



NEW JERSEY

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission

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2026 MLK DAY COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2026

DEC 2025 - FEB 2026

Voices of Justice & Legacy of Freedom

WEEKENDS • PLAINSBORO & VARIOUS
Interviewing Civil Rights Veterans; Arts/Poetry
Exhibition.
Host: Huaxia Chinese School at Plainsboro*

SAT, JAN 10

Civic Education: Chaos or Community?

3:00PM - 6:30PM • THOMAS FORTUNE CTR, RED
BANK
Workshop by students discussing MLK's impact.
Host: New Jersey Orators, Inc.*

SAT, JAN 10

Veterans Employment Workshop

10:00AM - 4:00PM • COMMUNITY HOPE, LYONS
Empowering unemployed/underemployed veterans.
Host: New Jersey Veterans Network*

SAT, JAN 10

From Declaration to Dream

3:00PM - 6:00PM • TWO RIVER THEATER, RED BANK
Art & dialogue on Declaration, Constitution & MLK.
Host: Friends of Howe House*

MON, JAN 12

Food Packing Event

10:00AM - 12:00PM • FREEHOLD (TBD)
Capacity-limited food packing event.
Host: AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassadors

WED, JAN 14

Abrigos con Amor (Coats with Love)

10:00AM - 5:00PM • 273 OLIVER ST, NEWARK
Bilingual winter clothing drive for Latino families.
Host: East Ward Community Center*

FRI, JAN 16

57th Annual Gospel Chorus Tribute

6:30PM • MANCHESTER TWP HIGH SCHOOL
Discussion & tribute performance by Gospel Chorus.
Host: Manchester School District Gospel Chorus*

SAT, JAN 17

MLK Day of Service

10:00AM - 1:00PM • 2 ACADEMY DR, WESTAMPTON
Hands-on community service projects.
Host: Burlington County 4-H Leaders Council*

SAT, JAN 17

Bridgeton MLK Day Cleanup

10:00AM - 1:00PM • 1 MLK JR WAY, BRIDGETON
Cleanup of wooded area along Pamphylia Ave.
Host: American Littoral Society*

SAT, JAN 17

11th Annual Read-In & Luncheon

2:00PM - 4:00PM • NOYES ARTS GARAGE, AC
Read speeches, choir performance & luncheon.
Host: Atlantic City Free Public Library*

MON, JAN 19 **MLK DAY**

MLK Day of Service for Youth

9:00AM - 12:30PM • MERCER ST FRIENDS, EWING
Youth food packing event with educational speakers.
Host: Mercer Street Friends*

MON, JAN 19 **MLK DAY**

"Visions of Freedom" Symposium

8:30AM - 12:30PM • SETON HALL UNIV, S. ORANGE
Analysis of MLK & USA's 250th birthday.
Host: Seton Hall University*

MON, JAN 19 **MLK DAY**

Oral Histories: 1968 - 2026

10:00AM - 3:00PM • TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Oral history project & roundtable discussions.
Host: Eloquence Academy, Inc.*

MON, JAN 19 **MLK DAY**

Community Roundtable Discussion

12:00PM - 3:00PM • 399-417 BERGEN ST, NEWARK
Community engagement & unity program with meal.
Host: Congregational Baptist Church*

MON, JAN 19 **MLK DAY**

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

6:30PM - 9:30PM • TEMPLE EMETH, TEANECK
Music, poetry, and awards presentation.
Host: MLK Birthday Cmte of Bergen County*

MON, JAN 19 **MLK DAY**

Breakfast for Freedom

9:00AM - 12:00PM • THE GIBSON HOUSE, MARLTON
Youth-led panel & interactive workshops.
Host: Township of Evesham*

MON, JAN 19 **MLK DAY**

Serve with Senator Singleton

10:00AM - 12:00PM • MAPLE SHADE (SOLD OUT)
Habitat for Humanity service project.
Host: Senator Troy Singleton

MON, JAN 19 **MLK DAY**

Cramer Hill Nature Preserve Cleanup

10:00AM - 12:00PM • CAMDEN, NJ
Community clean-up. Registration Required.
Host: AmeriCorps NJ Watershed / SJ Land Trust

MON, JAN 19 **MLK DAY**

Cleanup in Northeast NJ

10:00AM - 12:00PM • TBD NORTHEAST NJ
Community clean-up. Registration Required.
Host: AmeriCorps NJ Watershed / Hackensack Rvrkpr

TUE, JAN 20

Oral Histories: 1968 - 2026

10:00AM - 3:00PM • TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Oral history project & roundtable discussions.
Host: Eloquence Academy, Inc.

THU, JAN 22

South Riverwalk Park Cleanup

10:00AM - 12:00PM • TRENTON, NJ
Community clean-up. Registration Required.
Host: AmeriCorps NJ Watershed / Mercer Parks

FRI, JAN 23

Inclusive Excellence Law Summit

9:30AM - 3:00PM • NJ LAW CENTER, NEW
BRUNSWICK
MLK-inspired leadership boot camp for students.
Host: Garden State Bar Association*

SUN, JAN 25

Carrying the Dream Forward

2:30PM - 4:30PM • BAYARD RUSTIN CTR, PRINCETON
Workshop on nonviolence philosophy.
Host: Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice*

SAT, FEB 7

From Declaration to Dream

10:00AM - 1:00PM • MONTCLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY
Civic programming on Constitution & MLK legacy.
Host: Friends of Howe House*

SAT, FEB 7

Echoes of Movement

11:00AM • 42 PENNINGTON AVE, TRENTON
Community dialogue on Civil Rights.
Host: Greater Mt. Zion CDC*

SAT, FEB 7

Centennial Kickoff Ceremony

12:00PM • WAYNE R. BRYANT CTR, LAWSIDE
Commemorative program for residents.
Host: Borough of Lawnside*

WED, FEB 18

Screening: The Price of Silence

7:00PM • FAIR LAWN COMMUNITY CENTER
Film screening and community discussion.
Host: Fair Lawn Main Street Inc.*



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