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### December 2025 – February 2026: various weekends

#### Voices of Justice and a Legacy of Freedom

- **Time:** *contact for information*
- **Location:** Huaxia Chinese School at Plainsboro, local libraries, and selected senior centers.
- **Organizer:** Huaxia Chinese School at Plainsboro, NJ \*
- **Description:** Interviewing Civil Rights Veterans; Arts and Poetry Exhibition; Community Presentation and Reflection
- **Social Media:** [Instagram email](#)

### January 10, 2026

#### Civic Education: *Where Do We Go From Here? Chaos or Community?*

- **Time:** 3:00pm - 6:30pm
- **Location:** Thomas Fortune Cultural Center, Red Bank, NJ
- **Organizer:** New Jersey Orators, Inc. \*
- **Description:** Workshop conducted by students discussing MLK's impact.
- **Social Media:** [Facebook](#), [Website](#), [newjerseyorators@aol.com](mailto:newjerseyorators@aol.com)

#### MLK26 Commemorative Veterans Employment and Entrepreneurship Workshop

- **Time:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (inclement weather date Jan 17)
- **Location:** Community Hope 151 Knollcroft Rd, Lyons NJ Bldg 53
- **Organizer:** New Jersey Veterans Network \*
- **Description:** Workshop aimed at empowering unemployed and underemployed veterans.
- **Social Media:** Phone: 973-332-1556

#### From Declaration to Dream: A Statewide Assembly of Freedom & Democracy thru Art

- **Time:** 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- **Location:** Red Bank Assembly, Two River Theater, Rm. A
- **Organizer:** Friends of the Howe House with the T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center \*
- **Description:** Civic programming featuring art and dialogue reflecting on the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and MLK's legacy.
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### January 12, 2026

#### Food Packing Event

- **Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **Location:** TBD (possibly Freehold Open Door Food Pantry)
- **Organizer:** AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassadors Program
- **Description:** *Capacity-limited* food packing event/contact to confirm space & location
- **Social Media:** [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#)

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### January 14, 2026

#### Abrigos con Amor (Coats with Love)

- **Time:** 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- **Location:** 273 Oliver Street, Newark, NJ (Parking lot & inside the Agency)
- **Organizer:** East Ward Community Center \*
- **Description:** Bilingual winter clothing drive for Latino families in need. Event includes hot beverages, music, and resource tables for housing, employment, and health services.
- **Social Media:** [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)

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### January 16, 2026

#### The Manchester School District Gospel Chorus *57th Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

- **Time:** 6:30 pm
- **Location:** Manchester Township High School \*
- **Organizer:** Manchester School District Gospel Chorus
- **Description:** Discussion about impact of Dr. King followed by a Tribute performance by the Gospel Chorus.
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### January 17, 2026

#### MLK Day of Service

- **Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- **Location:** Two Academy Drive, Westampton, NJ
- **Organizer:** Burlington County 4-H Leaders Council Inc. \*
- **Description:** Hands-on service projects benefiting the community.
- **Social Media:** [Facebook](#)

#### City of Bridgeton Martin Luther King Jr. Day Cleanup

- **Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- **Location:** 1 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Bridgeton, NJ
- **Organizer:** American Littoral Society \*
- **Description:** Cleanup of wooded area along Pamphylia Ave.
- **Social Media:** [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)

#### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 11th Annual Read-In & Luncheon

- **Time:** 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- **Location:** The Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University, Atlantic City, NJ
- **Organizer:** Atlantic City Free Public Library \*
- **Description:** Read King's speeches and reflect on his life and legacy with performance by Atlantic City High School choir and live jazz band followed by luncheon for participants.
- **Social Media:** [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)

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### MLK DAY January 19, 2026

#### MLK Day of Service for Youth

- **Time:** 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
- **Location:** Mercer Street Friends Food Bank, 3 Graphics Drive, Ewing, NJ
- **Organizer:** Mercer Street Friends \*
- **Description:** Food packing event designed for youth participants with educational context from speakers and staff who will share real stories & data about local food insecurity & the critical role of community action
- **Social Media:** [Website](#)



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### MLK DAY January 19, 2026 cont.

#### “Visions of Freedom”: MLK Day Symposium 2026

- **Time:** 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
- **Location:** Bethany Hall, Room A, Seton Hall University (South Orange campus)
- **Organizer:** Seton Hall University \*
- **Description:** The 250th birthday of USA as viewed through analysis from Martin Luther King Jr. and the fields & disciplines of Africana studies, history and social justice studies by Faculty & student scholars at Seton Hall.
- **Social Media:** [Website](#), [email](#)

#### MLK Jr: 1968 Through 2026 - *Oral Histories*

- **Time:** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
- **Location:** Tenaflly Public Library, 100 Riveredge Rd, Tenaflly, NJ
- **Organizer:** Eloquence Academy, Inc. \*
- **Description:** Oral history project and roundtable civil rights discussions
- **Social Media:** **WEBSITE:** [Eloquence Academy](#)

