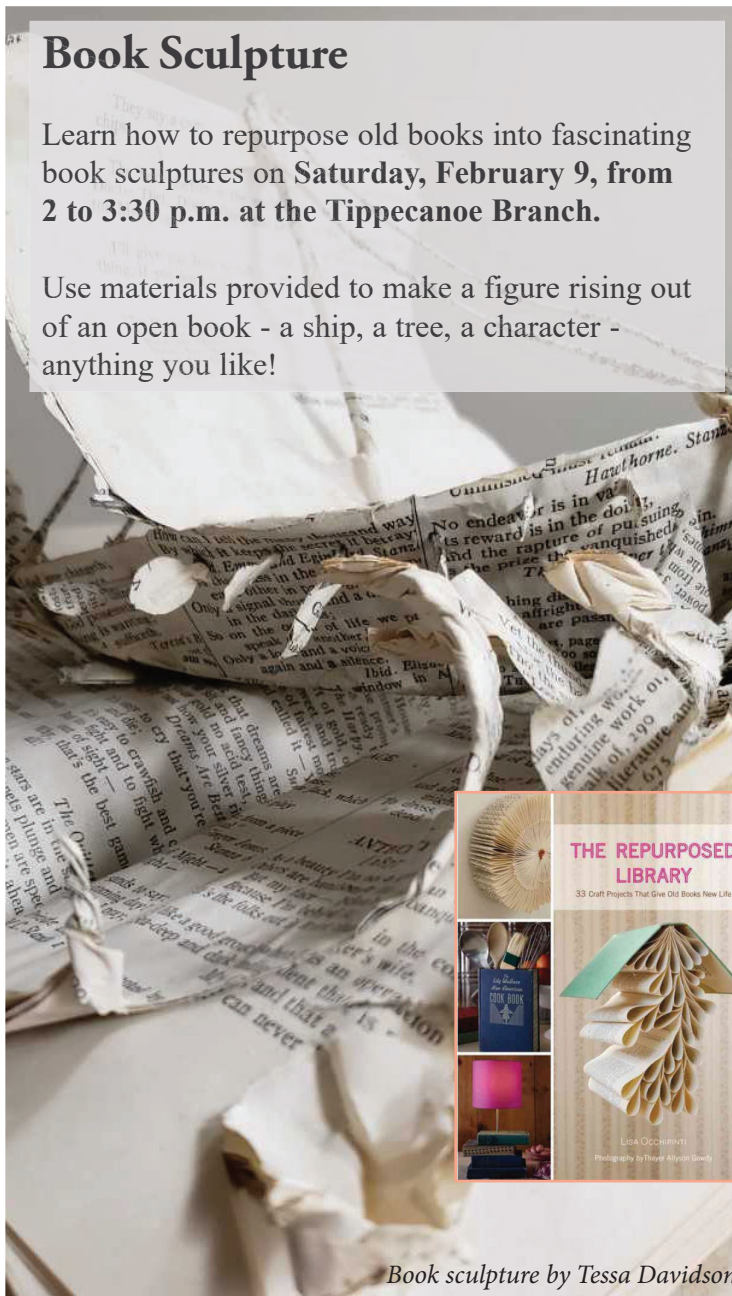
Eric Vogel was instrumental in securing Annemarie Sawkins and Sophie Shaffar as designers of this permanent exhibit at Central Library. Funding was made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library.

I hope you'll make a trip to the Central Library with your "bunny" during the wintery days ahead to view this warm and endearing addition to our beautiful landmark building.

## Book Sculpture

Learn how to repurpose old books into fascinating book sculptures on **Saturday, February 9, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Tippecanoe Branch.**

Use materials provided to make a figure rising out of an open book - a ship, a tree, a character - anything you like!



Book sculpture by Tessa Davidson



**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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Celebrate

# BLACK HISTORY

Month



## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Milwaukee African American History Museum

View exhibits created by neighborhood children as well as students from area schools at the Villard Square Branch. Museum opening on Tuesday, Feb 5, 5:30-7 p.m. Exhibits on display Feb 5 through Mar 2.

### Jali Kunda Traditional West African Drumming

Center Street	Tippecanoe
Tuesday, Jan 29, 3-4 p.m.	Tuesday, Feb 5, 6-7 p.m.
Zablocki	Washington Park
Saturday, Feb 23,	Tuesday, Feb 26, 6-7 p.m.
1:30-2:30 p.m.	

### Bucket Drumming with the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

Atkinson  
Monday, Feb 4, 4-5 p.m.

### African American Book Jacket Bingo

Center Street  
Tuesday, Feb 5, 4-5 p.m.  
Central  
Wednesday, Feb 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

### A History of Jazz in America

Villard Square  
Tuesday, Feb 12, 4:30-6 p.m.

