



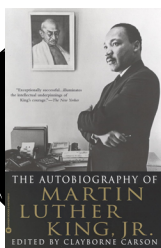
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Reader Resources

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The Wallingford Public Library has a variety of books and audio-visual materials about Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and legacy. We also offer 24/7 access to articles about MLK and the civil rights movement as a whole through our subscription databases, found on: walpublib.org/RacialJusticeResources

This list is just a sampling of what we have available—for more information, stop by the library and a staff member will be happy to help you!

for Adults



The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr. (Nonfiction)

by Martin Luther King, Jr. Edited by Clayborne Carson

Written in his own words, this history-making autobiography is Martin Luther King: the mild-mannered, inquisitive child and student who chafed under and eventually rebelled against segregation; the dedicated young minister who continually questioned the depths of his faith and the limits of his wisdom; the loving husband and father who sought to balance his family's needs with those of a growing, nationwide movement; and the reflective, world-famous leader who was fired by a vision of equality for people everywhere.



My Life with Martin Luther King, Jr. (Nonfiction)

by Coretta Scott King

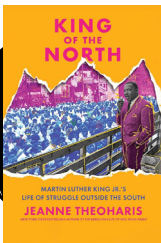
This personal, inspirational account of the history of the Civil Rights Movement describes the author's relationship with Martin Luther King, Jr., detailing their marriage, the events of the 1960s, and King's tragic assassination. Reprint.



Selma (2014 film)

directed by Ava Duvernay, starring David Oyelowo & Oprah Winfrey

A chronicle of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965.



King of the North:

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Life of Struggle Outside the South (Nonfiction)

by Jeanne Theoharis

Jeanne Theoharis argues that King's time in Boston, New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago—outside Dixie—was at the heart of his campaign for racial justice. King of the North follows King as he crisscrosses the country from the Northeast to the West Coast, challenging school segregation, police brutality, housing segregation, and job discrimination.

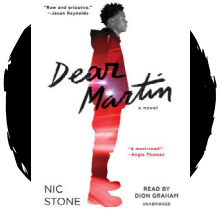


How Did Martin Luther King Jr. Get a Holiday? (Short Documentary)

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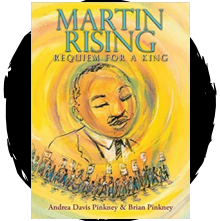
Did you know Martin Luther King Jr. Day wasn't celebrated in all 50 states until 2000? And that in order to create the holiday honoring the civil rights leader we needed help from Stevie Wonder and the National Football League. Why was this the case? Well MLK Jr, wasn't beloved by everyone during his life and winning the battle to create a holiday in his honor took a lot of work. How did it happen?

for Tweens and Teens



Dear Martin (Fiction) by Nic Stone

Justyce McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy League—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. And despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out.



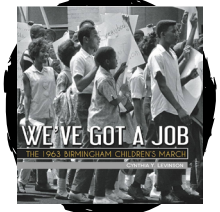
Martin Rising: Requiem for a King (Poetry) by Andrea Davis & Brian Pinkney

With imagination and power, the award-winning Pinkney duo celebrates MLK's nonviolent struggle for civil rights—as he transforms America through the spirit of love. In a rich embroidery of visions, musical cadence, and deep emotion, Andrea and Brian Pinkney convey the final months of Martin Luther King's life -- and of his assassination -- through metaphor, spirituality, and multilayers of meaning. Andrea's stunning poetic requiem, illustrated with Brian's lyrical and colorful artwork, brings a fresh perspective to Martin Luther King, the Gandhi-like, peace-loving activist whose dream of equality -- and whose courage to make it happen -- changed the course of American history.



March & Run (Graphic Novels) by John Lewis

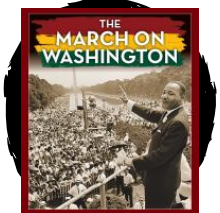
March is a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement. *Run* is The sequel to *March*—the continuation of the life story of John Lewis and the struggles seen across the United States after the Selma voting rights campaign.



We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March (Nonfiction) by Cynthia Levinson

We've Got a Job tells the little-known story of the 4,000 black elementary-, middle-, and high school students who voluntarily went to jail in Birmingham, Alabama, between May 2 and May 11, 1963. Fulfilling Mahatma Gandhi's and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s precept to fill the jails, they succeeded where adults had failed in desegregating one of the most racially violent cities in America. Focusing on four of the original participants who have participated in extensive interviews, *We've Got a Job* recounts the astonishing events before, during, and after the Children's March.

for Children & Families



The March on Washington (Nonfiction, Ages 9+)

by L.S. Summer

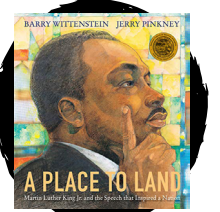
A look at the events led Martin Luther King, Jr., to develop his famous speech, "I Have a Dream."



Martin's Dream (Fiction, Ages 6-10)

by Christine Platt

For Black History Month, Ana & Andrew join a research group at the Community Center. They learn many interesting things about Martin Luther King Jr.! Later, with the help of some other children, they make one of Martin's famous dreams come true.



A Place To Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech that Inspired a Nation (Nonfiction, Ages 7+)

by Barry Wittenstein

Much has been written about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 1963 March on Washington. But there's little on his legendary speech and how he came to write it. Martin Luther King, Jr. was once asked if the hardest part of preaching was knowing where to begin. No, he said. The hardest part is knowing where to end. "It's terrible to be circling up there without a place to land."



Be a King (Fiction, Ages 5+)

See a class of young students as they begin a school project inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and learn to follow his example, as he dealt with adversity and never lost hope that a future of equality and justice would soon be a reality.