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MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONTINUES STRONG TRADITION OF CELEBRATING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY WITH VIRTUAL EVENTS THIS YEAR

MILWAUKEE, WI (January 12, 2021) – On Monday, January 18, Milwaukee Public Library will host a virtual celebration for Martin Luther King Day. Typically a daylong celebration at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Library, this year’s events has been shifted online to ensure community safety during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The program is presented in partnership with the Milwaukee Public Library Teen Advisory Board and funded by the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation.

Centering on the theme “Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere,” the events will feature live online programming including:

- **Noon:** A visit with local world-renowned artist Charly Palmer ([Register in advance](#))
- **1 p.m.** Presentation of the #MLKMPL2021 Challenge Video and announcement of the winners of the Alpha Phi Alpha Daily Youth Trivia Contest
- **2 p.m.** A conversation on the past, present and future of the Civil Rights Movement in America with Daphne Barbee-Wooten, a civil rights attorney and daughter of Lloyd Barbee, and educator Terrence Roberts, one of the Little Rock Nine ([Register in advance](#))

All of the day’s events can be viewed live on: MPL’s [YouTube](#) channel and [Facebook](#) page. King Day Celebration packets can also be picked up at all MPL locations at no cost while supplies last.

Additional information, booklists, and a list of organizations where patrons can volunteer to support equity, diversity and inclusion can be found on the library’s website at mpl.org/MLKDay

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About the Milwaukee Public Library

Milwaukee Public Library is an anchor institution that helps build healthy families and vibrant neighborhoods – the foundation of a strong Milwaukee. Since 1878, Milwaukee Public Library has been a free provider of education and information for residents of Milwaukee and beyond. With 14 locations, and nearly three million items in circulation, MPL offers free access to a rich collection of materials both physical and digital, access to technology, classes, exhibitions, programming and more. From toddlers to scholars, MPL serves more than one million patrons who come through its doors annually and many more around the globe who use its resources at www.mpl.org. To offer this wide array of free programming, MPL relies on both public and private funding. Learn more about how to support Milwaukee Public Library at mpl.org/support.