### Black History Month Read-In with Ald. Milele A. Coggs

Martin Luther King  
Wednesday, Feb 13, 5:30-7 p.m.

### African History Jeopardy

Center Street  
Wednesday, Feb 27, 6-7:30 p.m.

For details see the website at [mpl.org](http://mpl.org) or the Calendar of Events.

## SPECIAL EVENT

### Michael Twitty: A Journey Through African American Cooking Traditions

Meet internationally acclaimed author and chef Michael Twitty on Monday, February 18 at 6 p.m. at the Mitchell Street Branch. Read more about the event on the back cover of this issue of the Reader.

## ADULTS

### Harlem Renaissance Coffee Club

Bay View, Monday, Feb 4, 5-7 p.m.  
Sip a cup of coffee and enjoy great music from the Harlem Renaissance.

### Black Art, History, and Culture: Harlem Renaissance Workshop

Atkinson, Saturday, Feb 9, 1-2:30 p.m.  
Create African mask greeting cards using fabrics and beads.

### What Does Black History Mean to Me

Washington Park, Tuesday, Feb 12, 6-7 p.m.  
Learn more about America's prominent black leaders and share what black history means to you.

### Black History Month Book Jacket Bingo

East, Saturday, Feb 16, 2-3 p.m.  
Villard Square, Thursday, Feb 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

### Book Discussion

*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander  
Part of the History Buff Book Club.  
Tippecanoe, Monday, Feb 25, 6-7 p.m.



Programming provided by support from the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation.

# FROM THE FOUNDATION

## Add Your Name and Support Your Good Hope Branch Neighbors

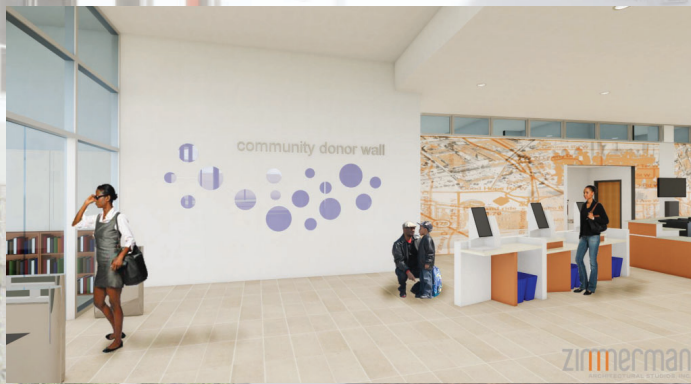
Now under construction on the northwest side of Milwaukee, the NEW Good Hope Branch at 7717 W. Good Hope Road will be a powerful symbol of community. Your gift will help the library meet the needs of today's patrons and ensure amenities for the next generation.

Visitors to the library will read about your legacy gift on the donor recognition wall for gifts of \$100 - \$5,000. Making a tribute gift is a meaningful way to honor someone special to you, or in memory of a loved one. Please show your support today! The size of your donor wall listing will correspond to gift amount.

You will provide inspiration and opportunity, as your gift supports special enhancements to the library's amenities requested by the community, such as:

- Community Room
- Fireplace
- Maker Space
- Teen Room
- Conference Rooms
- Children's Room
- Puppet Theater
- Programming
- Collections

Please call the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation at (414) 286-3784 for more information on sponsorship opportunities. Make a pledge today and be recognized among this exclusive honor roll of Good Hope donors. **Contribute securely online at [supportmpl.org/goodhope](http://supportmpl.org/goodhope).**



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# FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## Welcome New Friends Board Members

The Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library Board would like to welcome three new members: Catherine Brys, Jenna Green Azab, and Alejandro Zamora Jr. Retiring board member Marsha Huff has been named Distinguished Director. Marsha served as Friends Board President and provided strong leadership and guidance for nine years.



L-R: Library Director Paula Kiely, Marsha Huff, Friends Board President Barbara Franczyk.

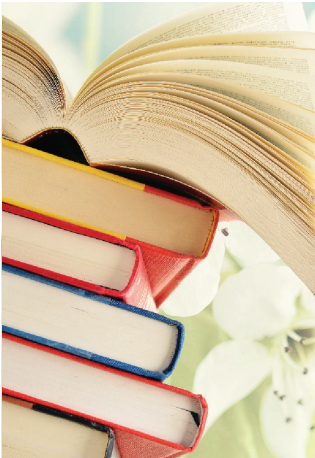
Joining the Friends Docent Team is Justice Platt. Docents lead architectural tours of the Central Library every Saturday at 11 a.m., answer questions, and share information about library amenities and the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library. For information on private tours or to become a docent, please email Friends@mpl.org or call 414-286-8720.



