“…Yes, if you want to,
say that I was
a drum major.
Say that I was
a drum major for justice.
Say that I was
a drum major for peace.
I was a drum major
for righteousness.
And all of the other
shallow things will not matter…..

If I can do my duty
as a Christian ought;
If I can bring salvation
to a world once wrought;
If I can spread the messages
as the Master taught;
Then my living will not be in vain.”

February 1968
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia

Some quotations listed in this brochure are
excerpts from Dr. King’s speeches; others are
from “Visions of Excellence – African-American
Words of Inspiration.” Photographs are from the
following books: He Had a Dream; King, the
Photo Biography of Martin Luther King, Jr.; The
Story of Martin Luther King; The Life and Death
of Martin Luther King, Jr.; and Martin Luther
King, Jr.

The activities and events that are listed in this
calendar represent those submitted to the
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Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice. Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.

_Dr. Martin Luther King Jr._
THE 2010 COMMISSION
MEMBERS FOR THE
STATE OF MISSOURI

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration Commission was appointed by the Governor of the State of Missouri in 1986. The specific mission of the Celebration Commission is to consider and recommend to individuals and organizations appropriate activities for the recognition and celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday in the State of Missouri. Commissioners are:

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St. Louis

Ms. Lessie J. Thompson
Lee’s Summit
January 9, 2010

Dear Friends:

Today, we celebrate the legacy of a person who believed in breaking barriers, a man who showed us that, “An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.” In that spirit, I am honored to be a part of the efforts of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration Commission to pay tribute to this remarkable leader.

This year’s theme, “Celebrating Diversity for the Common Good,” represents the goal we as Missourians should strive to uphold. By working together, toward our shared goals, we can accomplish more and move further. As Dr. King said, our work is to “uplift humanity,” and we must strive together with “painstaking excellence.”

In closing, I would like to thank you for joining this effort to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Each person, uniquely made, contributes a piece to Missouri’s historical puzzle. Without each individual piece, we are not whole. This year’s celebration will remind us of that
fundamental truth. May God bless the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and may God bless our great state of Missouri.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor

250,000 people marched in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963, coming by plane, bus, train, and on foot, and from every walk of life. It was the biggest peaceful demonstration for civil rights in history.

Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, An Ebony Picture Biography"
On August 27, 1984, following an act of the 98th Congress of the United States of America, President Ronald Reagan signed into law, legislation creating the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission.

As provided in the authorizing legislation, the purpose of the Commission was to encourage appropriate ceremonies and activities throughout the United States relating to the first legal observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, January 15, 1986, and to provide advice and assistance to federal, state and local governments, as well as private organizations with respect to the observance.

Congress created the Commission in recognition of the historical importance of the first observation of our newest holiday and the need for an organized effort at the federal level to ensure that the first observance was a success.

In this spirit, the State Celebration Commission of Missouri wholeheartedly supports the federal Commission’s efforts to successfully fulfill this Congressional mandate.
“I Have A Dream”
Speech
by
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Delivered on the Lincoln Memorial steps
in
Washington, D.C.
August 28, 1963

“Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to
end the long night of captivity. But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition.

In a sense, we have come to our nation’s capitol to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, which has come back marked ‘insufficient funds.’ But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check – a check that will give us, upon demand, the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to rise
from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God’s children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment and to underestimate the determination of the Negro. This sweltering summer of the Negro’s legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. 1963 is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold, which leads to the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy, which has engulfed the Negro community, must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for
many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, ‘When will you be satisfied?’ We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro’s basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.
I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.’

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor’s lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where all black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be
made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God’s children will be able to sing with a new meaning, ‘My country, ’tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim’s pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.’

And if America is to be a great nation, this must come true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania! Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be
able to speed up that day when all of God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, ‘Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!’

“I would challenge you today to see that his spirit never dies and that we will go forward from this experience, which to me represents the crucifixion – on toward the resurrection and redemption of his spirit. We must carry on…”

_Coretta Scott King_
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
The King Holiday

Mrs. Coretta Scott King

A day to reaffirm the American ideals of freedom, justice and opportunity for all.

A day to love, not hate; for understanding, not anger; for peace, not war.

A day for families to share together, to reach out to relatives and friends and to mend broken relationships.

A day when the community rids itself of the barriers that divide it and comes together as one.

A day when people of all races, religions, classes and nations in life put aside their differences and join in a spirit of togetherness.

A day for nations of the world to cease all violent actions, seek nonviolent solutions and demonstrate that peace is not just a dream but a real possibility, if only for one day.

If for only one day, each of us serves as a "drum major for justice and
peace,” then we bring to life the inspiring vision of freedom of which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed, a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who awakened in us the best qualities.
City of St. Louis
Official Proclamation
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Statewide Celebration

Francis G. Slay
Mayor, City of St. Louis

WHEREAS: In the challenging times we currently face, the values of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. -- tolerance, nonviolence, compassion, responsibility and moral courage -- are even more critical to all of us; and,

WHEREAS: Monday, January 18, 2010, has been established as a day to reaffirm those values and the universal ideals of freedom, peace, justice and equal opportunity for all; and,

WHEREAS: The powerful words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. touched the hearts of people around the world and will live on as surely as men and women continue to seek justice and peace; and,

WHEREAS: The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday is designed for people from every walk of life -- every race, color, creed, age, gender and economic status to continue the efforts to reach out to each other, recognizing that we have far more in common than we have differences; and,
WHEREAS: I encourage all St. Louisans to remember the life and legacy of Dr. King and work for justice and equal opportunity and to celebrate and bring his dream to life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Francis G. Slay, Mayor of the City of St. Louis, do hereby proclaim January 18, 2010, as:

“DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY” IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of St. Louis, this 18th day of January, A.D. 2010.

If I can help somebody as I pass along,  
If I can cheer somebody with a song,  
If I can show somebody he’s traveling wrong,  
Then my living will not be in vain.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
King Holiday Bell Ringing

In 1986, the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission began the tradition of ringing the U.S. Liberty Bell on the holiday honoring Dr. King. The Bell Ringing Ceremony takes place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the third Monday of January at noon E.S.T. Simultaneously, similar ceremonies take place on the capitols of each of the 50 states with the governors ringing replica Liberty Bells, which were cast and sent to the states by President Harry Truman.

The Bell Ringing Ceremony was created to serve as an appropriate opening for events that encourage us to remember, celebrate and act on the King Holiday, such as community service projects, forums on race relations, parades or marches. Since the ceremony began, churches, synagogues, mosques, schools and civic organizations have also participated. For religious or ethnic cultures that have no tradition of bell ringing, the commission has encouraged them to participate in the ceremony with an expression appropriate to their tradition, like the blowing of the shofar or the singing of a song.

A particularly fitting symbol for honoring the work of Dr. King, the Liberty Bell was introduced to a national audience as a symbol for the abolitionist movement. The first reference historians can find to the name “Liberty Bell” is on the cover of an 1837 edition of Liberty, published by the New York Anti-Slavery Society. Previously known only in Philadelphia as the State House Bell, the bell, used as an antislavery symbol, brought it to much greater prominence.
Major Issues of Dr. King’s Campaigns From 1954-1968

1955
Non-segregated buses – Montgomery, AL

1961
Freedom Rides – Washington DC to New Orleans

1962
Non-segregated public accommodations and voting rights – Albany, GA

1963
Non-segregated public accommodations: affirmative action – Birmingham, AL

1964
Non-segregated public accommodations – St. Augustine, FL

1965
Guaranteed protection voting rights – Selma, AL

1966
Open housing; ending slums – Chicago, IL

1967
Ending slums; jobs – Cleveland, OH

1968
Right to organize for garbage workers – Memphis, TN

End poverty in the United States – Poor People’s Campaign

Right to organize for hospital workers (planned by Dr. King, led by Ralph Abernathy) – Charleston, SC
SIX PRINCIPLES OF KINGIAN NONVIOLENCE

“Often the question has arisen concerning my own intellectual pilgrimage to nonviolence. In order to get at this question it is necessary to go back to my early teens in Atlanta. I had grown up abhorring not only segregation, but also the oppressive and barbarous acts that grew out of it.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Principle 1: Nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people.

a. Dr. King and Gandhi believed there are always alternatives to fighting.
b. Sooner or later, nonviolence is the way of the strong person.

Principle 2: The Beloved Community is the framework for the future.

a. The goal is not to humiliate the opponent but to win the opponent over to a new view and the new pattern of behavior.
b. The Beloved Community concept means that we must begin living now as we think society ought to live in the future.
Principle 3: Attack forces of evil, not persons doing evil.

a. Look beyond the actions of people and attempt to determine what is causing their behavior and what part you contribute to their actions.
b. Focusing your anger on personalities is a form of violence.

Principle 4: Accept suffering without retaliation for the sake of the cause to achieve a goal.

a. Willingness to sacrifice for a clearly defined just cause can have an impact on the perpetrators of violence, as well as the larger community.
b. Most goals we achieve in life are not without sacrifice.

Principle 5: Avoid internal violence of the spirit as well as external physical violence.

a. Body language and words may cause violence to the internal spirit of a person.
b. Honorable Andrew Young states, “If you want to talk about someone, ask yourself three questions, (1) is it true; (2) is it necessary; and (3) is it kind. To be able to talk about a person, you must answer “yes” to all three of the questions.
Principle 6: *The Universe is on the side of justice.*

a. Human society is oriented to a just sense of order in the universe. Kingian Nonviolence is in tune with this concept.

b. Dr. King said, “The moral arch of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice.”

Fundamental tenets of Dr. King’s philosophy of non-violence described in his first book, *Stride Toward Freedom.*

We must combine the toughness of the serpent and the softness of the dove, a tough mind and a tender heart.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*
THE DISTINGUISHED KEYNOTE SPEAKER
for the
2010 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Statewide Celebration
Kick-Off Program

Saturday, January 9, 2010
6:30 p.m.
Harris-Stowe State University
Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Administration
Building
Main Auditorium
St. Louis, MO

Reverend Al Sharpton
President
National Action Network
Too bad, you say,
Martin Luther King Jr.
died so young.
I feel that way, too.
But as I have said
many times before,
it isn’t how long one lives,
but how well.

_Eulogy by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays_
_President Emeritus_
_Morehouse College_
Date: January 14, 2010
Time: 7 p.m.
Event: 8th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Extravaganza
Place: Osage Community Center
1625 N. Kingshighway

A musical extravaganza honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday. Special guests: Cape Girardeau Middle and Junior High School Choirs, dance troupe, Cape Central High School Performers, Bengal Beat Drummers and a host of area performers who will provide musical and oratorical tributes. Admission is free, but attendees are asked to donate canned goods, nonperishable items, toiletries and school supplies. Contact: Debra Mitchell Braxton at 573/979-0213 or Debra@v-link.net.

Date: January 17, 2010
Time: 6 p.m.
Event: 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration
Place: Rhema Word Breakthrough International Ministries
750 North Mount Auburn

A tribute honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s contributions as a minister and civil
rights leader. Special guests include a host of area pastors who will present tributes in honor of Dr. King, along with area choirs and praise dancers. The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service Award will be presented. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Citywide Celebration Committee. Admission is free, but attendees are asked to donate canned goods, nonperishable items, toiletries and school supplies. Monetary contributions will be accepted for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund. Contact: Debra Mitchell-Braxton at 573/979-0213 or Debra@v-link.net.
Date: January 18, 2010  
Time: 8 a.m.  
Event: 25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast  
Place: Osage Community Center  
1625 N. Kingshighway

A day designated for service to others. This event encourages members of our community to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by helping individuals in need. Attendees are requested to donate canned goods, nonperishable items, school supplies and toiletries that will be distributed to area agencies that provide assistance to individuals in need. Monetary contributions will also be accepted for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund. Special guests will include keynote speaker, Rev. Alvin Smith, St. Paul A.M.E Church, St. Louis, MO, and musical performers. Breakfast will be served. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Citywide Celebration Committee. Admission is free, but reservations are needed. The reservation deadline is Friday, January 15, 2010. Contact: Debra Mitchell-Braxton at 573/979-0213 or Debra@v-link.net.

Date: January 18, 2010  
Time: 10 a.m.  
Event: 4th Annual Civil Rights “Walk Down Memory Lane”  
Place: Osage Community Center  
1625 N. Kingshighway

The program will feature a pictorial of the civil rights movement with art displays by
area youth and a documentary of the Civil Rights era. Area agencies will present information on volunteer opportunities, area youth groups and Boys and Girls Club of Cape Girardeau. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Citywide Celebration Committee. Admission is free, but attendees are asked to donate canned goods, nonperishable items, toiletries and school supplies. **Contact:** Debra Mitchell-Braxton at 573/979-0213 or Debra@v-link.net.

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King’s first book, *Stride Toward Freedom*, was published in May of 1958. While autographing copies in a Harlem department store, King was attacked and stabbed by a crazed woman who plunged a letter opener into his chest.

*Quote from “Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, An Ebony Picture Biography”*
Date: January 18, 2010  
Time: Noon  
Event: 9th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Luncheon  
Place: Osage Community Center  
1625 N. Kingshighway

This event is designed to give attendees the opportunity to visit with various agencies and learn about volunteer opportunities. The agencies will have information tables set up to receive visitors from 11 a.m. – noon. Lunch will be provided. Keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Grant Hughes, Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO, with various musical performances. The Dr. C. John Ritter Humanitarian Award will be presented at the event. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Citywide Celebration Committee. Admission is free, but reservations must be made. The reservation deadline is Friday, January 15, 2010. In lieu of an admission fee, attendees are asked to donate canned goods, nonperishable items, toiletries and school supplies. **Contact:** Debra Mitchell-Braxton at 573/979-0213 or [Debra@v-link.net](mailto:Debra@v-link.net).

Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*
Date: January 18, 2010  
Time: 4 p.m.  
Event: 14th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Gala  
Place: JC Penny Court  
West Park Mall

A host of area students will perform a variety of tributes honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Citywide Celebration Committee. Admission is free. Contact: Debra Mitchell-Braxton at 573/979-0213 or Debra@v-link.net.

Date: January 20, 2010  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Dinner  
Place: Show Me Center

This annual dinner event will feature Christopher Gardner as the guest speaker, along with stirring tributes to Dr. King and his legacy. Open to students and the community. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at the Show Me Center Box Office. Sponsored by Southeast Missouri State University. Contact: Elizabeth Maldonado at 573/651-2524 or emaldonado@semo.edu.

Date: January 21, 2010  
Time: TBD  
Event: Developing Cross-Cultural Relationships in the Workplace  
Place: TBD
Phyllis Braxton, founder of PINK Consulting, will provide intercultural competence and diversity education. Open to students and the community. Admission is free. Sponsored by Southeast Missouri State University. **Contact:** Elizabeth Maldonado at 573/651-2524 or emaldonado@semo.edu.

