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## NJ MLK COMMISSION SPONSORED EVENTS 2025

**12/12/24**

### **National Coalition of 100 Black Women Bergen/Passaic Chapter**

Teaneck High School  
100 Elizabeth Ave, Teaneck, NJ 07666

### **Two Smart 2 Start (Youth Substance Use/Misuse Prevention)**

*"Children's Crusade" (Student Movements-Past, Present and Future) and "Two Smart 2 Start" (ATOD-Alcohol, Tobacco & Drugs Education/Prevention program)*

**1/18/25 – 1/30/25**

### **Literacy New Jersey**

**1/18/25 Mercer 10:30A:** 1 North Johnston Ave. Suite A204, Hamilton 08609

**1/18/25 Sussex 3P:** Newton Presbyterian Church, 54 High Street, Newton 07860

**1/21/25 Burlington 6P:** Willingboro Library, 220 Willingboro Wy, Willingboro 08046

**1/22/25 Monmouth 10A:** Eastern Branch Library, 1001 Broad Street, Shrewsbury 07702

**1/22/25 Union 6P:** Elizabeth Public Library, 11 S. Broad St. Elizabeth 07202

**1/22/25 Hudson 6P:** Kearny Public Library, 318 Kearny Avenue, Kearny 07032

**1/23/25 Middlesex 7P:** Woodbridge Public Library/Fords branch, 211 Fords Ave., Fords, 08863

**1/30/25 Gloucester 10A** Woodbury Library 33 Delaware St #5998, Woodbury 08096

### **MLK Service Celebrations**

*Community gatherings in each location that include students, tutors, staff, elected officials, partner agencies, and community members. Celebrate our volunteers' commitment to service, and demonstrate how serving can positively impact individuals in your local community.*

**01/04/25 & 01/11/25 & 1/18/25 & 01/25/25 & 2/01/25 & 02/08/25**

### **Purpose Driven Girlz Learning Center Inc.**

A local minority owned restaurant in the neighborhood

### **BLACK FOLKS VOTE COUNT**

*It is the intent of our organization to host six (6) roundtable conversations about the Voting Rights Act 1965 affecting the Civil Rights movement to raise awareness about Black Folks Vote Count. The roundtable will be held at local minority owned African American restaurant located in the Fairmount neighborhood. We plan to recruit twenty (20) 16/17 years old students and twenty (20) registered and unregistered voters to attend.*



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**01/15/25**  
**2P - 3:30P**

### **Trent House Association for the Sankofa Collaborative**

Zoom link:

<https://tinyurl.com/MLK-Sankofa>

### **Confronting Jim Crow in New Jersey - Dr. King's Activism and His Legacy**

*Live virtual panel discussion of Dr. King's experiences confronting racial discrimination and segregation in NJ and how his legacy has continued here, recorded and posted online. Panelists include:*

- Rev. Dr. Charles F. Boyer, Salvation and Social Justice
- Dr. Jean-Pierre Brutus, Esq., New Jersey Institute for Social Justice
- Dr. Linda Caldwell Epps, 1804 Consultants
- Professor Christopher Fisher, College of New Jersey
- Mr. Larry Hamm, People's Organization for Progress
- Mr. Khaatim Sherrer El, Clinton Hill Community Action
- Professor Hettie V. Williams, Monmouth University

**1/17/25**  
**10A - 12N**

### **Children's Futures**

Children's Future  
16 West Front St  
Trenton, NJ 08608

### **Books and Bonding**

*Host a literacy event for parents and their children. The "Read to Me" Circle is an engaging community event designed to promote early literacy and maternal health for families served by Children's Futures. Through this initiative, mothers, fathers and their babies will gather for a guided reading session, where they will explore simple, age-appropriate books that reflect themes of diversity, kindness, and community—values central to Dr. King's legacy. With a focus on building strong early reading habits, the event will feature a guest reader who will demonstrate interactive reading practices, fostering a love for books from a young age. Each family will receive a take-home literacy kit, including books, a reading routine chart, and tips to encourage daily reading, helping mothers establish a joyful and consistent reading.*

**01/17/25**

### **Greater Cape May Historical Society**

Cape May County City Library at the Franklin Street School

### **Honor and remembrance of Dr. King's 1958 historical visit to the Cape May City's Convention Hall.**

*Promote recognition of MLK visit to Cape May 1958--relatively unknown as well as recognize the work the Society has sustained over the last 50 years. Reprint a number of the event programs for distribution at*



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*the library. The Franklin Street School is recognized as an historical building. In an area once known as the center of a flourishing African American community, anchored by its landowners, and further developed by its business owners, a building stands as a poignant reminder of a significant time in our nation's history. The Franklin Street School, built in 1927, was constructed as an elementary school for the town's African American children at a time when segregation in public education—and in most accommodations—was the norm.*