*Spring Literary Luncheon*  
Stay tuned for the announcement of the 2019 Spring Literary Luncheon featured author and event date!

## Warm Up at the Library This Winter - Bring family and out-of-town visitors for a unique Milwaukee experience.

Did you know that a lion cub once lived on the 4th floor or that the Milwaukee Public Museum used to share the building with Central Library? Learn about the fascinating history of the library during a free Architectural Tour of Central Library, 814 West Wisconsin Avenue. **Docent-led tours are offered every Saturday at 11 a.m. beginning in the Rotunda and lasting approximately one hour.** End your tour in the Bookseller Used Bookstore & Café and receive a coupon for a FREE book. The 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.



## Spring Used Book Sale ~ Saturday, March 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.; Bookseller Corridor.

The Friends of Milwaukee Public Library present their annual Spring Sale, featuring a large selection of children's fiction and non-fiction books. All proceeds from this sale benefit the Milwaukee Public Library.

Current Friends members get VIP entry 30-minutes before the general public with current membership card. Please use the Eighth Street entrance and present your card.

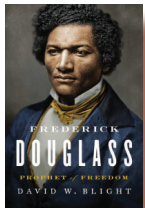
Anodyne Coffee and other refreshments are available for purchase in the R Café located in the Bookseller Used Bookstore.

There will also be a half-price special in the Bookseller Used Book Store during the sale.



# THE BOOKSHELF

## Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom by David W. Blight.



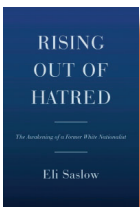
This extensive new biography of Douglass provides a new level of scholarship and detail. Blight, a longtime American history professor at Yale, offers a modern perspective on the great 19th century abolitionist leader.

## Mrs. Sherlock Holmes: The True Story of New York City's Greatest Female Detective and the 1917 Missing Girl Case That Captivated a Nation by Brad Ricca.



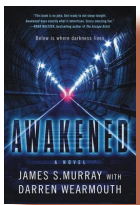
Ricca tells the fascinating story of the first female U.S. District Attorney, Grace Humiston, who, during her auspicious career, found the missing girl of the title, exposed wage slavery, and was an attorney for the disenfranchised.

## Rising Out of Hatred by Eli Saslow.



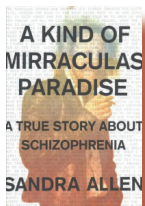
Derek Black grew up as the scion of the American White Nationalist movement – his father was a Ku Klux Klan Wizard and his godfather is David Duke – but by his early 20s, he had left it all behind. Saslow provides an inside view of this stunning transformation and the challenges Black still faces because of his past.

## Awakened by James S. Murray and Darren Wearmouth.



Packed with action, government conspiracies, and killer beasts, this sci-fi horror novel tells the story of the extension of the NY Subway to New Jersey and how it goes wrong. The pressure's on the mayor to save passengers, employees, and his reputation before a dark evil rises to the surface.

## A Kind of Mirraculas Paradise: A True Story About Schizophrenia by Sandra Allen.



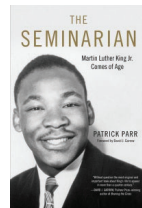
Allen's Uncle Bob sent her his autobiography typed out in capital letters with no paragraphing and hardly any punctuation. After struggling to read it, she "translated it" into a readable form, leading to her own research into the treatment of schizophrenia.

## Invisible: The Forgotten Story of the Black Woman Lawyer Who Took Down America's Most Powerful Mobster by Stephen L. Carter.



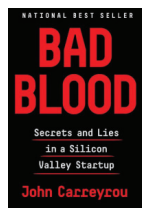
NYC Assistant DA Eunice Hunton Carter was instrumental in bringing down some of the city's most notorious criminals during the 1930s, including Lucky Luciano. As an African-American woman in a field dominated by white men, she earned the respect of her peers through her creativity and intellect.

## The Seminarian: Martin Luther King Jr. Comes of Age by Patrick Parr.



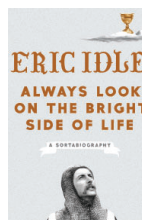
Historian Parr offers this look at Martin Luther King Jr. before he became the famous preacher and civil rights leader. Parr acknowledges King's foibles as a young student with bad habits at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, but also reveals how he honed his considerable skills and gift for public speaking in local churches before he was launched onto the national stage.

## Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou.



Elizabeth Holmes, the young and ambitious CEO of Theranos, promised everyone the power to access their own health information from a single finger prick. Holmes and her company burned through billions of dollars of investment money before being forced to admit they couldn't deliver. This Silicon Valley story has all the intrigue of a riveting police procedural.