**Date:** February 2, 2010  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event** Acknowledgement of *The Black List* (Volume 1)  
**Place:** Southeast Missouri State University  
University Center, Program Lounge

Articulating a rarely heard perspective from achievers of color, *The Black List*, an HBO documentary, assembles a roster of some of today’s most influential African-American politicians, writers, thinkers and performers to discuss their current successes and their journey from their backgrounds to today. The message is universal and clear; we are all different as individuals, yet we each have the ability to do great things. This discussion will address the noted successes and challenges of the individuals from the documentary, how everyone is striving to succeed and the relative understanding of success in terms of background, ambitions and goals. Admission is free and open to students and the community. Sponsored by the Academic Support Centers. **Contact:** Valdis Zalite at 573/651-2272 or vzalite@semo.edu.
Date: February 4, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Event: The Black Woman, Family and Connections – A Discussion from Black in America, the CNN Documentary
Place: Southeast Missouri State University
University Center, Program Lounge

Soledad O’Brien, who has visited the Southeast Missouri State University campus, explores and investigates the myriad of differences found among Black women and families in the CNN documentary Black in America. Statistics that address single parent households, racial differences in education, the AIDS epidemic and the progress of Black women and families will be addressed in this discussion. Participants will have an opportunity to share their perceptions as well as the challenges and successes the documentary uncovered. Admission is free and open to students and the community. Sponsored by the Academic Support Centers. Contact: Gladys Mosley at 573/986-6135 or gmosley@semo.edu.
Date: February 10, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Event: Acknowledgement of *The Black List* (Volume 2)
Place: Southeast Missouri State University
       University Center, Program Lounge

After winning the coveted NAACP Documentary Award, HBO provided a second volume of the documentary *The Black List*. The participants in this volume shared their candid stories of triumph and provided personal insight into their struggles as well. The open discussion of their lives, as well as their optimism for the role of African-Americans in the changing dynamics of the country, will provide the foundation for a lively conversation among the program attendees. Admission is free and open to students and the community. Sponsored by the Academic Support Centers. Contact: Valdis Zalite at 573/651-2272 or vzalite@semo.edu.

Date: February 11, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Event: The Black Man. A Discussion from *Black in America*, the CNN Documentary (Volume 1)
Place: Southeast Missouri State University
       University Center, Program Lounge

CNN correspondent Soledad O’Brien investigates the most critical issues and obstacles as they relate to African-American men in the United States. In this program
we will address the presented research, and also discuss the work of one of the documentary’s participants, noted author Ellis Cose, who wrote *The Envy of the World*. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in a conversation that challenges and yet underscores the perceptions of, and attitudes toward, Black men. Admission is free and open to students and the community. Sponsored by the Academic Support Centers. **Contact:** Trent Ball at 573/986-6135 or tball@semo.edu.

**Date:** February 17, 2010  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Where the Girls Are - Education, Etiquette and Esteem  
**Place:** Southeast Missouri State University  
   University Center, Program Lounge

Using *Black Rainbows*, a documentary about real life issues and pressures of being Black in America, and *The Souls of Black Girls* (a news documentary that reviews media images as they relate to women of color) as resources, as well as information from workshops and seminars presented throughout the year, the moderator will lead a discussion designed to address the challenges and experiences collegiate women encounter while trying to develop their identity, expand their esteem and pursue their education. Admission is free and open to students and the community. Sponsored by the Academic Support Centers. **Contact:** India Jeffrey at 573/986-6040 or ijeffrey@semo.edu.
Date: February 23, 2010  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Event: Boxes and Walls/Tunnel of Oppression  
Place: Southeast Missouri State University  
University Center, 4th Floor

View the Tunnel of Oppression (February 23-24, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Then watch as students and staff break down these issues of oppression through interactive skits (February 23-24, from 7-9 p.m.). Admission is free and open to students, staff and the general public. Sponsored by the Office of Residence Life and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Contact: Sh’Nita Mitchell at 573/332/5784 or slmitchell@semo.edu.

Date: February 24, 2010  
Time: TBD  
Event: Dyson vs. Dyson  
Place: TBD
Dr. Michael Eric Dyson and Reverend Marcia Dyson will debate their views on popular social issues. Open to students and the community. Cost to be determined. Sponsored by Southeast Missouri State University. **Contact:** Elizabeth Maldonado at 573/651-2524 or emaldonado@semo.edu.

**Date:** February 25, 2010  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Myths, Facts, Stereotypes and Reality in the Black Community, Discussing and Creating Solutions  
**Place:** Southeast Missouri State University  
University 
University Center, Program Lounge

Participants will be encouraged to engage in a proactive and productive discussion relating to the “Black Experience,” providing a format to discuss the myths, facts, stereotypes and reality of the experience for all the program participants. It will provide the foundation of moving forward and fully participating in the community, regardless of one’s role or status. Participants actively engage in an effort to address possible solutions, review what is perceived as working currently, what work needs to be done and how to best achieve those results. Participants are encouraged to come with an open mind, a willingness to voice their opinions, listen to the opinions of others, and work together for forward movement. Admission is free and open to students and the community. **Contact:** Trent Ball or Valdis
Zalite at 573/986-6135 or tball@semo.edu, vzalite@semo.edu.

Date: February 28, 2010
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Event: African American Heritage Month Gospel Extravaganza
Place: St. James A.M.E Church
516 North Street

A host of area choirs will perform an array of gospel tributes. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Citywide Celebration Committee. Admission is free. Monetary contributions will be accepted for the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Girardeau, MO. Contact: Debra Mitchell-Braxton at 573/979-0213 or Debra@v-link.net.

Date: March 21, 2010
Time: 6 p.m.
Event: Rosa L. Parks and Coretta Scott King Memorial Tribute
Place: St. James A.M.E Church
516 North Street

A program honoring the legacy of trailblazers and civil rights activists Rosa L. Parks and Coretta Scott King. A host of area individuals will perform oratorical, theatrical and musical tributes. Admission is free. In lieu of an admission fee, attendees are asked to donate toiletries, sleepwear, socks, purses and book bags. These items will be used to create gift baskets to be distributed to area children and teenagers. Contact: Debra Mitchell-Braxton at 573/979-0213 or Debra@v-link.net.
COLUMBIA

Date:  January 14, 2010
Time:  7–9 a.m.
Event: Columbia Values Diversity Celebration – “Everyone Counts!”
Place: Holiday Inn Expo Center
       2200 I-70 Drive SW

This 17th annual celebration draws more than 1,100 attendees from all walks of life. The celebration includes an original performance celebrating the life of Dr. King, essays submitted by school children throughout the Columbia area and an award to an individual and group who exemplifies the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in fostering individual dignity, racial equality, understanding, peacemaking and solving problems through nonviolence. Sponsored by various corporate, business, civic, religious, social service and school organizations. Admission is $14. Contact: Steve Hollis at 573/874-7488 or SPH@GoColumbiamo.com.

Date:  January 27, 2010
Time:  7 p.m.
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Lecture
Place: University of Missouri
       Stotler Lounge, Memorial Union

The lecture will address the theme “Engaging the Community – Closing the
Achievement Gap.” The lecture will be delivered by Patricia Williams, James L. Dohr, Professor of Law at Columbia University and a columnist for the nation. Sponsored by University of Missouri. Admission is free. Contact: Noor Azizan-Gardner at 573/882-6282 or noor@missouri.edu.
FULTON

Date: February 14, 2010
Time: 3 p.m.
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Black History Program
Place: Guiding Light Missionary Baptist Church
       1023 Westminster Avenue

Youth participation. Sponsored by the Fulton Branch of the NAACP. Contact: Jack McBride at 573/642-5462.

A nation that continues, year after year, to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift, is approaching spiritual death.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Date: January 21, 2009
Time: 7 p.m.
Event: A Musical Tribute honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Place: Lincoln University
          Richardson Auditorium

Gospel celebration featuring a praise dance by Solid Rock Family Church, One in Christ Choir and other local talent. Contact: Tammy Nobles at 573/681-5266 or noblest@lincoln.edu.
Date: January 12, 2009  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration  
Place: Capitol Building Rotunda

Sponsored by the Legislative Black Caucus. Admission is free. Contact: Senator Robin Wright-Jones at 573/751-2606.

Date: January 21, 2009  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Event: A Musical Tribute honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Place: Lincoln University Richardson Auditorium

Gospel celebration featuring a praise dance by Solid Rock Family Church, One in Christ Choir, and other local talent. Contact: Tammy Nobles 573/681-5266 or noblest@lincolnu.edu.
Date: January 9, 2010
Time: 9 a.m.
Event: Urban Community Summit
Place: Paseo Academy
        4747 Flora

Featuring Rev. Dr. Vernon Howard Jr.
Contact: Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Kansas City, Rev. Nelson (Fuzzy) Thompson, President, at 816/241-8100 or kcsclc@juno.com.

Date: January 9, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Event: Spring Artist Tribute
Place: UMKC Spencer Theatre
        4949 Cherry

Performers include National Gospel Recording Artist Lisa McClendon, Kansas City Boys and Girls Choir of Greater Kansas City, UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance Ensembles and Soul Serenade featuring Mia Ramsey. Reception at 6:30 p.m. and event at 7 p.m. Tickets-$15; Students-$10; 12 and under-$5; Group of 10+-$10; UMKC students, faculty and staff-$5. Contact: Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Kansas City, Rev. Nelson (Fuzzy) Thompson, President, at 816/241-8100 or kcsclc@juno.com.
Date: January 10, 2010  
Time: 3:30 p.m.  
Event: Interfaith Service  
Place: Community Christian Church  
4601 Main St.

Keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Zan Holmes. The Evelyn Wasserstrom Award will be presented and special music will be performed. An offering will be taken.  
Contact: Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Kansas City, Rev. Nelson (Fuzzy) Thompson, President, at 816/241-8100 or kcsclc@juno.com.

Date: January 12, 2010  
Time: 11 a.m.  
Event: Community Luncheon  
Place: Downtown Marriott  
Count Basie Ballroom  
200 W. 12th St.

Keynote speaker will be Molly T. Marshall, Ph.D. Tickets are $40.  
Contact: Southern
Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Kansas City, Rev. Nelson (Fuzzy) Thompson, President, at 816/241-8100 or kcsclc@juno.com.

Date: January 13, 2010  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Event: One Woman Presentation  
Place: Community Christian Church  
4601 Main St.

“Come to the Table” by Mary Moore. Admission is free.  
Contact: Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Kansas City, Rev. Nelson (Fuzzy) Thompson, President, at 816/241-8100 or kcsclc@juno.com.

Date: January 16, 2010  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Event: Musical Celebration of “Music in the Key of Life”  
Place: St. James United Methodist Church  
5400 Wayne  
Kansas City, MO

Theme: “The Re-Building of Broken Dreams,” featuring the Youth Symphony of Kansas City and the Midwest Conference Choir of the A.M.E Church. Directed by Dr. Ida Gordon Williams. Also featuring jazz, drama, dance and opera. Narrated by Mrs. Anita Maltbia and special guest – Rev. Dr. Emanuel Cleaver III, speaker. Sponsored by the Dr. MLK State Celebration Commission. Admission is free, but a food collection drive will be sponsored by Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha.
Sorority. **Contact:** Mrs. Lessie J. Thompson, Chairperson, at 816/763-1232 or ctljt2804@aol.com.

Date: January 17, 2010  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Event: Methodist Ministers Fellowship  
Place: Second Baptist Church  
3620 E. 39th St.

Keynote speaker TBD. Offering will be accepted. **Contact:** Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Kansas City, Rev. Nelson (Fuzzy) Thompson, President, at 816/241-8100 or kcsclc@juno.com.

Date: January 18, 2010  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Event: Mass Celebration  
Place: Friendship Baptist Church  
3530 Chelsea Drive

Keynote speaker will be Pastor James A. Terrence. Offering will be accepted. **Contact:** Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Kansas City, Rev. Nelson (Fuzzy) Thompson, President, at 816/241-8100 or kcsclc@juno.com.

Date: January 18, 2010  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration  
Place: John Knox Village Pavilion  
520 NW Murry Road  
Lee’s Summit, MO
The theme is “Service Keeps the Dream Alive.” Special guest is Rev. Wallace Hartsfield, retired pastor, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. Other participants include Recognition of Day of Service participants, Essay Contest winners from Lee’s Summit Christian School, Kiddie Kollege, Heritage Dance Ministry, Atotonilco Dance Academy and representation from Lee’s Summit North, Lee’s Summit West and Lee’s Summit High School. Sponsored by the Human Relations Commission and the City of Lee’s Summit. Admission is free. **Chairman** is Dr. Emmanuel Ngomsi. **Contact:** Lessie J. Thompson at 816/763-1232 or ctljt2804@aol.com.

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A spirit of harmony can only survive if each of us remembers, when bitterness and self-interest seem to prevail, that we share a common destiny.

*Barbara Jordan*

*Congresswoman and Lawyer*
Date: January 19, 2010  
Time: 8 a.m.  
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast  
Place: Mid-American Nazarene University  
     Bell Center Event Center  
     139th & Murlen  
     Olathe, KS

Keynote speaker TBD. Admission is free but must RSVP to 913/971-3521. Contact: Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Kansas City, Rev. Nelson (Fuzzy) Thompson, President, at 816/241-8100 or kcsclc@juno.com.

Date: January 20, 2010  
Time: 7:30 a.m.  
Event: 20th Annual TAASU Freedom Breakfast  
Place: UMKC University Center  
     Pierson Auditorium  
     5100 Rockhill Road

Celebrate the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Keynote address by Dr. Clovis Semmes, Director of UMKC Black Studies. Tribute performances by UMKC students. Cost is $50/individual, $350/table. Sponsored by the African-American Student Union, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs. Contact: Keichanda Dees-Burnett at 816/235-5628 or deesb@umkc.edu.
Date: January 18, 2010  
Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Event: MLK Service Learning:  
Community Challenge Grant  
Make it a Day On, Not a Day Off

An exciting, new addition this year! One hundred students from Truman’s campus will come together to perform various service “challenges” for the greater Kirksville Community. Individuals interested in volunteering for the “Community Challenge” should contact Becca Nolle from the MAC via e-mail at rln162@truman.edu. Limited to 100 participants.

Date: January 20-22, 2010  
Event: MLK “READ-IN”  
Place: Various Kirksville Locations

Students, staff and/or faculty will be volunteering to help share the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Individuals interested in volunteering for the “Read-In” should contact Becca Nolle from the MAC via e-mail at rln162@truman.edu.

