



ABOUT THE KIT

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission, National Library Involvement Committee has developed a kit for your use in planning and implementing activities to commemorate the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 15 marks the birthday of Dr. King, who became a symbol of brotherhood throughout the world. His birthday has been designated as a national holiday. On January 21, 1991, schools, libraries, and other groups across the nation will conduct appropriate programs and activities to honor Dr. King's memory.

Dr. King taught that freedom for all humankind is built on the foundation of justice for all, respect for the rights of others, and appreciation for the strengths and cultural diversity of all people.

The kit is for your enrichment and can be utilized to introduce or to continue meaningful celebrations by libraries (school, public, academic and special), schools, churches, and community groups. These ideas can be adapted for in-house, community-based, cooperative, regional, statewide and national use. Further, the contents can be used as a springboard for activities in crafts, recreational reading, writing, speaking and critical thinking.

Different users will find different activities of particular use to them, and can pick and choose among those activities as from any source of suggested programs and resources.

Information was pooled and compiled from various sources for sharing with you, and we are indebted to those individuals and groups. Special gratitude goes to the members of the Kit Sub-Committee, who worked diligently to collect and assemble materials.

We urge you to adapt and utilize the Kit to reflect on Dr. King's work as a source of ideas for renewing your commitment to equality and peace for all.

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