#### MLK Day Community Roundtable Discussion

- **Time:** 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- **Location:** 399-417 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ
- **Organizer:** Congregational Baptist Church \*
- **Description:** Community engagement & unity program with resource handouts ending with fellowship in sharing Dr. King's favorite meal.
- **Social Media:** [Facebook](#)

#### Dr. King's Dreams for "*We the People*"

- **Time:** 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
- **Location:** Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666
- **Organizer:** Martin Luther King Jr Birthday Committee of Bergen County \*
- **Description:** Program about Dr. King and 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence featuring music, poetry, and presentation of awards & scholarships.
- **Social Media:** [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Livestream](#)



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#### Breakfast for Freedom

- **Time:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- **Location:** The Gibson House, 535 E Main Street , Marlton, NJ
- **Organizer:** Township of Evesham \*
- **Description:** Youth-led panel, interactive workshops and creative presentations connecting MLK's legacy with the Declaration of Independence.
- **Social Media:** [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#)

#### Serve with Senator Singleton (**SOLD OUT**)

- **Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **Location:** Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Maple Shade, NJ
- **Organizer:** Senator Troy Singleton (LD-7)
- **Description:** \* **SOLD OUT** \* Community service project in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity.
- **Social Media:** [Website](#)

#### Cleanup in Cramer Hill Nature Preserve, Camden

- **Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **Location:** Cramer Hill Nature Preserve, Camden
- **Organizer:** AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassadors with South Jersey Land and Water Trust
- **Description:** Community clean-up event. REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- **Social Media:** [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#)

#### Cleanup in Northeast NJ

- **Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **Location:** TBD Northeast NJ
- **Organizer:** AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassadors with Hackensack Riverkeeper
- **Description:** Community clean-up event. REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- **Social Media:** [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#)



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- **Time:** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
- **Location:** Tenaflly Public Library, 100 Riveredge Rd, Tenaflly, NJ
- **Organizer:** Eloquence Academy, Inc. \*
- **Description:** Oral history project and roundtable civil rights discussions
- **Social Media:** [Website](#)

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### January 22, 2026

#### Cleanup at South Riverwalk Park, Trenton

- **Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **Location:** South Riverwalk Park, Trenton
- **Organizer:** AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassadors with Mercer County Parks Department
- **Description:** Community clean-up event. (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
- **Social Media:** [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#)

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### January 23, 2026

#### Inclusive Excellence Law Student Summit: MLK Justice & Leadership Boot Camp

- **Time:** 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
- **Location:** New Jersey Law Center (New Jersey State Bar Association) New Brunswick, NJ
- **Organizer:** Garden State Bar Association \*
- **Description:** An MLK-inspired, in-person law student boot camp focused on leadership development, professional readiness, mentorship, and strengthening the pipeline to the legal profession.  
FOR: Minority law students from across the State of New Jersey (open to all eligible law students consistent with applicable requirements)
- **Social Media:** [email](#) REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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### January 25, 2026

#### Carrying the Dream Forward: *An Intro to Dr. King's Nonviolence Legacy*

- **Time:** 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
- **Location:** Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice HQ, 12 Stockton St., Princeton, NJ
- **Organizer:** Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice \*
- **Description:** Workshop on Dr. King's philosophy of nonviolence: short lessons, meaningful conversation, and interactive exercises to show how nonviolence remains a powerful, practical tool for navigating conflict and building stronger communities today
- **Social Media:** [Website](#)

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### February 7, 2026

#### From Declaration to Dream: A Statewide Assembly of Freedom & Democracy thru Art

- **Time:** 10:00am – 1:00 pm
- **Location:** Montclair Assembly, Montclair Public Library
- **Organizer:** Friends of the Howe House with the T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center \*
- **Description:** Civic programming featuring art and dialogue reflecting on the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and MLK's legacy.
- **Social Media:** [Website](#), [Facebook](#)

#### Echoes of Movement: Remembering, Reflecting, Reclaiming

- **Time:** 11:00 am
- **Location:** 42 Pennington Avenue, Trenton
- **Organizer:** Greater Mt. Zion CDC \*
- **Description:** Community dialogue exploring the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement and Trenton's Free African Society through storytelling and creative expression.
- **Social Media:** [Website](#), [Facebook](#)

#### MLK Commemorative Program & Centennial Kickoff Ceremony

- **Time:** 12N
- **Location:** Wayne R. Bryant Community Center
- **Organizer:** Borough of Lawnside with Lawnside Public Schools \*
- **Description:** Commemorative program for borough residents and Lawnside Public School students.
- **Social Media:** [Website](#)



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February 18, 2026

Screening & Talkback: [\*The Price of Silence, Parts I & II\*](#)

- **Time:** 7:00 pm
- **Location:** Fair Lawn Community Center Theater, Fair Lawn, NJ
- **Organizer:** Fair Lawn Main Street Incorporated \*
- **Description:** Film screening and community discussion with live interaction with historians feature in film. honoring MLK and Black History Month.
- **Social Media:** [Website](#)