We must all learn to live together as brothers, or we will perish as fools…”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Date: January 20, 2010  
Time: 4–5:15 p.m.  
Event: Unity Reflection Dinner  
Place: Truman State University  
   SUB, Georgian Room A

A Unity Program with a reflection dinner includes a 20-minute performance by One Voice, spoken word by Larry Moore, and excerpted speeches from King, Obama, and Hughes. Open to all. Heavy hors d’oeuvres to be served on a first come, first serve basis. **Contact:** Bertha Thomas at 800/357-6960 or bthomas@truman.edu.
In Selma, Alabama, 1965, the “march on ballot boxes” was met with extreme brutality. People from all over the country, including many clergymen, came to protest and support the demonstrations. One of them, Rev. James Reeb, was beaten to death.

Quote from “Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, An Ebony Picture Biography”
Date: January 17, 2010  
Time: 4 p.m.  
Event: Community Gathering  
Place: emPowerU Plant  

Admission is free. **Contact:** Center for Multicultural Education at 816/271-4150 or stjoemlk@yahoo.com.

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Date: January 18, 2010  
Time: 9 a.m.  
Event: Motivational Speaker  
Place: Missouri Western State University  
   Blum Union Lobby  

Admission is free. **Contact:** Center for Multicultural Education at 816/271-4150 or stjoemlk@yahoo.com.
Date: January 18, 2010
Time: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Event: Service Learning Project
Place: Various locations in the
      St. Joseph Community

Admission is free. Contact: Center for Multicultural Education at 816/271-4150 or stjoemlk@yahoo.com.

Date: January 19, 2010
Time: 6 p.m.
Event: Panel Discussion
Place: Missouri Western State University
      Blum Union Lobby

Admission is free. Contact: Center for Multicultural Education at 816/271-4150 or stjoemlk@yahoo.com.

Date: January 20, 2010
Time: 6 p.m.
Event: Feature Movie
Place: East Hills Library

Admission is free. Contact: Center for Multicultural Education at 816/271-4150 or stjoemlk@yahoo.com.

Date: January 21, 2010
Time: 6 p.m.
Event: Freedom Fund Banquet
Place: Fulkerson Center

Cost is $10/students and $20/adults. Contact: Center for Multicultural Education at 816/271-4150 or stjoemlk@yahoo.com.
I had to fight hard against loneliness, abuse, and the knowledge that any mistake I made would be magnified because I was the only black man out there. Many people resented my impatience and honesty, but I never cared about acceptance as much as I cared about respect.

*Jackie Robinson*

*Baseball Champ*
ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AREA

Date: December 12 & 19, 2009
Time: 1–5 p.m.
Event: Soulful Santa
Place: Afro World International
7276 Natural Bridge Road

Afro World Pictures - $10. Contact: 314/389-5194.

Date: December 18 & 20, 2009
Time: 12–5 p.m.
Event: Stamp Out Hunger
Place: Compton Hill MB Church
3141 LaSalle St.

Food baskets distributed to needy families from various schools including: Adams, Hickey, L’oeverture, Peabody and Reverend Oliver Carter, Centerville, IL. Must be on referral list. Sponsored by Joys of Glory gospel singers. Contact: Hattie L. Hardin at 314/862-4203 or Ira Eubanks at 314/533-8705.
Date: December 19, 2009  
Time: 1 p.m.  
Event: Toys for Tots  
Place: Compton Hill MB Church  
3141 LaSalle St.

Toys distributed to needy families from various schools: Adams, Hickey, L'ouverture and Peabody. Must be on referral list. Sponsored by the church at large. **Contact:** Elmus Miller Jr. at 314/353-7528.

Date: December 26, 2009  
Time: 1–5 p.m.  
Event: Kwanzaa Celebration  
Place: Afro World International  
7276 Natural Bridge Road

Afro World Pictures - $10. **Contact:** 314/389-5194.

Date: January 1–March 15  
Event: Generation-to-Generation Exhibit  
– Meet the Zuka Visual Arts Guild  
Place: Vaughn Cultural Center

The Vaughn Cultural Center of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis is reaching out to join the St. Louis Public Library in our annual celebration of Black History Month by featuring "Generation-to-Generation," an exhibit presented by the Zuka Visual Arts Guild curated by Kenneth Calvert. The Zuka Visual Arts Guild seeks to promote knowledge of and participation in the visual arts through exhibitions, teaching programs, workshops, seminars and
selected public art projects. "Generation-to-Generation" is a collaborative exhibition with works by Kenneth Calvert, Andrea Hughes, Joseph Lamarque, Alfred Brooks, Ronald Young, Robert Campbell and Jean Brantley. Replicas of the exhibit will be displayed at selected St. Louis Public Library branches during the month of February, and receptions are planned at the following branches:

- February 2, 7 p.m., Buder Branch
  Andrea Hughes, Ron Young.
- February 10, 4:30 p.m., Barr Branch
  Gundia Lock Clay, Joe Lamarque
- February 11, 5 p.m., Divoll Branch
  Alfred Brooks, Jean Brantly
- February 13, 2 p.m., Cabanne Branch
  Joseph Lamarque, Robert Campbell
- February 17, 7 p.m., Julia Davis Branch
  Kenneth Calvert

**Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

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**Date:** January 1, 2010  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Event:** Emancipation Proclamation  
**Place:** Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
  1617 N. Euclid Avenue

Date: January 4, 2010  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Event: Monday Movie Madness

Strange Fruit  
Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Schlafly Branch  
225 N. Euclid Avenue

This documentary explores the history and legacy of the Billie Holiday classic. The song's evolution tells a dramatic story of America's radical past using one of the most influential protest songs ever written as its epicenter. (Some graphic images. Viewer discretion advised). Monday Movies will be dedicated to the civil rights movement all this month. The movies begin at 6 p.m. Discussion and refreshments will follow each film. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: January 5-16, 2010  
Time: All Day  
Event: I Have A Dream Banner  
Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Divol Branch  
4234 N. Grand Blvd.

Program for juveniles. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: January 7, 2010  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Event: Dove of Peace Craft  
Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Schlafly Branch  
225 N. Euclid Avenue
Juvenile program. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** January 9, 2010  
**Time:** 3 p.m.  
**Event:** Songs of Protest, Songs of Power  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Schlafly Branch  
225 N. Euclid Avenue

Gifted Productions will perform inspirational songs that have had major influence in America and worldwide. Covering the slavery era up to the social conscious music of the ‘70s, they will highlight music that inspires change and hope for a better tomorrow. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** January 9, 2010  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** 24th Anniversary  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Statewide Celebration for the State of Missouri  
**Place:** Harris-Stowe State University  
Dr. Henry Givens Jr.  
Administration Building  
3026 Laclede Ave.

2010 Theme: “Celebrating Diversity for the Common Good.” Keynote speaker will be Reverend Al Sharpton, President, National Action Network. Sharon Stevens and Anthony Slaughter, News Anchors, KSDK-TV Channel 5, will be co-masters of ceremony. There will be performances by
various artists, including Dello Thedford and the Symphonic Gospel Choir, The Jazz Edge and the HSSU Concert Chorale. A reception featuring Steve Schankman and the Fabulous Motown Revue will follow the program. All seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, except for those reserved for program participants and awardees. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** Harris-Stowe State University at 314/340-3390.
Date: January 11, 2010  
Time: TBA  
Event: Handprint Unity Wreath  
Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Walnut Park Branch  
5760 W. Florissant Avenue

Juvenile program. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: January 11, 2010  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Event: Monday Movie Madness  
*Miles of Smiles, Years of Struggle*  
Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Schlafly Branch  
225 N. Euclid Avenue

Narrator Rosina Tucker, a 100-year-old union organizer and a Pullman Porter's widow, describes how after a 12-year struggle led by A. Philip Randolph, the Porters won the first contract ever negotiated with black workers. Monday Movies will be dedicated to the civil rights movement all this month. The movies begin at 6 P.M. Discussion and refreshments will follow each film. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: January 13, 2010  
Time: 3:30 p.m.  
Event: Black History Trivia and Movie  
Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Cabanne Branch  
1106 Union Blvd.
Juvenile program. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** January 13, 2010  
**Time:** 4 p.m.  
**Event:** What’s your Dream?  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
  Buder Branch  
  8448 Church Road

Juvenile program. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** January 13, 2010  
**Time:** 4 p.m.  
**Event:** I Have A Dream Shuffle  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
  Julia Davis Branch Library  
  4415 Natural Bridge Blvd.

Join us as we "step in the name of freedom" in celebration Dr. Martin Luther King. Participants unite to create a line dance to the "I Have A Dream" speech fused with a hip-hop beat. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** January 13, 2010  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Event:** Joint Venture Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Celebration  
**Place:** Central Reform Congregation  
  5020 Waterman at Kingshighway
A Jewish synagogue (CRC) and an African-American church (Cote Brilliante Presbyterian) have had more than 20 years of partnership. Each year, the members and clergy of these congregations host a service honoring Dr. King featuring music, youth participation and a guest speaker. Admission is free. Sponsored by The Joint Venture. **Contact:** Rabbi Randy Fleisher at 314/361-3919, ext.111 or randy@centralreform.org.

**Date:** January 14, 2010  
**Time:** 12:15 p.m.  
**Event:** Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration  
African-American Empowerment, Before the Constitution to Present Day  
**Place:** Maryville University Auditorium  
650 Maryville University Drive

Featuring Farai Chideya, a novelist, journalist and radio host, who has worked in every form of journalistic media. She was the host of the National Public Radio program News & Notes until her final broadcast on the program on January 16, 2009. News & Notes formally ceased broadcasting on March 20, 2009. Previously she worked for *Newsweek* magazine, MTV News, CNN, ABC News and the Oxygen Network. She made a name for herself as a political analyst and still appears on shows such as HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher. **Contact:** Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684 or dcarter@maryville.edu.
Date: January 14, 2010
Time: 4 p.m.
Event: Handprint Unity Wreath
Place: St. Louis Public Library
       Barr Branch
       1701 S. Jefferson Avenue

Program for juveniles. Admission is free and open to the public.  Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

The curse of poverty has no justification in our age.
   It is socially as cruel and blind as the practice of cannibalism at the dawn of civilization.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: January 14, 2010
Time: 4 p.m.
Event: I Have a Dream!
Place: St. Louis Public Library
       Baden Branch
       8448 Church Road

Make a mobile. Program for juveniles. Admission is free and open to the public.  Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.
Date: January 14, 2010
Time: 4 p.m.
Event: Make a Fun Craft
Place: St. Louis Public Library
   Machacek Branch
   6424 Scanlan Avenue

Program for juveniles. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: January 15-17, 2010
Time: Midnight
Event: MLK Youth Bus Trip to Atlanta
Place: 935 N. Vandeventer

The Human Development Corporation (Commissioner Ruth Smith), MLK Support Group (Commissioner Betty O. Thompson), MLK Holiday Committee (Commissioner Merdean Fielding) and St. Louis Clergy Coalition (Commissioner Rev. Sammie Jones) sponsor a bus trip to Atlanta for youths, ages 14-18. Each of the above named groups is responsible for selecting 10 youths and three chaperones. Contact: Commissioner Betty Thompson at 314/754-5619 (Sonja Branscomb), Carolyn Coleman at 314/657-6903, or Marlynn Chambers at 314/754-4514. Overall contact person: Commissioner Myrle Mensey at 314/650-1008. Orientation for all participants on the youth bus trip will be conducted by President Tyrone Thompson, 314/486-6134, of the Dr. Martin Luther King Support Group and Charles Alphin, trainer from Atlanta, GA. Orientation will be held Saturday, January 9, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., at
Date: January 15, 2010
Time: Noon
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration
Place: Fontbonne University
Doerr Chapel
6800 Wydown Blvd.

The community will celebrate the legacy of Dr. King. Sponsored by the Multicultural Affairs Department. Admission is free.
Contact: Leslie Doyle at 314/889-4503 or ldoyle@fontbonne.edu.

Date: January 15 & 18, 2010
Time: 1–3 p.m.
Event: Documentary Movie on the Life of Martin Luther King
Place: Afro World International
7276 Natural Bridge Road

Movie is free. Contact: 314/389-5194.

Date: January 15, 2010
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Celebration
If It Wasn’t for the Women
Place: Saint Louis Art Museum
Auditorium
One Fine Arts Drive
Forest Park

The Saint Louis Art Museum celebrates women who were, and continue to be, drum
majors for justice and peace. Our honorees embody the words of Coretta Scott King – “if the nation is to be saved, women must become its soul.” Special guests: Leah Gunning Francis, Ph.D., Eden Theological Seminary, Keynote Address; Psalms, Contemporary Gospel Group; and Mount Zion Sanctuary Choir, Rev. Sammie Jones, Pastor. Contact: Devin Dixon at 314/655-5136 or devin.dixon@slam.org.

Date: January 16-April 4, 2010
Time: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. daily
      Tuesdays, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Event: RACE: Are We So Different?
Place: Missouri History Museum
      5700 Lindell Blvd.

Race is a powerful concept that shapes how one sees others and is seen by others, yet the public poorly understands what race is. Inherent assumptions and misconceptions about race affect scientific and scholarly research. To clarify what race is and what race isn’t, the American Anthropological Association developed this interactive museum exhibition. Admission: adults - $8; seniors, students and groups - $6; children ages 6-12 - $4; children 5 and under are free. Contact: 314/361-7395 or 314/746-4599.
Date: January 17, 2010
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Poetry Reading
Place: Compton Hill MB Church
       3141 LaSalle St.

Poetry reading by Deacon Paul Sell. Admission is free. Sponsored by Compton Hill MB Church, Deacon Board. Contact: Paul Bell at 314/809-7468.

Date: January 17, 2010
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Event: I Have A Dream
Place: Cephas Christian Church Outreach Building
       1900 Newhouse Avenue

Youth in Action. Special guest to be announced. Admission is free. Contact: Pastor C.V. Smith at 314/538-1500.
Date: January 17, 2010  
Time: 5 p.m.  
Event: Dr. MLK Jr. Unity Celebration  
Place: First Baptist Church at Chesterfield  
17155 Wild Horse Creek Road

Crosscultural celebration commemorating Dr. King. Special guest will be Efrem Smith Sr., Pastor of The Sanctuary Covenant Church, Minneapolis, MN. Sponsored by Global Reach Unity Corporation. Admission is free. Contact: Jonah Hughes at 636/537-8748.

Date: January 18, 2010  
Time: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.  
Event: Live the Dream – Live United  
Place: Service Projects throughout the City of St. Louis  
910 N. 11th Street

Inspired by the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., LIVE THE DREAM – LIVE UNITED is an intergenerational, interfaith, multicultural initiative that will engage volunteers in service projects and civic dialogue throughout the city of St. Louis. The projects aim to restore the physical and socioeconomic fabric of our community while the dialogue aims to foster relationships among residents and help them come to understand the root causes and potential solutions for some of the city’s most pressing social issues. Admission is free. Contact: The United Way of Greater St. Louis Volunteer Center at 314/539-4298 or tyler.brownfield@stl.unitedway.org.
Date: January 18, 2010  
Time: 10 a.m.  
Event: Civic Ceremony and March of Celebration  
Place: Old Courthouse  
4 th & Market  
March to Powell Symphony Hall  
Grand and Enright

Civic Ceremony will include remarks from elected officials and dignitaries, music and statement of concern. Following the Civic Ceremony, at 11 a.m., the March of Celebration will begin in the streets of downtown St. Louis with marchers and motorcades. At 12:30 p.m., an interfaith service will be held at Powell Symphony Hall with local choirs and profound speakers. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Committee, Merdean Gales, President. For information or to get your “official” 2010 Dr. MLK commemorative button, Contact: Nigel Word at 314/809-3456 or nigel.word@gmail.com.

