



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – 80th Birthday Celebration

January 15, 2009 marks the 80th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., renowned civil rights leader and tireless advocate for equal opportunity.

“*Dream to Reality*” honors the memory of Dr. King, while examining his legacy and the ongoing struggles of people everywhere to realize the fulfillment of his dream in their own lives and those of their children.

PURPOSE

- Renew awareness of our country’s historical treatment of civil rights issues
- Reawaken the passion for social and economic justice embodied in the life work of Dr. King
- Inspire new leadership in the ongoing effort to achieve full implementation of the vision
- Introduce the life and ideals of Dr. King to a new generation and to new immigrants

LIBRARY RESOURCES

- King Civil Rights Collection, 3rd Floor
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
- Cultural Heritage Center, 5th Floor
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
- SJSU Special Collections & California Room

LIBRARY RESOURCES

- African American Faculty & Staff Association
- Arts Council Silicon Valley
- Associated Students (SJSU)
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Santa Clara Valley
- Emmanuel Baptist Church
- Friends of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
- MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center (SJSU)
- SJSU Gospel Choir
- SJSU Theater Arts Department/Hal Todd Theater

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“Dream to Reality”



*A multi-faceted celebration
of the enduring legacy of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Thursday,
January 15, 2009**

Cake Ceremony
with Testimonials & Song
Story time & crafts

**Saturday,
January 17, 2009**

Story time & crafts
Resource Faire
Evening Tribute in
Gospel Music, Dance & Poetry

**Saturday
February 14, 2009**

Re-enactment of a Civil Rights March &
Ensnuing Court Battles

Speaker Panel: “Reinterpreting King’s
Dream for the 21st Century”

Evening Tribute in
Gospel Music, Dance & Poetry

For full details, see:

SJLibrary.org

or call (408) 808-2397

**SCHEDULE of ACTIVITIES at KING LIBRARY
and nearby Hal Todd Theater, Hugh Gillis Hall (SJSU)**

THU., Jan. 15

12:30 – 2 p.m.

“Happy Birthday Dr. King”

Cake ceremony kicked off by remarks from local officials, featuring songs and community members sharing their personal experience of the struggle for civil rights.

King Collection Area
3rd Floor

3:30 – 4 p.m.

Story Time in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Explore the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as themes of peace, friendship and diversity through books and songs.

King Library, Children’s Room,
Ground Floor

4 – 5 p.m.

Studio 150: Friendship Bracelets

Create a special bracelet to give to your friend or family member.

King Library, Children’s Room,
Ground Floor

SAT., Jan. 17

11 – 11:30 a.m.

Story Time – Themes of peace, friendship and diversity, featuring Jacqueline Woodson’s *The Other Side*.

King Library, Children’s Room,
Ground Fl.

SAT., Jan. 17 cont’d

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Resource Faire

A gathering of civil rights and social service agencies share information on available resources.

King Library, 4th St. Lobby,
Ground Fl.

5:30 – 9 p.m.

“Evening Tribute to Dr. King”

Gospel music, poetry with drumming, youth song and dance, rendition of “I Have a Dream.” Reception follows.

Hal Todd Theater, Hugh Gillis
Hall, S. 5th & E. San Fernando St.

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King Library, Children’s Room,
Ground Fl.

11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Re-enactment of civil rights march

Community participation invited to bring highlight the power of exercising the First Amendment right to free assembly to effect social change, non-violently.

SJSU campus starting from King
Library, 4th St. Lobby

SAT., Feb. 14 cont’d

1 – 2 p.m.

Re-enactment of civil rights courtroom scene, performed by **Jaliya**

Hal Todd Theater, Hugh Gillis
Hall, S. 5th & E. San Fernando St.

2:25 – 4:15 p.m.

Speaker Panel:

“Reinterpreting King’s Dream for the 21st Century”

A multicultural community panel discusses Dr. King’s legacy in the context of current events

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