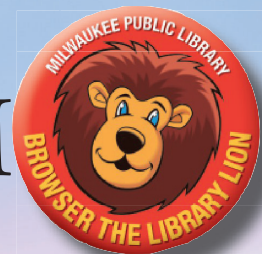
## Always Look On the Bright Side of Life by Eric Idle.



Wink Wink, Nudge Nudge, Monty Python's Eric Idle has published his "sortobiography," recounting the kind of life only a comedy legend could have. He describes his early influences, how he came to meet the other Python members, and writes lovingly of the famous friends – George Harrison and Robin Williams in particular – who impacted him the most.

*Contributed by Martin Luther King Branch staff.*

# CHILDREN'S ROOM



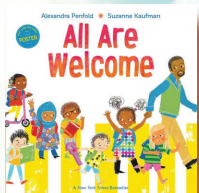
## Representation Matters

In his 1963 “Letter from a Birmingham Jail,” Martin Luther King Jr., wrote: “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

Literature is no small part of this single garment that weaves humanity together in our shared destiny. While diversity may be the buzzword in publishing, it’s important to know why representation matters - especially in children’s books. Diversity in literature is not merely a special interest or a trend; rather, it is a necessity for social justice.

Children’s books that highlight and celebrate diversity challenge

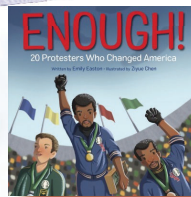
prejudice, teach tolerance, and foster respect. They act as agents of change, speaking to the possibility of a world where all people are valued, where no one is less than, and where difference is appreciated, not feared. The following books for children honor Dr. King’s legacy and continue his work toward equality and justice.



**All are Welcome** by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman.

Ages 3-8.

Students join together at school where all are welcome to learn, play, grow and celebrate their richly diverse community.

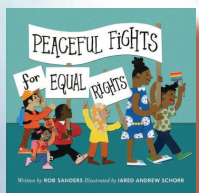


**Enough!: 20 Protesters Who Changed America** by Emily Easton; illustrated by Ziyue Chen.

Ages 7-10.

Readers stroll through America’s history to discover revolutionary acts by brave individuals. Supplemental information concludes the book,

providing additional insight into these moments to promote conversation and exploration.

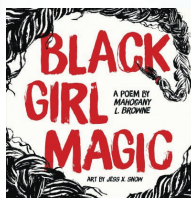


**Peaceful Fights for Equal Rights** by Rob Sanders; illustrated by Jared Andrew Schorr.

Ages 4-10.

This spirited call to action encourages readers to follow Dr. King’s words to “pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means” by using nonviolence

to promote change and advocate for equality.

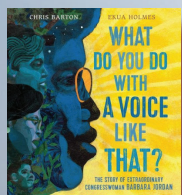


**Black Girl Magic** by Mahogany L. Browne; illustrated by Jess X. Snow.

Ages 10 & up.

This poem considers pressures that African American women experience, inspiring readers to be proud of their culture and who they are and offering

all readers important insight.

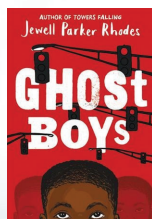


**What Do You Do With a Voice Like That?: The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan** by Chris Barton and Ekua Holmes.

Ages 5-10.

Barbara Jordan used her astounding voice to create a legacy as a politician

who advocated for laborers, justice, political accountability, and civil rights.

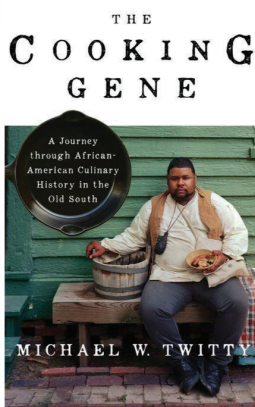


**Ghost Boys** by Jewell Parker Rhodes.

Ages 11-14.

Jerome, an African American boy who was shot by a police officer, witnesses the events that unfold after his death and meets others who lost their lives due to injustice.

## Meet Chef and Author Michael Twitty



Meet internationally acclaimed author and chef Michael Twitty on **Monday, February 18, 6 p.m. at the Mitchell Street Branch.**

Michael W. Twitty is a food writer, independent scholar, culinary historian, and historical interpreter personally charged with preparing, preserving and promoting African American foodways and their parent traditions in Africa and her Diaspora.

Michael has spoken around the world on culinary justice and the African American impact on Southern foodways, and the complexities of his identity as a gay, African American, Jewish man. His book, *The Cooking Gene: A Journey Through African American Culinary History in the Old South*, was the 2018 winner of the James Beard Award for Best Food Writing and Book of the Year.

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**Registration required; please call 414.286.3011.**

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