Date: January 18, 2009  
Time: 10 a.m.  
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration  
Place: University of Missouri-St. Louis  
Touhill Performing Arts Center  
One University Blvd.

A 2-hour program to include a guest speaker, a play and musical selections. Admission is free and open to the public. Sponsored by UMSL, Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity. Contact: Debolah Burris at 314/516-5695.
Date: January 18, 2010
Time: 11 a.m.– 1 p.m.
Event: What’s Up with the Dream Rally
Place: 4032 N. 22nd Street

March and rally on our part in the Dream. Special guests are Bishop Stewart and Rev. Ron Haynes. Sponsored by Project St. Louis (Saving the Lou). Admission is free.

Contact: Rev. Ron Haynes at 314/237-6268 or ron-ehaynes@hotmail.com.
Date: January 18, 2010
Time: 4 p.m.
Event: Martin Luther King Jr.
Celebration Lecture
Place: Washington University School of Medicine
Eric P. Newman Center
320 S. Euclid Avenue

The Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture is a celebration of the life and legacy of the civil rights leader. Special guest is Johnnetta Cole. Dr. Cole is the director of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African Art. Dr. Cole is also the board chair of the Johnnetta B. Cole Global Diversity and Inclusion Institute founded at Bennett College for Women. Dr. Cole served as president of Spelman College from 1987 to 1997. Sponsored by the Office of Diversity Programs at Washington University School of Medicine. Admission is free. Contact: Office of Diversity Programs at 314/362-6854 or diversity@msnotes.wustl.edu.

Date: January 18, 2010
Time: 7 p.m.
Event: “Living the Legacy: Forging Your Path through Leadership and Service”
Drama, Literary and Performing Arts Celebration
Place: Washington University
Graham Chapel (Danforth Campus)

Celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and keeping the dream alive via award recognitions, dramatizations, songs and public speaking. Admission is free to
the public with a post-program reception. Sponsored by an alliance of departments, offices, faculty, staff, students and campus affiliates. **Contact:** Dr. Harvey R. Fields Jr., Chairman at 314/935-5965 or e-mail hrfields@wustl.edu.

**Date:** January 20, 2010  
**Time:** Noon–1 p.m.  
**Event:** 21st Annual Jewish Community Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration  
**Place:** Covenant House  
Millstone Community Center  
Campus  
8 Millstone Campus Drive

A celebration in song – performances by children’s choirs of the Jewish and African-American communities. Admission is free and open to the public. Sponsored and coordinated by the Jewish Community Relations Council; co-sponsored by Central Agency for Jewish Education, Covenant/
Date: January 23, 2010  
Time: 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.  
Event: Annual Financial Freedom Seminar  
“Tying Loose Ends: Becoming Financially Secure”  
Place: Washington University  
Goldfarb and Brown Halls  
(Hilltop Campus)

Admission is free to the public, and refreshments will be available during registration. Sponsored by the George Warren Brown School of Social Work & The Society of Black Student Social Workers.  
Contact: Karen Acton, Manager of Student Programs at 314/935-3466 or kacton@gwbmail.wustl.edu.

Date: January 24, 2010  
Time: 3 p.m.  
Event: Essay Contest  
Place: St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church  
118 North Grand Blvd.

Essay contest for students from sixth through eighth grade middle schools from St. Louis City Public and Catholic Schools. Top three winners receive U.S. Savings
Bonds and will read their winning essays at the church celebration program. The Honorable Michael McMillan, License Collector for the City of St. Louis, will be the guest speaker. Other guests will also be on the program. This year’s theme is “If Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were alive today, what would he say to President Barack Obama?” Admission is free. **Contact:** Commissioner Anita Banks at 314/382-9545.

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We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience. That will be a day not of the white man, not of the black man. That will be a day of man as man.

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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**Date:** January 24, 2010  
**Time:** 3 p.m.  
**Event:** 6th Annual Jews United for Justice Heschel/King Program  
**Place:** Washington University Music Center (formerly Saare Emmeth Temple)  
560 Trinity at Delmar by the lion statue

Every year JUJ honors an individual from the St. Louis African-American community and an individual from the St. Louis Jewish community who work together or in
common cause in the spirit of the relationship between Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year, we are honoring Dr. Donald Suggs from *The St. Louis American* newspaper and Mr. Bob Cohn from the *St. Louis Jewish Light* newspaper. Admission is free. Sponsored by Jews United for Justice. Contact: Rabbi Randy Fleisher at 314/361-3919x111 or randy@centralreform.org.

Date: January 25, 2010  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Event: Monday Movie Madness  
   The Black Press - Soldiers Without Swords  
Place: St. Louis Public Library  
   Schlafly Branch  
   225 N. Euclid Avenue

Takes viewers "behind the veil" of segregation to recover a distinctly Black perspective on key events from antebellum America to the Civil Rights Movement. It offers an intimate social history of African-American life during these turbulent years - the achievements trumpeted, defeats pondered, celebrities admired, even the products advertised. Monday Movies will be dedicated to the civil rights movement all this month. The movies begin at 6 p.m. Discussion and refreshments will follow each film. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.
Date: January 30–February 28, 2010  
Event: Dream Weavers - Seeking Harmony and Empowerment  
Place: All St. Louis County Libraries

We are pleased to offer an entire month of programming dedicated to celebrating the life and history of African-Americans. In this year of change and challenge we encourage you to explore the many presentations, workshops, stories, music and more that will be available at most branches during the month of February. On behalf of the Library Director, Board of Trustees and the St. Louis County Library Foundation, we invite you to enjoy these special events focusing on cultural awareness, and promoting the numerous contributions of the African-American community. Admission to all events is free and open to the public.  
Contact: 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.

Human dignity is more precious than prestige.

Clause McKay  
Writer

Date: January 30, 2010  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Event: Kick-Off Event  
Place: St. Louis County Library Headquarters  
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
Gwen Ifill, *The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama*. The Library Foundation is honored to kick-off both the 2010 ‘Buzz’ Westfall Favorite Author Series and the library’s annual Black History Month Celebration with this special event with Gwen Ifill. In *The Breakthrough*, veteran journalist Gwen Ifill surveys the American political landscape, shedding new light on the impact of Barack Obama’s stunning presidential victory and introducing the emerging young African-American politicians forging a bold new path to political power. A book signing will follow. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 1, 2010  
**Time:** TBD  
**Event:** HSSU Black History Theme  
**Place:** Harris-Stowe State University  
3026 Laclede Avenue

Strengthening our Families by Celebrating our Heritage. Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. **Contact:** 314/340-5042.

**Date:** February 1, 2010  
**Time:** Contact Local Branch  
**Event:** African-American Read-In Chain  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Libraries

Be a link in the African-American Read-In Chain. The St. Louis Public Library joins the National Council of Teachers of English to celebrate African-American authors. Contact your local city branch to reserve
seating. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 1, 2010
Time: 4 p.m.
Event: A Taste of Black History
Place: St. Louis Public Library
   Central Branch
   1301 Olive St.

Enjoy a sweet treat made possible by an African-American inventor. For grades 6-12. All programs begin at 4 p.m. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 1, 2010
Time: 2:30–3:30 p.m.
Event: African-American Read-a-Round
Place: Maryville University
   Buder Family Student Commons
   650 Maryville University Drive

Come share your favorite piece of African-American literature with others. Students from the children’s literature class will share their favorite pieces of literature with African-American themes and/or authors/illustrators. Come prepared to say why your piece is significant and has been something special for you. You could bring a poem or you could share a book or play. Refreshments provided. Contact: Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684 or dcarter@maryville.edu.
Date: February 1, 2010
Time: 6 p.m.
Event: Black History Month Film Series
   John Hope Franklin
Place: St. Louis Public Library
   Schlafly Branch
   225 N. Euclid Avenue

Key issues that impact the economic growth of African-Americans. Historian John Hope Franklin looks back at his life and work. The film covers his contributions as a scholar, an activist and an advocate for reparations. There will be a discussion and refreshments after each film. All Ages. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.
Date: February 2, 2010
Time: 10 a.m.
Event: Pan African Drum Ensemble
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Carondelet Branch
6800 Michigan Avenue

Celebrate with rhythms from the River Niger to the Mississippi! Dennis Lebby and his ensemble will show how African rhythms continue to influence modern day music worldwide. All Ages. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 2, 2010
Time: Noon
Event: Black History Month Quiz
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Dining Hall Annex
3026 Laclede Avenue

Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. Contact: 314/340-5042.

Date: February 2, 2010
Time: 4 p.m.
Event: A Taste of Black History
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Cabanne Branch
1106 Union Blvd.

Enjoy a sweet treat made possible by an African-American inventor. For grades 6-12. All programs begin at 4 p.m. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.
Date: February 2, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Event: Adinkra Block Printing
Place: St. Louis County Library
   Lewis & Clark Branch
   9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.

In honor of Black History Month we’ll make our own Adinkra cloth and will be making and playing the ancient game of Mancala. Ages 6-11. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact: 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 2-7, 2010
Time: See Web site listed below
Event: The Color Purple
Place: Fox Theatre

Oprah Winfrey, Scott Sanders and the producing team of the Broadway smash hit THE COLOR PURPLE, The Musical about Love, are proud to announce that the first North American Touring production of THE COLOR PURPLE returns to the Fabulous Fox Theatre in St. Louis for 8 performances, February 2-7, 2010. Single tickets are now available at the Fox Theatre box office, all MetroTix outlets, by phone at 314/534-1111 or online at www.metrotix.com. Groups of 20 or more may be placed by calling 314/535-2900. Please visit the Fox Theatre Web site at www.fabulousfox.com for current pricing information and times.
Imagine what a harmonious world it could be if every single person, both young and old, shared a little of what he is good at doing.

*Quincy Jones*

*Musician and Entrepreneur*

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**Date:** February 2, 2010  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Event:** Crafty Kids: African Masks  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Jamestown Bluffs Branch  
4153 N. Highway 67

Come and enjoy stories about African legends and make your own African mask to take home. Ages 3–11. Registration required. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

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**Date:** February 3, 2010  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Event:** Storyteller Kenny Oyedeji  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Natural Bridge Branch  
7606 Natural Bridge Road

Celebrate African history with traditional storytelling from Western Nigeria. Afterwards, preschoolers will make an African craft to take home. Recommended for ages 3-7. Registration required. Admission is free and open to the public.
Date: February 3, 2010  
Time: 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.  
Event: African-American History & Culture Spring Kick-Off Celebration  
Place: St. Louis Community College  
   Forest Park  
   5600 Oakland Avenue  
   Cafeteria  

“Kick Off” your African-American History month activities at St. Louis Community College–Forest Park. This event will begin with a live African dance performance, which will be accompanied by drums, compliments of the Harambee Institute African Dance Troupe. Also included will be a “Soul Food Sampler.” Enjoy your delicious food with a “Dinner Theater” skit produced by Greg Carr, noted playwright and actor. Then, test your African-American history IQ and win awesome prizes! Coordinated by Donivan Foster and Adrienne Smith Brookins, Campus Life Department. Contact: Philishea Ingram at 314/644-9136 or PIngram@stlcc.edu.

Date: February 3, 2010  
Time: 2 p.m.  
Event: The Poetic Storyteller  
Place: St. Louis County Library  
   Natural Bridge Branch  
   7606 Natural Bridge Road  

Oba William King is “The Poetic Storyteller.” He brings to life a variety of
In Montgomery, Alabama, in December 1955, Mrs. Rosa Parks was arrested for violation of the segregation laws; she had refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. On November 13, 1956, the Supreme Court ruled that segregation on buses was unconstitutional.

Quote from “Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, An Ebony Picture Biography”

Date: February 3, 2010
Time: 4 p.m.
Event: A Taste of Black History
Place: St. Louis Public Library
         Barr Branch
         1701 S. Jefferson Ave.

Enjoy a sweet treat made possible by an African-American inventor. For grades 6-12. All programs begin at 4 p.m. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.
Date: February 3, 2010
Time: 7 p.m.
Event: The Poetic Storyteller
Place: St. Louis County Library
       Rock Road Branch
       10267 St. Charles Rock Road

Oba William King is “The Poetic Storyteller.” He brings to life a variety of stories and songs from the villages of Benin West Africa, the Island of Bermuda and the United States. Recommended for all ages. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact: 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 4, 2010
Time: 4 p.m.
Event: A Taste of Black History
Place: St. Louis Public Library
       Carondelet Branch
       6800 Michigan Avenue

Enjoy a sweet treat made possible by an African-American inventor. For grades 6-12. All programs begin at 4 p.m. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 4, 2010
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Event: The Poetic Storyteller
Place: St. Louis County Library
       Mid-County Branch
       7821 Maryland Avenue

Oba William King is “The Poetic Storyteller.” He brings to life a variety of stories and songs from the villages of Benin
West Africa, the Island of Bermuda and the United States. Recommended for all ages. Admission is free and open to the public.

**Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

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**Date:** February 4, 2010  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Event:** Black History Month  
Documentary Series – “A History of Black Achievement in America”  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Julia Davis Branch  
4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

Program One & Two. This original, eight-part series documents Black achievement in American history, its defining role in the growth of the country and its influence on current events. Presented by James Avery.  
**Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.
Date: February 4, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Event: Black History Month Film Festival: “The Wiz”
Place: St. Louis County Library
Bridgeton Trails Branch
3455 McKelvey Road

Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Nipsey Russell, Lena Horne, Richard Pryor and Ted Ross star in this Academy Award-nominated musical for the whole family. Registration required. Please stop by the branch, Room 1, or call 314/994-3300 to register. All ages.

Date: February 4, 2010
Time: 7 p.m.
Event: Evening Story Time – African-American Authors
Place: St. Louis County Library
Jamestown Bluffs Branch
4153 N. Highway 67

Celebrate Black History Month with us and share your favorite stories and folktales by African American authors such as Patricia McKissack and Angela Johnson. Join us for stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. Recommended for ages 2-8. Registration required. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact: 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 4, 2010
Time: 7 p.m.
Event: Don’t Forget the Lyrics Karaoke
Place: Maryville University
Buder Family Student Commons
650 Maryville University Drive
Students will compete to win gift cards and cash prizes by correctly recalling song lyrics from a variety of genres. **Contact:** Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684 or dcarter@maryville.edu.

**Date:** February 5, 2010  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Event:** The Poetic Storyteller  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
   Daniel Boone Branch  
   300 Clarkson Road

Oba William King is “The Poetic Storyteller.” He brings to life a variety of stories and songs from the villages of Benin West Africa, the Island of Bermuda and the United States. Recommended for all ages. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.

**Date:** February 5, 2010  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Event:** Friday Forum: Black Love  
**Place:** Harris-Stowe State University  
   Gillespie Residence Hall Lobby  
   3025 Laclede Avenue

Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. **Contact:** 314/340-5042.

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It never occurs to me that there are things that I can’t do.

*Whoopi Goldberg*  
*Entertainer*
Ruth Ann (Abels) Hager, St. Louis County Library reference specialist and genealogist, will discuss her new book Dred and Harriet Scott: Their Family Story. Since her discovery of new information about Harriet Scott in 2006, Hager has researched the family's story with the support and endorsement of descendants and the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation. Her groundbreaking research opens up a new chapter of St. Louis history. Lynn Jackson, great-great-granddaughter of Dred and Harriet and President of the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation will offer introductory remarks. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact: 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.

Join ABC for a night of comfortable fun and great music. Wear your pajamas and get your dance on. Live DJ playing the latest hip hop music, line dance lessons and several surprises. (Pajamas are what you consider sleep wear, what you’re supposed to sleep in, not what you actually sleep in). You will
be turned away at the door for inappropriate attire. We will be Jammin’ in our Jammie’s.

**Contact:** Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684 or dcarter@maryville.edu.

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I leave you love. I leave you hope. I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another. I leave you respect for the use of power. I leave you faith. I leave you racial dignity.

*Mary McLeod Bethune*

*Educator*

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**Date:** February 6, 2010  
**Time:** 10 a.m.– 4 p.m.  
**Event:** Summit on Leadership Development (SOLD)  
**Place:** Maryville University & Fontbonne University  
   Donius University Center  
   650 Maryville University Drive

Throughout the day students will have the opportunity to meet students from other colleges and universities and will hopefully open their minds and have assumptions challenged as they learn more about leadership concepts and topics. SOLD is open to all students from any university. Admission: Maryville and Fontbonne students attend for free while others can attend for a small charge of $15, which includes lunch and a t-shirt. **Contact:** Zach Lewis at 314/529-9434.
Date:  February 6, 2010  
Time:  10 a.m.  
Event:  The Poetic Storyteller  
Place:  St. Louis County Library
        Tesson Ferry Branch
        9920 Lin-Ferry Drive

Oba William King is “The Poetic Storyteller.” He brings to life a variety of stories and songs from the villages of Benin West Africa, the Island of Bermuda and the United States. Recommended for all ages. Admission is free and open to the public. 
Contact:  314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.

Date:  February 6, 2010  
Time:  10 a.m.  
Event:  Where Would We Be Without Thee  
Place:  St. Louis County Library
        Samuel C. Sachs Branch
        16400 Burkhardt Place

In this history-packed, educational program, storyteller Loretta Washington portrays Phyllis Wheatley, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman and Renee. All of these women were front-line warriors in the time of slavery. Come, see and hear about their struggles in this unforgettable program. Recommended for second grade and up. Admission is free and open to the public. 
Contact:  314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.
You really can change the world if you care enough.

*Marian Wright Edelman*  
*Lawyer and Social Activist*

Date: February 6, 2010  
Time: 2 p.m.  
Event: *The Poetic Storyteller*  
Place: St. Louis County Library  
   Bridgeton Trails Branch  
   3455 McKelvey Road

Oba William King is “The Poetic Storyteller.” He brings to life a variety of stories and songs from the villages of Benin West Africa, the Island of Bermuda and the United States. Recommended for all ages. Admission is free and open to the public.  
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Date: February 6, 2010  
Time: 2 p.m.  
Event: *Spoken Word Competition: Speak up, Speak out…Shout if you have to!*  
Place: St. Louis County Library  
   Natural Bridge Branch  
   7606 Natural Bridge Road

Workshop starts at 2:00 p.m. Competition begins at 3:30 p.m. Explore the art of spoken word and free verse poetry with Rennell J. Parker, Sr., established author and
You have the opportunity to win fantastic prizes for performing your written masterpiece. A short workshop will be given prior to the competition to enhance previously written works and create original pieces as well. Refreshments will be served. Recommended for ages 12-18. Registration required. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 6, 2010  
**Time:** 2 p.m.  
**Event:** SweetArt with Cbabi Bayoc!  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Schlafly Branch  
225 N. Euclid Avenue

Meet St. Louis' own Cbabi Bayoc - Mr. Bayoc will talk about illustrating *Young Cornrows Callin' Out the Moon*, and he will have books available for sale and signing. His artwork will be on display for the entire month of February at the Schlafly Branch Library. Refreshments will be provided by SweetArt Bakery, a thriving business venture that Mr. Bayoc and wife, Reinie, own and operate on the south side of St. Louis. In celebration of the BHM theme, economic empowerment, we will celebrate the family's achievements. **Audience:** All Ages. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.
Date: February 6, 2010
Time: 3–5 p.m.
Event: Book Signing and Concert
Place: Afro World International
        7276 Natural Bridge Road

Book signing and in-store concert with author, comedian and motivational speaker L.J. Rives, host of Laugh Out Loud.
Contact: 314/389-5194.

Date: February 7, 2010
Time: 2 p.m.
Event: Keynote Speaker
Place: St. Louis Public Library
        Central Library
        1301 Olive St.

The St. Louis Public Library welcomes Marc Morial, President & CEO of the National Urban League, to deliver the keynote address in celebration of the theme “The History of Black Economic Empowerment.” Admission is free and open to the public. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.
Date: February 7, 2010  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Event: Super Soul Sunday  
Place: Maryville University  
   Buder Family Student Commons  
   650 Maryville University Drive

A Super Bowl feast will be provided for dinner, and we will move right into the Super Bowl party with snacks, drinks and friendly competitions based on the game, sponsored by ABC, Residence Life, Fresh Ideas and the Association of Black Collegians. **Contact:** Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684 or dcarter@maryville.edu.

Date: February 8, 2010  
Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Event: Bobby Norfolk Presents Rhythms, Rhymes and Raps  
Place: St. Louis Public Library  
   Buder Branch  
   4401 N. Hampton Avenue

Kids discover the joy of poetry through a rollicking multicultural tour of raps and traditional verse. Audience: K-6th Grade. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 8, 2010  
Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Event: Add It Up! With Mr. Music and Bebop  
Place: St. Louis Public Library  
   Walnut Park Branch  
   5760 W. Florissant Ave.
Learn life skills through the kid-friendly language of music. Instruments provided. Singing and participation encouraged. Ages 4-8. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** February 8, 2010  
**Time:** 4 p.m.  
**Event:** A Taste of Black History  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Divoll Branch  
4234 N. Grand Blvd.

Enjoy a sweet treat made possible by an African-American inventor. For grades 6-12. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** February 8, 2010  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Event:** Black History Month Film Series  
*Goin’ to Chicago*  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Schlafly Branch  
225 N Euclid Avenue

Key issues that impact the economic growth of African-Americans. *Goin’ to Chicago* chronicles one of the most momentous yet least heralded sagas of American history - the great migration of African-Americans from the rural South to the cities of the North and West after World War II. Four million black people created a dynamic urban culture outside the South, changing America forever. There will be a discussion and refreshments after each film. **All Ages. Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.
Date: February 8, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Event: Where Would We Be Without Thee
Place: St. Louis County Library
       Eureka Hills Branch
       103 Hilltop Village Center

In this history-packed, educational program, storyteller Loretta Washington portrays Phyllis Wheatley, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman and Renee. All of these women were front-line warriors in the time of slavery. Come, see and hear about their struggles in this unforgettable program. Recommended for second grade and up. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact: 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.
Date:  February 8, 2010
Time:  6:30 p.m.
Event:  Afriky Lolo
Place:  St. Louis County Library
       Florissant Valley Branch
       195 New Florissant Road

Experience the power and joy of authentic West African dance as dancers and drummers take you through a journey of traditional African dances, symbols, languages, rhythms and songs. Afriky Lolo performances are choreographed, staged, costumed and directed by Diadié Bathily. Admission is free and open to the public.
Contact:  314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.
Date: February 9, 2010
Time: 10 a.m.
Event: Where Would We Be Without Thee
Place: St. Louis County Library
   Headquarters
   1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

In this history-packed, educational program, storyteller Loretta Washington portrays Phyllis Wheatley, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman and Renee. All of these women were front-line warriors in the time of slavery. Come, see and hear about their struggles in this unforgettable program. Recommended for second grade and up. Admission is free and open to the public.

Contact: 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 9, 2010
Time: 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Event: White Americans Celebrate African-American History
Place: St. Louis Community College
   Forest Park
   5600 Oakland Avenue
   Highlander Lounge

Join us for a thoughtful panel discussion with three white Americans. They will relate their personal journeys in their exploration of African-American history, art and culture. Panel members will explain how these explorations have enriched their lives, challenged their biases, revealed to the more subtle expressions of racism and led them to richer, more compassionate lives.

Presenters: Christy Hart, Bob Hollander, Patricia Piety. Coordinated by Christy Hart,
African-American music didn't just reflect the times, it helped shape the 20th century. Barbara Henderson, manager of Cabanne Branch Library, will present a musical and PowerPoint presentation illustrating the impact of African-American music has had on American and world culture. Audience: All Ages. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Enjoy a sweet treat made possible by an African-American inventor. For grades 6-12. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

With confidence, you have won even before you have started.

Marcus Garvey
Nationalist Leader
Date: February 9, 2010  
Time: 4:30 p.m.  
Event: African-American Timelines  
Place: St. Louis Public Library  
    Carondelet Branch  
    6800 Michigan Ave.

Which famous African-Americans can you name? Put them all on a timeline to display.  
Grades K-8. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 9, 2010  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Event: Black History Month Film Festival  
Place: Harris-Stowe State University  
    Emerson Performance Center Theatre  
    3026 Laclede Avenue

Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. **Contact:** 314/340-5042.

Date: February 9, 2010  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Event: Open Mic Night Featuring Xplicit  
Place: Maryville University  
    Buder Family Student Commons  
    650 Maryville University Drive

Join us for an evening of entertainment by Maryville students, including spoken word, comedy, singing, dancing and instrumental performances. This live performance will showcase the multiple talents of the Maryville community members. **Contact:** Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684 or dcarter@maryville.edu.
Date: February 9, 2010
Time: 7 p.m.
Event: Stories Tonight – African-American Inventions
Place: St. Louis County Library
       Rock Road Branch
       10267 St. Charles Rock Road

See our exhibit of inventions and make an invention of your own to take home. All ages are welcome. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact: 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 10, 2010
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Event: Add It Up! With Mr. Music and Bebop
Place: St. Louis Public Library
       Central Library
       1301 Olive St.


Date: February 10, 2010
Time: 4 p.m.
Event: A Taste of Black History
Place: St. Louis Public Library
       Julia Davis Branch
       4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

Enjoy a sweet treat made possible by an African-American inventor. For grades 6-12. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.
Date: February 10, 2010
Time: 7 p.m.
Event: African-American Inventors
Place: St. Louis Public Schools
         Carpenter Branch
         3309 S. Grand Blvd.

Carol Giles-Straight, subject specialist from St. Louis Public Library's Business, Science and Technology Department, will talk about African-American inventors and their inventions. She will also give an overview of patents, what they are, and why they are of value and will discuss accomplishments made by African-Americans in science and medicine. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

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Date: February 10, 2010
Time: 7 p.m.
Event: Afriky Lolo
Place: St. Louis County Library
         Lewis & Clark Branch
         9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.

Experience the power and joy of authentic West African dance as dancers and drummers take you through a journey of traditional African dances, symbols, languages, rhythms and songs. Afriky Lolo performances are choreographed, staged, costumed and directed by Diadié Bathily. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).
More than 2,000 demonstrators were arrested in the Birmingham anti-segregation campaign. Police used fire hoses and dogs on marching children.

*Quote from “Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, An Ebony Picture Biography”*

**Date:** February 11, 2010  
**Time:** 4 p.m.  
**Event:** A Taste of Black History  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Schlafly Branch  
225 N. Euclid Avenue

Enjoy a sweet treat made possible by an African-American inventor. For grades 6-12. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** February 11, 2010  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Event:** Black History Month  
Documentary Series – “A History of Black Achievement in America”  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Julia Davis Branch  
4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

Program Three and Four. This original, eight-part series documents Black achievement in American history, its defining role in the growth of the country and its influence on current events.
Presented by James Avery. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** February 11, 2010  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Black History Month Film Festival  
*The Color Purple*  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
  Bridgeton Trails Branch  
  3455 McKelvey Road

Based on Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, this film is set in the rural South and shows the tragedies and triumph of an African-American woman. Registration required. Please call 314/994-3300 or stop by the desk, Room 2, to register. Adults.

**Date:** February 11, 2010  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Event:** Afriky Lolo  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
  Indian Trails Branch  
  8400 Delport Drive

Experience the power and joy of authentic West African dance as dancers and drummers take you through a journey of traditional African dances, symbols, languages, rhythms and songs. Afriky Lolo performances are choreographed, staged, costumed and directed by Diadié Bathily. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).
Date: February 12, 2010
Time: 10 a.m.
Event: Celebrate Black History Month for Young Children
Place: St. Louis County Library
       Daniel Boone Branch
       300 Clarkson Road

Black History Month is dedicated to learning about and remembering black Americans who have influenced our culture. Enjoy stories, music and make a craft to take home. A peanut butter snack will be served at this event. Registration required. Ages 3-7. Admission is free and open to the public.
Contact: 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 12, 2010
Time: 10 a.m.
Event: Where Would We Be Without Thee
Place: St. Louis County Library
       Weber Road Branch
       444 Weber Road
In this history-packed, educational program, storyteller Loretta Washington portrays Phyllis Wheatley, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman and Renee. All of these women were front-line warriors in the time of slavery. Come, see and hear about their struggles in this unforgettable program. Recommended for second grade and up. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 12, 2010  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Event:** House of Jazz  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
   Florissant Valley Branch  
   195 New Florissant Road

The sounds of jazz will ring through the air as local jazz artists perform a diverse collection of music. Come and join us as we celebrate and enjoy a rich blend of new and traditional performances from one of the most unique genres of music today. Open to all ages. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 12, 2010  
**Time:** 8 p.m.  
**Event:** African-American Movie Night  
**Place:** Maryville University  
   Buder Family Student Commons  
   650 Maryville University Drive

SURPRISE MOVIE!!!! Nothing is more comforting than snuggling up with friends and watching a good movie. So join ABC
for their annual African-American movie night in the auditorium. Bring a blanket, bring a pillow and get comfy. **Contact:** Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684 or dcarter@maryville.edu.

**Date:** February 12, 2010  
**Time:** 8 p.m.  
**Event:** Patti LaBelle & The O’Jays  
**Place:** Fox Theatre

Tickets go on sale December 5 at 10 a.m.  
Purchase tickets at the Fox Box Office, MetroTix outlets, by calling 314/534-1111 or online at [www.metrotix.com](http://www.metrotix.com).

**Date:** February 13, 2010  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Event:** Where Would We Be Without Thee  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
   Grand Glaize Branch  
   1010 Meramec Station Road

In this history-packed, educational program, storyteller Loretta Washington portrays Phyllis Wheatley, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman and Renee. All of these women were front-line warriors in the time of slavery. Come, see and hear about their struggles in this unforgettable program. Recommended for second grade and up. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).
Date: February 13, 2010
Time: 2 p.m.
Event: Panel Discussion – From Dr. King to President Obama
Place: St. Louis Public Library
          Julia Davis Branch
          4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

The 2010 Black History Month theme is the “History of Black Economic Empowerment in America,” and we will celebrate African-American economic achievement and the centennial of the National Urban League. The St. Louis Urban League Young Professionals and Friends of Julia Davis have been invited to participate as co-host for a panel discussion at the Julia Davis Regional Branch. The subject: From Dr. King to President Obama. The focus will be on the state of black America as documented by the National Urban League’s 2009 publication “A Message to the President,” as edited by Stephanie J. Jones. This two-hour program will include a brief intermission.
Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 13, 2010
Time: 3-5 p.m.
Event: Valentine’s Day Celebration
Place: Afro World International
          7276 Natural Bridge Road

Enjoy a Valentine’s Day celebration with jazz singer and recording artist Ron Wilkerson for a mini in-store concert and CD signing. A free special gift will be available for ladies. Contact: 314/389-5194.
Date: February 14, 2010
Time: 1–6 p.m.
Event: African-American Arts Festival
Place: St. Louis Community College
   Forest Park
   5600 Oakland Avenue
   Cafeteria

The Zeta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. presents their annual African-American Arts Festival: A celebration of history, art, music, dance, literature and culture. Contact: Harriette Scott, at 314/644-9682 or hscott@stlcc.edu; or Almeta “Cookie” Jordan 314/537-7778 or Theresa Wilkins at 314/650-9186.

Date: February 16, 2010
Time: 10 a.m.
Event: Movie – Where Did You Get That Woman?
Place: St. Louis Public Library
   Machacek Branch
   6424 Scanlan Ave.
We will view and discuss the 1982 documentary film about African-American septuagenarian Joan Williams, washroom attendant in a Chicago bar for twenty years, who reminisces about her life beginning with her childhood in Oklahoma. Sepia-toned file photographs evoke memories of the history made during her life span. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** February 16, 2010  
**Time:** 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  
**Event:** Poster Presentation by Faculty and Students  
**Place:** St. Louis Community College  
Forest Park  
5600 Oakland Avenue

You are invited to attend a poster presentation session on the Forest Park campus of St. Louis Community College. You will be enriched by the collaborative work between faculty and students showcasing posters on the life and contributions of African-Americans in American society. This will be interactive and provides for attendees to connect with the faculty and students at Forest Park. We look forward to your attendance. Coordinated by Kwabena B. Tandoh, Human Services. **Contact:** Philishea Ingram at 314/644-9136 or PIngram@stlcc.edu.
People might not get all they work for in this world, but they must certainly work for all they get.

_Frederick Douglass_  
_Abolitionist and Writer_

**Date:** February 16, 2010  
**Time:** 4 p.m.  
**Event:** A Taste of Black History  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Walnut Park Branch  
5760 W. Florissant Ave.

Enjoy a sweet treat made possible by an African-American inventor. For grades 6-12. All programs begin at 4 p.m. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** February 17, 2010  
**Time:** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
**Event:** African Marketplace  
**Place:** Harris-Stowe State University  
Lower Hallway  
3026 Laclede Avenue

Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. **Contact:** 314/340-5042.

**Date:** February 17, 2010  
**Time:** 4 p.m.  
**Event:** Movie – *The Wiz*  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Barr Branch  
1701 S. Jefferson Ave.
Celebrate the “King of Pop” along with other black entertainers with this African-American rendition of the Wizard of Oz.

**Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** February 17, 2010  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Teen Pot Coiling  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Lewis & Clark Branch  
9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.

We’ll get a feel for what life was like in the West African kingdoms by creating our own coil pots and making Benna cakes. Ages 12-18. Registration is required, please call 314/994-3300 or stop by the branch.

**Date:** February 17, 2010  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Event:** Afriky Lolo  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Prairie Commons Branch  
915 Utz Lane

Experience the power and joy of authentic West African dance as dancers and drummers take you through a journey of traditional African dances, symbols, languages, rhythms and songs. Afriky Lolo performances are choreographed, staged, costumed and directed by Diadié Bathily. Admission is free and open to the public.  
**Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).
Date:  February 18, 2010
Time:  10 a.m.
Event: Story Time: Anansi Stories
Place:  St. Louis County Library
        Rock Road Branch
        10267 St. Charles Rock Road

Anansi the Spider loves to play tricks. Listen to some stories about Anansi, and try some spider activities and crafts! Choose a Gift of Reading picture book to take home. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Recommended for ages 2-6. Admission is free and open to the public.  **Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).
Date: February 18, 2010
Time: 10 a.m.
Event: Bobby Norfolk presents Rhythms, Rhymes and Raps
Place: St. Louis Public Library
     Cabanne Branch
     1106 Union Blvd.

Kids discover the joy of poetry through a rollicking multicultural tour of raps and traditional verse. Audience: K-6th grade. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

I believe that any man’s life will be filled with constant and unexpected encouragement, if he makes up his mind to do his level best each day….

Booker T. Washington
Educator

Date: February 18, 2010
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Event: Add It Up! With Mr. Music and Bebop
Place: St. Louis Public Library
     Barr Branch
     1701 S. Jefferson Ave.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: February 18, 2010
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Event: African-American Timelines
Place: St. Louis Public Library
   Carondelet Branch
   4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

Which famous African-Americans can you name? Put them all on a timeline to display.
Grades K-8. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 18, 2010
Time: 4 p.m.
Event: Movie – Akeelah & the Bee
Place: St. Louis Public Library
   Walnut Park Branch
   5760 W. Florissant Ave.

Despite a distracting home life, an unpromising neighborhood and lack of confidence, Akeelah unexpectedly wins a local spelling bee, which leads her onto bigger things. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.
Date: February 18, 2010
Time: 6 p.m.
Event: Black History Month
    Documentary Series – “A History of Black Achievement in America”
Place: St. Louis Public Library
    Julia Davis Branch
    4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

Program Five and Six. This original, eight-part series documents Black achievement in American history, its defining role in the growth of the country and its influence on current events. Presented by James Avery.

Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 18, 2010
Time: 6 p.m.
Event: Teen Book Club - Money Hungry
    by Sharon Flake
Place: St. Louis County Library
    Jamestown Bluffs Branch
    4153 N. Highway 67

13-year-old Raspberry Hill loves money. She hoards every dime she can gather and hides her cash in her room. In this story, Hill faces a lot of triumphs and tragedies, but does she have the guts to overcome the hardships in her life or will money prove to be the root of all evil? This book is a Coretta Scott King award-winner. Join us for refreshments and discussion. Recommended ages 12-18. Registration required. Admission is free and open to the public.

Contact: 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.
Date: February 18, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Event: Black History Month Film Festival: *Ray*
Place: St. Louis County Library
        Bridgeton Trails Branch
        3455 McKelvey Road

Jamie Foxx portrays the blind recording legend Ray Charles in a performance that Charles approved shortly before his death in June 2004. Registration required. Please call 314/994-3300 or stop by the desk, Room 2, to register. Adults.
Experience the power and joy of authentic West African dance as dancers and drummers take you through a journey of traditional African dances, symbols, languages, rhythms and songs. Afriky Lolo performances are choreographed, staged, costumed and directed by Diadié Bathily. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

This trivia competition is designed as a way to bring the campus community together to celebrate Black History Month, test our knowledge and have some fun. **Contact:** Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684 or dcarter@maryville.edu.

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All my limitations are self-imposed, and my liberation can only come from true self-love.

*Max Robinson*  
*Journalist*
Date: February 19, 2010
Time: 10 a.m.
Event: Homeschool Explorations - Black History Month
Place: St. Louis County Library
   Daniel Boone Branch
   300 Clarkson Road

Make St. Louis County Library a partner in your homeschooling as we explore how African-Americans have helped shape our lives and changed what we hear, see, read and do! Registration required. Ages 3-15. Admission is free and open to the public.
Contact: 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 19, 2010
Time: 6 p.m.
Event: Friday Forum – Hearing from our Elders
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
   Gillespie Residence Hall Lobby
   3026 Laclede Avenue

Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. Contact: 314/340-5042.

Date: February 19, 2010
Time: 7 p.m.
Event: Green Eggs and Hamlet
   presented by the Black Rep
Place: St. Louis County Library
   Headquarters
   1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

The Black Rep will give a rousing performance of Green Eggs and Hamlet, a play designed to introduce the bard to
children. This unusual pairing will lead the young at heart on a dramatic, tongue-tying roller coaster filled with laughs and unexpected twists. It’s Shakespeare as Dr. Seuss might have written it! Join us after the performance for music by the Normandy School Jazz Band. Sure to be a crowd pleaser for all ages. Local African-American restaurants will provide a variety of refreshments. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slc1.org](http://www.slc1.org).

**Date:** February 20, 2010  
**Time:** 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
**Event:** St. Louis African-American History and Genealogy Conference  
**Place:** Harris-Stowe State University  
3026 Laclede Avenue

Special guests to include Shamele Jordon, historian and genealogy researcher; John Baker, author; and Ruth Hagar, genealogist, lecturer and author. Admission is $40/non-members, $35/members and free to 30
HSSU students. Sponsored by HSSU AT&T Library, St. Louis African-American History and Genealogy, and HSSU Urban Specializations Department. **Contact:** Barbara N. Noble at 314/340-3621 or nobleb@hssu.edu, or Jim Vincent at chip31@mindspring.com.

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Surround yourself only with people who are going to lift you higher.

*Oprah Winfrey*

*Entertainer and Entrepreneur*
Date: February 20, 2010
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Event: RACE - Are We So Different?
Place: Maryville University
Meet at DUC to leave for the Museum
650 Maryville University Drive

“Race is a powerful concept that shapes how one sees others and is seen by others, yet the public poorly understands what race is. Inherent assumptions and misconceptions about race affect scientific and scholarly research. To clarify what race is and what race isn’t, the American Anthropological Association (AAA), with its sections, members and other science and humanities organizations, including the Science Museum of Minnesota, developed an interactive museum exhibit.”

Date: February 20, 2010
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Event: Feed the Hungry
Place: Compton Hill MB Church
3141 LaSalle St.

Food baskets distributed to needy families from various schools. Must be on the referral list. Sponsored by the Compton Hill Usher Board. Contact: Pamela Wallace at 314/585-8554.
Date: February 20, 2010
Time: 2 p.m.
Event: Gitana Productions presents
Living the Dream
Place: St. Louis Public Library
        Carpenter Branch
        3309 S. Grand Blvd.

A dramatic presentation that focuses on the principles of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This dramatization, performed by youth, will share relationships in the family, within the community and on a global basis. The youth will also perform using some dance and music in their presentation. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Many of the ugly pages of American history have been obscured and forgotten…
America owes a debt of justice, which it has only begun to pay.
If it loses the will to finish or slackens in its determination, history will recall its crimes and the country that would be great will lack the most indispensable element of greatness – justice.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Date: February 20, 2010  
Time: 2 p.m.  
Event: A Reception for “D’Poet”  
Place: St. Louis Public Library  
    Baden Branch  
    848 Church Road

David A.N. Jackson is a multi-disciplinary performer endearingly known throughout the region as “D’Poet.” Formerly a featured artist with NGOMA!, an ensemble of drummers, dancers and poets, Jackson is appreciated as an artist, a percussionist, wood sculptor, poet and vocalist. He will be performing his poetry, and his artwork will be displayed at the Baden Branch during the month of February. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 20, 2010  
Time: 3–5 p.m.  
Event: Sylvester Brown Jr. Discussion  
Place: Afro World International  
    7276 Natural Bridge Road
Journalist/writer Sylvester Brown Jr. discusses “post-racial” priorities, his passions and projects since leaving the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. **Contact:** 314/389-5194.

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**Date:** February 21, 2010  
**Time:** TBA  
**Event:** Multicultural Service and Jessie Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund Drive  
**Place:** Solomon Temple Baptist Church  
4859 St. Louis Avenue

Multicultural service and scholarship drive for high school seniors entering college on a needs basis from St. Louis City and St. Louis County. Special guests will include Rev. A.L. Manson Jr., Jordon Airs gospel singers, Combination Praise singers and Joys of Glory gospel singers. A free will donation will be accepted. Sponsored by Joys of Glory gospel singers and Jessie Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund committee.  
**Contact:** Mary Ross at 314/401-7979, or Hattie Hardin at 314/862-4203.

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**Date:** February 22, 2010  
**Event:** 2010 National African-American Read In  
**Times and locations for the panel readings:**  
* Cafeteria - 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  
* Highlander Lounge - 6–8 p.m.  
* Forest Park Children’s Center – 10–10:30 a.m.  
**Hosted by:** St. Louis Community College  
– Forest Park
St. Louis Community College – Forest Park will host a read in as part of the 21st National African-American Read In. It is sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of English Teachers and the National Council of Teachers of English along with being endorsed by the International Reading Association. Students, faculty, staff and community members will read from books written by African-American authors throughout the day at various locations on campus. Both professional and novice authors will be showcased. The campus library will highlight African-American authors in the library display cases and the campus television monitors throughout the school will show participants reading during the day. Contact: Harriette Scott, Early Care and Education at 314/644-9682 or hscott@stlcc.edu.

Nothing can dim the light which shines from within.

Maya Angelou
Entertainer and Writer

Date: February 22, 2010
Time: 4 p.m.
Event: A Taste of Black History
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Baden Branch
8448 Church Road

Enjoy a sweet treat made possible by an African-American inventor. For grades 6-
12. All programs begin at 4 p.m. **Contact:**
Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or
lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** February 22, 2010  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Event:** Black History Month Film Series -  
*The Two Nations of Black America*  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Schlafly Branch  
225 N. Euclid Avenue

Key issues that impact the economic growth of African-Americans. There is a growing economic divide in black America. Today, America's black middle class is the largest in its history, yet roughly one-third of black America still lives in poverty. The film measures the economic and social success of the civil rights movement and the gap between middle class and poor African-Americans through interviews with noted African-Americans and historical film footage. There will be a discussion and refreshments after each film. All Ages.  
**Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** February 22, 2010  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Event:** Where Would We Be Without Thee  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Oak Bend Branch  
842 S. Holmes Avenue

In this history-packed, educational program, storyteller Loretta Washington portrays Phyllis Wheatley, Sojourner Truth, Harriet
Tubman and Renee. All of these women were front-line warriors in the time of slavery. Come, see and hear about their struggles in this unforgettable program. Recommended for second grade and up. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

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**Date:** February 23, 2010  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  
**Event:** Book Interpretation – *The Pursuit of Happiness*, Written by Christopher Gardner  
**Place:** St. Louis Community College  
Forest Park  
5600 Oakland Avenue  
Highlander Lounge

Facilitated by Kimberly Hill, Counselor, Upward Bound, *Your Pursuit of Happiness*:
Overcoming Adversity and Achieving Success. Adapted from Christopher Gardner’s book *The Pursuit of Happyness*, the community, all students, staff and faculty are invited to participate in a lively discussion of one man’s tenacity and determination. The book *The Pursuit of Happyness* was written by Mr. Christopher Gardner, detailing his rise from a homeless man striving to raise his son alone to the self-made millionaire and founder of a thriving brokerage firm. Specific knowledge of the book is not required to attend the discussion. Presenter: Kim Hill, Upward Bound Program, St. Louis Community College. **Contact:** Philishea Ingram at 314/644-9136 or Pingram@stlcc.edu.

Margaret Bush Wilson played a role in the landmark Shelley vs. Kraemer case, which went to the U.S. Supreme Court, putting an end to restrictive covenants used to prevent blacks from buying homes in some sections of St. Louis.

**Date:** February 23, 2010  
**Time:** 1 p.m.  
**Event:** Black History Month Speaker  
**Place:** Harris-Stowe State University  
Main Auditorium  
3026 Laclede Avenue  

Guest speaker TBA. Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. **Contact:** 314/340-5042.
Date: February 23, 2010  
Time: 4 p.m.  
Event: A Taste of Black History  
Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Machacek Branch  
6424 Scanlan Avenue

Enjoy a sweet treat made possible by an African-American inventor. For grades 6-12. All programs begin at 4 p.m.  
Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 23, 2010  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Event: All That Jazz  
Place: St. Louis Community College  
Forest Park  
5600 Oakland Avenue  
Highlander Lounge

Join St. Louis educator and jazz pianist, Violet “Ange” Nelson for an evening of jazz. Nelson will perform a number of jazz favorites for your listening pleasure. Coordinated by Carla Moody, Communications.  
Contact: Philishea Ingram at 314/644-9136 or PIngram@stlcc.edu.

Date: February 23, 2010  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Event: Pan African Drum Ensemble  
Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Schlafly Branch  
225 N. Euclid Avenue

Celebrate with rhythms from the River Niger to the Mississippi! Dennis Lebby and his ensemble will show how African
Like an unchecked cancer, hate corrodes the personality and eats away its vital unity. Hate destroys a man’s sense of values and his objectivity.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: February 24, 2010
Time: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Event: To Kill A Mockingbird – Movie and Panel Discussion
Place: St. Louis Community College
Forest Park
5600 Oakland Avenue
Highlander Lounge

Regarded as a masterpiece of American literature, To Kill A Mockingbird is a timeless story of growing up in the South. This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel became an instant bestseller when first published in 1960 and later was made into a classic film. The year 2010, marks the 50th anniversary of this classic tale. Join the Tomorrow’s Pre-Law Club of St. Louis Community College-Forest Park for viewing of the movie and panel discussion immediately after the movie. Contact: Eloise Finney, Academic Adviser/Club Adviser.
Date: February 24, 2010
Time: 4 p.m.
Event: A Taste of Black History
Place: St. Louis Public Library
       Buder Branch
       4401 Hampton Avenue

Enjoy a sweet treat made possible by an African-American inventor. For grades 6-12. All programs begin at 4 p.m. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 24, 2010
Time: 4 p.m.
Event: Add It Up! With Mr. Music and Bebop
Place: St. Louis Public Library
       Baden Branch
       8448 Church Road

Learn life skills through the kid-friendly language of music. Instruments provided. Singing and participation encouraged. Ages
Date: February 24, 2010
Time: 6–8 p.m.
Event: Black History Program
Place: Hazelwood West High School Auditorium
#1 Wildcat Lane

“This Is It” tribute to Michael Jackson and other African-American musicians. The program will also honor the PTSA President, Helena Smith. Performances by saxophonist Mike Fitzgerald and African dancers. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Hazelwood West High Gospel Choir.
Contact: Andrea Flynn at 314/953-5804 or aflynn@hazelwoodschools.org.

Date: February 24, 2010
Time: 7 p.m.
Event: Black History Month Celebration
Place: St. Louis County Library Indian Trails Branch
8400 Delport Drive

Come out to celebrate Black History Month through music, crafts, poetry, dance and stories. We will honor past and present achievements of African-Americans and will learn about leaders and events that helped shape our lives. We will also hold a poetry contest for the best poem written for black history month, so bring out your friends and family for fun, food and togetherness! All ages. Registration recommended. Please register at the desk or by calling 314/994-3300.
Martin Luther King Jr. went to Memphis to march in support of garbage workers who were striking for union recognition and a fair wage. He was shot and killed on April 4, 1968, from a window overlooking his motel.

*Quote from “Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, An Ebony Picture Biography”*

Date: February 25, 2010
Time: Noon
Event: Taste of Soul
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
    Dining Hall Annex
    3026 Laclede Avenue

Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. **Contact:** 314/340-5042.

Date: February 25, 2010
Time: 4 p.m.
Event: A Taste of Black History
Place: St. Louis Public Library
    Carpenter Branch
    3309 S. Grand Blvd.

Enjoy a sweet treat made possible by an African-American inventor. For grades 6-12.
**Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.
Date: February 25, 2010  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Event: Black History Month  
Documentary Series – A History of Black Achievement in America  
Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Julia Davis Branch  
4415 Natural Bridge Ave.  

Program Seven and Eight. This original, eight-part series documents Black achievement in American history, its defining role in the growth of the country and its influence on current events. Presented by James Avery. Contact: Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 25, 2010  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Event: Black History Month Film Festival  
- Once Upon a Time…When We Were Colored  
Place: St. Louis County Library  
Bridgeton Trails Branch  
3455 McKelvey Road  

Based on the autobiographical novel by Clifton Taubert, this film shows life in the black neighborhood of Glen Allan, Mississippi, from the mid-‘40s to the civil rights movement. Registration required. Please call 314/994-3300 or stop by the desk, Room 1, to register. Adults.
Date: February 25, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Event: Teen Book Discussion Group
Place: St. Louis County Library
       Lewis & Clark Branch
       9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.

We will discuss the book that you picked in January to read in honor of Black History Month, sample some ethnic foods and learn a few recipes. Ages 12-18. Registration required, please stop by or call 314/994-3300 to register.

Date: February 25, 2010
Time: 7 p.m.
Event: Black History Bingo
Place: St. Louis County Library
       Jamestown Bluffs Branch
       4153 N. Highway 67

Bring the family and brush up on your black history while playing bingo. Let’s see if you know the African-American inventors, entrepreneurs, actors, scientists and teachers of the past and present. Recommended for all ages. Registration required. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact: 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.

Margaret Busch Wilson was a pioneer among blacks and women, serving as the first black woman to chair the board of the NAACP.
Date: February 25 – 28, 2010
Event: Big XII Conference on Black Student Government

University of Texas at Austin. Contact: Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684 or dcarter@maryville.edu.

Date: February 26-28, 2010
Time: February 26 – 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; February 27 and 28 – 8 p.m.
Event: The Piano Lesson
Place: Harris-Stowe State University Emerson Performance Center Theatre 3026 Laclede Avenue

The Piano Lesson, a Pulitzer-prize winning play by August Wilson, takes place in 1936, Depression Era America. The story centers on the Charles family in Pittsburgh. The focal point of the play is a 137-year-old piano that serves as a reminder to the Charles family's slavery legacy. Two siblings, Boy Willie and Berniece, debate on what should be done with their family
legacy. Boy Willie, a pragmatist, believes the piano should be sold; use the proceeds to purchase the land his slave ancestors worked, thus redeeming the inequities of the past. On the other hand, Berniece, an idealist, believes the piano should remain in the family as an heirloom and a constant reminder of the progress they have made. The play is complicated by the haunting of the Charles' house by a ghost who is an ancestor of their slave owners; a specter of America's slavery past. The play is directed by Faculty member Gregory S. Carr. Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. **Contact:** 314/340-5042.

**Date:** February 26, 2010  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Event:** Seeking Harmony and Empowerment Through Words: A Teen Essay/Oratorical Competition  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Headquarters  
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

Young people 12-18 are invited to practice their public speaking skills in front of a supportive community audience while also competing for fabulous prizes. Please pick up registration pamphlets at your local branch. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).
Date: February 27, 2010
Time: 1 p.m.
Event: St. Louis County Library Gift of Gospel Celebration
Place: St. Louis County Library
Lewis & Clark Branch
9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.

Clap your hands, stomp your feet and raise your voice as we celebrate gospel music through song, instrumental music and dance. Come and enjoy a myriad of gospel artists who will leave you feeling encouraged and inspired. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free and open to the public.

Contact: 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 27, 2010
Time: 1–5:30 p.m.
Event: Meet Two Authors
Place: Afro World International
7276 Natural Bridge Road

In Albany, Georgia, during his 1961-1962 anti-segregation campaign, King was jailed four times. Demonstrators held prayer vigils, one of which led to his arrest.

*Quote from “Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, An Ebony Picture Biography”*

Date: February 27, 2010  
Time: 2 p.m.  
Event: African-American Inventors  
Place: St. Louis County Library  
Jamestown Bluffs Branch  
4153 N. Highway 67

Learn about the marvelous inventions African-Americans have created over the centuries. We will introduce you to scientists, poets, inventors and many others who made a mark in history. You’ll even get a chance to create something yourself. Recommended for all ages. Registration required. Admission is free and open to the public.  
**Contact:** 314/994-3300 or visit the Web site at [www.scl.org](http://www.scl.org).

Date: February 27, 2010  
Time: 2 p.m.  
Event: African-American Inventors  
Place: St. Louis Public Schools  
Schlafly Branch  
225 N. Euclid Ave.

Carol Giles-Straight, subject specialist from St. Louis Public Library’s Business, Science

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and Technology Department, will talk about African-American inventors and their inventions. She will also give an overview of patents, what they are, and why they are of value and will discuss accomplishments made by African-Americans in science and medicine. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/367-4120 or lsmith@slpl.org.

**Date:** February 28, 2010  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Black History Month Celebration  
**Place:** St. Louis Community College –  
Forest Park  
Highlander Room  
5600 Oakland Avenue

Black History Essay Contest sponsored by Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc., Alpha Zeta Chapter. Admission is free. **Contact:** Betty Preston at 314/355-6024 or BettyM@aol.com.

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A 70-year-old Negro Woman, Sister Pollard, was asked one day while walking during the bus boycotts in Selma if she didn’t want a ride. When she answered “no,” the person said, “Well, aren’t you tired?” And with ungrammatical profundity, she said, “My feets is tired, but my soul is rested.”

*Quote from “Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, An Ebony Picture Biography”*
Date: February 28, 2010  
Time: 3 p.m.  
Event: Diversity Day  
Place: Compton Hill MB Church  
3141 LaSalle St.

Free will offering will be accepted.
Sponsored by Elmus Miller Jr.  
Contact: Elmus Miller Jr. at 314/355-1528.

Date: March 6, 2010  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Event: The PocketBook Monologues  
Place: St. Louis Community College  
Forest Park  
5600 Oakland Avenue  
Mildred E. Bastian Center for Performing Arts

St. Louis Community College - Forest Park proudly presents Sharon McGhee's, *The PocketBook Monologues*. McGhee, award-winning journalist and author, originally from St. Louis, MO, explores sexuality and sexual responsibility in addressing the HIV/AIDS crisis for women of color in her book and stage production. She has compiled a collection of stories from women of color who reveal their heartfelt emotions about intimacy. Their stories are brutally honest, funny and poignant. Sharon K. McGhee is currently the news director for WVON 1690A.M.  
Contact: Philishea Ingram 314/644-9136 or Bruce Munson 314/644-9656, Co-Chairs African-American History & Culture Committee.
Date: March 25, 2010
Time: 11 a.m.
Event: Book Discussion of Proud Shoes by Pauli Murray
Place: St. Louis Community College
Forest Park
5600 Oakland Avenue
Highlander Lounge

Join us for a panel discussion of Proud Shoes by Pauli Murray. Deborah Henry and Pamela Woods, Department of History, St. Louis Community College (SLCC) - Forest Park; Andrea Friedman, Associate Professor of History and Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies at Washington University; and James Harris and Lori Hirst, Department of English, SLCC-Forest Park, invite you to discuss the achievements of this remarkable woman's life and her family's history as written by Murray: Proud Shoes: The Story of an American Family. Coordinated by Lori Hirst, Department of English, SLCC.
Contact: Philishea Ingram at 314/644-9136 or PIngram@stlcc.edu.

Date: March 25, 2010
Time: 8 p.m.
Event: Black Rep Performance– Five
Guys Named Moe
Place: Maryville University
   Buder Family Student Commons
   650 Maryville University Drive

Meet at Donius University Center for a 7 p.m. departure if you need transportation. Nomax, whose girlfriend has left him and who is without money, finds Big Moe, Four-Eyed Moe, Eat Moe, No Moe and Little Moe emerging from his 1930s-style radio to comfort him. They sing the hit songs of songwriter and saxophonist Louis Jordan, whose new slant on jazz paved the way for rock’n’roll in the 1950s. Contact: Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684 or dcarter@maryville.edu.

Date: March 28, 2010
Time: 3 p.m.
Event: 150th Church Anniversary
Place: Compton Hill MB Church
   3141 LaSalle St.

The influence of the church. Reverend Oliver V. Carter and New Macedonia MB Church will be special guests. Salvation is free. Sponsored by the church at large. Contact: Elmus Miller Jr. at 314/355-1528.
Date: May 1, 2010  
Time: 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
Event: Hat Show  
“Rosebud of New York”  
Place: Afro World International  
7276 Natural Bridge Road  

Contact: 314/389-5194.

It’s better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared.

Whitney Young  
Civil Rights Activist

Date: May 9, 2010  
Time: 9 a.m.  
Event: Mother’s Day Breakfast  
Place: Compton Hill MB Church  
3141 LaSalle St.

Breakfast prepared by the men of Compton Hill for members and friends. Admission is free. Sponsored by the men of Compton Hill. Contact: Elmus Miller Jr. at 314/355-1528.

Date: June 27, 2010  
Time: 3 p.m.  
Event: Senior and Junior Usher Board Annual Day  
Place: Compton Hill MB Church  
3141 LaSalle St.
Special guests include Berean district churches. Admission is free. **Contact:** Kamela Wallace at 314/385-8554.

**Date:** July 18, 2010  
**Time:** 3 p.m.  
**Event:** Stamp Out Hunger  
**Place:** St. Paul Miracle Temple  
2906 Marcus Avenue

Serving the less fortunate with the necessities, not luxury. Special guests: Ivairs Gospel Singers and gospel Wings gospel singers. Free will offering or canned goods will be accepted. Sponsored by Joys of Glory gospel singers. **Contact:** Ira Eubanks at 314/533-8705 or Elmus Miller Jr. at 314/355-1528.

**Date:** July 18, 2010  
**Time:** 3 p.m.  
**Event:** United Voices of Praise Choir Annual Day  
**Place:** Compton Hill MB Church  
3141 LaSalle St.

Admission is free. **Contact:** Pamela Wallace at 314/385-8554.

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Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life…as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

*Booker T. Washington*  
*Educator*
Date: August 22, 2010  
Time: 3 p.m.  
Event: Men’s and Women’s Day  
Place: Compton Hill MB Church  
3141 LaSalle St.  

Men and women from the church speaking with the Compton Hill Men’s Chorus. Free will offering will be accepted. **Contact:** Elmus Miller Jr. at 314/355-1528.

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Date: September 19, 2010  
Time: 3 p.m.  
Event: 47th Year Anniversary  
Place: Solomon Temple MB Church  
4859 St. Louis Avenue  

Featuring Joys of Glory gospel singers, St. John MB Church choir and Solomon Temple MB choir. Free will offering will be accepted. Sponsored by the Joys of Glory gospel singers. **Contact:** Ira Eubanks at 314/533-8705.

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Date: September 26, 2010  
Time: 3 p.m.  
Event: Choir Day  
Place: Compton Hill MB Church  
3141 LaSalle St.  

Admission is free. Sponsored by the Gospel Choir. **Contact:** Virginia Bland at 314/524-1936.
Date: December 11 & 18, 2010  
Time: 1-5 p.m.  
Event: Soulful Santa  
Place: Afro World International  
7276 Natural Bridge Road  

Afro World Pictures - $10.  **Contact:** 314/389-5194.

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Date: December 17 & 19, 2010  
Time: Noon–5 p.m.  
Event: Stamp Out Hunger  
Place: Compton Hill MB Church  
3141 LaSalle St.  

Food baskets distributed to needy families from various schools including: Adams, Hickey, L’oeuvre, Peabody and Reverend Oliver Carter, Centerville, IL. Must be on referral list. Sponsored by Joys of Glory gospel singers.  **Contact:** Hattie L. Hardin at 314/862-4203 or Ira Eubanks at 314/533-8705.

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Date: December 18, 2010  
Time: 1 p.m.  
Event: Toys for Tots  
Place: Compton Hill MB Church  
3141 LaSalle St.  

Toys distributed to needy families from various schools: Adams, Hickey, L’ouverture and Peabody, and Yolanda Austin, Diane Bolden and Sherri Watkins. Must be on referral list. Sponsored by the church at large.  **Contact:** Elmus Miller Jr. at 314/353-7528 or Yolanda Austin at 314/864-8661.
Date: December 27, 2010  
Time: 3–5 p.m.  
Event: Kwanzaa Celebration  
Place: Afro World International  
7276 Natural Bridge Road

Afro World Pictures - $10. **Contact:** 314/389-5194

**2000 Feet, Inc.**  
**A Children’s Charity**

Provides brand new footwear to economically disadvantaged students enrolled in public elementary and secondary schools. A nonprofit 501©3 organization that relies solely on contributions. **Contact:** Elinor Nelson at www.2000Feet.org, or 636/447-6362 or shoes4kids@sbcglobal.net.

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Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.

*George Washington Carver  
Scientist and Inventor*
SPRINGFIELD

Date: January 17, 2010
Time: 3 p.m.
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King
Celebration
Place: Covenant of Grace Christian
Center
    713 S. Newton

A celebration featuring musical tributes, guest speakers, and much more. Admission is free. Sponsored by Covenant of Grace.
Contact: Rev. Tray Walton at 417/866-1125.
Date: January 18, 2010
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Freedom March
Place: Mediacom Ice Park
       635 E. Trafficway

Assemble at Mediacom Ice Park and proceed north across MLK Bridge to Central High School. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield Chapter NAACP. Contact: Francine Pratt at 916/541-1675 or francine9079@hotmail.com.

Date: January 18, 2010
Time: 10 a.m.
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Freedom Rally
Place: Central High School
       423 E. Central

A rally and program featuring Springfield city officials, guest speakers, music, and awards. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield Chapter NAACP. Contact: Francine Pratt at 916/541-1675 or francine9079@hotmail.com.

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Early in 1957 sixty black leaders founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and elected Martin Luther King Jr. president. In May he organized the Prayer Pilgrimage in Washington, D.C., the biggest civil rights demonstration that had been made by Negroes.

*Quote from “Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, An Ebony Picture Biography”*
Date: January 18, 2010  
Time: 1-5 p.m.  
Event: Springfield Multicultural Festival  
Place: Missouri State University  
Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts  
Corner of Cherry and John Q. Hammons Parkway

An opportunity to gather information, see multicultural performances, and celebrate ethnic and cultural diversity. Admission is free. Sponsored by Unite of Southwest Missouri, Inc. Contact: Samuel Knox at 417/864-7444 or unite_org@hotmail.com.

Date: January 21, 2010  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Event: An Evening of Reflection  
Place: Missouri State University  
Plaster Student Union Theatre  
901 S. National

A celebration of Dr. King’s life and legacy, featuring guest speakers, music, poetry, and dance. Followed by a reception. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Missouri State University Office of Multicultural Student Services. Contact: Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-3043 or multiculturalstudentservices@missouristate.edu.

Rob a people of their sense of history and you take away hope.

Wyatt T. Walker  
Minister and Civil Rights Activist
Date: January 22, 2010
Time: 8 p.m.
Event: An Evening of Jazz featuring the Russell Malone Quartet
Place: Missouri State University
Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts
Corner of Cherry and John Q.
Hammonds Parkway

A jazz concert featuring the self-taught Grammy-winning guitarist, Russell Malone, who is well known in the music world for his congenial, clever style and astounding versatility. Admission is $16-$26. Sponsored by the Missouri State University Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts. Contact: Randall Blackwood at 417/836-7678 or MissouriStateTIX@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 1, 2010
Time: 7 p.m.
Event: African American Heritage Month Kickoff Ceremony
Place: Missouri State University
Plaster Student Union Ballroom
901 S. National

A preview of African American Heritage Month activities, performances, and an historical overview of the celebration. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Missouri State University African-American Heritage Month Committee. Contact: Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-3043 or multiculturalstudentservices@missouristate.edu.
Date:  February 4, 2010
Time:  4 p.m.
Event:  The History of African/African-American Hair
Place:  Springfield Midtown Library
        397 E. Central

An overview, discussion, and demonstration tracing the evolution and diversity of African/African-American hair styles. Admission is free. Sponsored by Women of Purpose. Contact: Christine Peoples via email at peoplesphoto@hotmail.com.

Date:  February 11, 2010
Time:  11 a.m.
Event:  The Final Test: Darfur, Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect
Place:  Drury University
        Clara Thompson Hall
        900 N. Benton
Guest Speaker: Dr. William Schultz. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Drury University Convocation Committee. **Contact:** Dr. Peter Browning at 417/873-7879 or for a more detailed description, visit [www.druryedu/convo0910](http://www.druryedu/convo0910).

**Date:** February 13, 2010  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Event:** Christian Rap/Hip-Hop Concert  
**Place:** Missouri State University  
- Plaster Student Union Theatre  
- 901 S. National

An evening of praise and worship, featuring local and regional performers and artists. Admission is free. Sponsored by Women of Purpose. **Contact:** Christine Peoples via email at [peoplesphoto@hotmail.com](mailto:peoplesphoto@hotmail.com).

**Date:** February 17, 2010  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Ailey II  
**Place:** Missouri State University  
- Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts  
- Corner of Cherry and John Q. Hammons Parkway

An evening of dance, featuring one of the most popular dance groups in the US, an exceptional dance troupe that merges the spirit and energy of the country’s best young dance talent. Admission is $16-$26. Sponsored by the Missouri State University Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts. **Contact:** Randall Blackwood at 417/836-7678 or [MissouriStateTIX@missouristate.edu](mailto:MissouriStateTIX@missouristate.edu).
Date: February 20, 2010  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Event: African-American Heritage Month  
Stomp Down  
Place: Gillioz Theatre  
235 Park Central

An evening of music, dance, and lots of stepping featuring various chapters of the divine nine historically Black fraternities and sororities. Admission is $5-$15. Sponsored by the Missouri State University Multicultural Student Recruitment Team.  
Contact: Nikki Spencer at 314/941-6432 or multiculturalstudentservices@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 23, 2010  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Event: Let Your Light Shine  
Place: Missouri State University  
Ellis Recital Hall  
901 S. National

A vocal recital featuring Dr. Richard Todd Payne, Baritone. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Missouri State University African-American Heritage Month Committee.  
Contact: Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-3043 or multiculturalstudentservices@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 27, 2010  
Time: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Event: The State of Race Relations in Springfield  
Place: TBA
A panel discussion and community anti-racism training session focusing on education, business, and government. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Missouri State University African-American Heritage Month Committee and local churches. Contact: Wes Pratt at 417/836-3043 or multiculturalstudentservices@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 27, 2010  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Event: Zebedee R. Jones and the Rust College A Cappella Choir  
Place: Drury University  
   Clara Thompson Hall  
   900 N. Benton

A celebration of African-American heritage in song. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Drury University Convocation Committee. Contact: Dr. Peter Browning at 417/873-7879, or for a more detailed description, visit www.druryedu/convo0910.

Date: February 28, 2010  
Time: 4 p.m.  
Event: Gospel Extravaganza  
Place: Missouri State University  
   Plaster Student Union Theatre  
   901 S. National

A gospel concert featuring the MSU Gospel Choir, along with other choirs and soloists. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Missouri State University African-American Heritage Month Committee and MSU
Gospel Choir. **Contact:** Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-3043 or multiculturalstudentservices@missouristate.edu.
WARRENSBURG

Date: January 14, 2010
Time: 9 a.m.
Event: MLK Issues Forum
   “Civil Rights as a Social Contract: A Campus Dialogue”
Place: University of Central Missouri

Contact: Dale Carder, UCM Office of Corporate Relations at 660/543-4577 or the Office of Community Engagement at 660/543-4156.

Date: January 15, 2010
Time: 11:45 a.m.
Event: Chamber Luncheon
Place: TBA

Recipients of the Community Service Awards, presented in cooperation with the Greater Warrensburg Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, will be honored at the luncheon. Contact: Dale Carder, UCM Office of Corporate Relations at 660/543-4577 or the Office of Community Engagement at 660/543-4156.

Date: January 17, 2010
Event: Ecumenical Church Service
Place: Shiloh Baptist Church

Contact: Dale Carder, UCM Office of Corporate Relations at 660/543-4577 or the
Date: January 18, 2010  
Event: Annual MLK Gospel Concert

The Concert is presented in conjunction with the Performing Arts Series. Contact: Dale Carder, UCM Office of Corporate Relations at 660/543-4577 or the Office of Community Engagement at 660/543-4156.

Date: January 19, 2010  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Event: Annual Freedom Scholarship Dinner  
Place: University of Central Missouri  
     Elliott Union Ballroom

Brig. General Arnold N. Gordon-Bray, a 1978 alumnus of the University of Central Missouri and former member of the UCM Mules basketball team, will return to his alma mater as the keynote speaker for this event, which raises funds for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Scholarships. These scholarships are presented annually to high school students from Johnson County, MO, and the metropolitan Kansas City area, as well as students currently enrolled at UCM. Cynthia Newsome, weekend news anchor for KSHB-TV Channel 41, will serve as master of ceremonies for the event. The 2009 class of recipients of the scholarships, all of whom are currently enrolled at UCM, will be recognized at the dinner. Contact: Dale Carder, UCM Office of Corporate Relations at 660/543-4577 or the Office of Community Engagement at 660/543-4156.
Date: January 26-27, 2010  
Event: The MLK Challenge -  
Make It A Day On, Not a Day Off

University of Central Missouri students will participate in a day of community service, wrapping up the celebration with a Community Service Blood Drive. **Contact:** Dale Carder, UCM Office of Corporate Relations at 660/543-4577 or the Office of Community Engagement at 660/543-4156.
Date: January 10, 2010  
Time: 2:30 p.m.  
Event: Pre-Justice Sunday Celebration  
Place: Progressive Baptist Church  
1040 Rison Road

To learn more about Justice Sunday, go to www.nafj.org and click on promo film. Rev. Lawrence A. Ragland, host and pastor and 2009 Justice Sunday National Commissioner.

Date: January 17, 2010  
Time: 11 a.m.  
Event: Justice Sunday observed  
Place: Local Churches

Promoting a day on, not off. Do a service for someone else.
Date: January 17, 2010  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Event: Songs by Dr. King  
Place: Progressive Baptist Church  
1040 Rison Road  

Various choirs in the community will sing favorite songs of Dr. King.

Date: January 18, 2010  
Time: 10 a.m.  
Event: Community-Wide March  

March to the Henry County Courthouse.

Date: January 18, 2010  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Event: Community-Wide Worship  
Place: Progressive Baptist Church  
1040 Rison Road  

The community will gather for the final event of the 2010 King Holiday Celebration. Program will have readings, poems, singing and a guest speaker.

All above events in Paris, Tennessee, are sponsored by the Paris Henry County Ministerial Alliance. Contact: Rev. Lawrence A. Ragland, President, at 731/642-1844 or pastorpbctn@aol.com.
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial
“Build the Dream” Campaign

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Most people search high and wide for the keys to success. If they only knew, the key to their dreams lies within.

*George Washington Carver*

*Scientist and Inventor*
If any of you are around when I have to meet my
day, I don’t want a long funeral. And if you get
somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell him not to
talk too long. And every now and then I wonder
what I want him to say. Tell him not to mention
that I have a Nobel Peace Prize. That isn’t so
important. Tell him not to mention that I have
three or four hundred other awards – that’s not
important. Tell him not to mention where I went
to school.

I’d like somebody to mention that day that
Martin Luther King Jr. tried to give his life
serving others. I’d like for somebody to say that
day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to love
somebody. I want you to say that I tried to be
right on the war question. I want you to be able
to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry.
I want you to say that day that I did try in my
life to clothe those who were naked. I want you
to say on that day that I did try in my life to visit
those who were in prison. And I want you to
say that I tried to love and serve humanity……

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
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