**01/17/2025**

### **Irvington High School**

Irvington High School , 1253 Clinton Ave., Irvington,  
NJ 07111

### **Justice for Till - Family Movie Night at Irvington High School**

*Documentary Film Screening of the movie "Till" . The inaugural class of Advanced Placement African American Studies students at Irvington High School, in partnership with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Irvington Branch, have organized this event to foster dialogue and reflection within the community. Through the showing of Till, we hope to highlight the enduring legacy of both Emmett Till and Dr. King, educating participants about the historical context and the ongoing fight for racial equality and justice.*

**1/18/2025**

**2p - 4p**

### **Atlantic City Free Public Library**

The Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University,  
Atlantic City, NJ

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

*Read-In' & Luncheon at the Noyes Art Garage in Atlantic City*

*The Atlantic City Free Public Library staff, community members, along with local officials, will read some of Dr. King's speeches and talk about his impact in celebration of his life and legacy.*

*To register, please email [jmorillo@acfpl.org](mailto:jmorillo@acfpl.org) or call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3066.*

*Free Parking at Wave Garage: Info: <https://acfpl.org/>*



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**01/18/25 or 01/19/25**

### **Lemonaid Foundation For Endometriosis**

William Mobile Ashby Center, 965 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ or So. Orange Vailsburg United Methodist Church, 150 S. Orange Avenue, S. Orange, NJ (depending on location availability)

### **Voices of Change: Honoring Dr. King and Women's Health**

*In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s enduring legacy of equality, justice, and community empowerment, The Lemonaid Foundation for Endometriosis proposes to host a health event titled "Voices of Change: Honoring Dr. King and Women's Health." This event will take place around the MLK holiday and aims to raise awareness about endometriosis while connecting the past with the present through meaningful conversations with individuals who lived during Dr. King's time.*

**All events start at 1P**

**01/18/25; 01/22/25; 01/25/25**

### **InfoAge Science and History Museums**

InfoAge Science History Museums, Wall, NJ.  
Marconi Hotel dining room

### **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's legacy of words**

*A presentation of selected outtakes of Dr. King's writings and speeches to foster appreciation and admiration of his works. Plus, a panel discussion of the impact of Dr. King on the members lives.*

**01/19 & 02/01**

**01/2 & 02/02**

### **Gethsemane Baptist Church**

6019 Madison Street, West New York, New Jersey 07093

### **25th Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration**

*Saturday, 1/18/25 - Luncheon and presentations  
Sunday, 1/19/25 Youth Service and reception  
Monday, 1/20/25 25th Martin Luther King, Jr. Program and Luncheon in West New York, New Jersey*

**01/20/25**

### **Count Basie Center for the Arts**

The Vogel at The Count Basie Center for the Arts

### **Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration**

*The Count Basie Center community will gather at The Vogel to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. The event, a partnership with Red Bank's renowned Pilgrim Baptist Church, will include remarks from regional leaders and personalities, uplifting performances and other, culturally-rich partner programs, an invocation from religious leaders and dignitaries. Local non-profit partners will also be present to celebrate and provide information and resources to the community.*



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### **Mercer Street Friends**

MSF Foodbank, 3 Graphics Drive 08628

### **Students Send Hunger Packing**

*Mercer County Youth join together at MSF Foodbank and pack weekend foodbags (SHUP) for local schools.*

**01/20/25**

### **Rays of Hope, Inc.**

Local High School TBD

### **Dreams in Action: A Community Celebration of Unity and Justice**

*Opening Ceremony:*

*Kick off the day with a powerful opening ceremony featuring local leaders, musicians, and poets who will share their reflections on Dr. King's impact on our community. The ceremony will include a keynote address that highlights the ongoing struggle for civil rights and social justice.*

*Community Service Projects:*

*In the spirit of Dr. King's commitment to service, participants can engage in various community service projects..*

*"Selma" Film Screening:*

*Following the screening, a panel discussion featuring local historians and civil rights activists will dive deeper into the film's themes and their relevance in today's society.*

*Unity Dinner and Closing Ceremony:..*

*- Admission: Free, with donations encouraged for local charities that support social justice initiatives.*

**01/20/25**

### **Center For Family Services**

Living Proof Recovery Center

### **Community Service: Recovery Outreach**

*Community service project in Voorhees/Camden, NJ*  
[facebook.com/centerffs](https://facebook.com/centerffs)

**01/20/25**

### **MLK Jr Birthday Committee, Inc. of Bergen County**

Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666

### **The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration**

*As we celebrate Dr. King's birthday, we commemorate his legacy by awarding annual scholarships to high school students who excel academically and make significant contributions to their community through volunteerism. With guest speaker, DeMarco Morgan, Journalist, Good Morning America (ABC) and Scott Pleasant,*





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*Teaneck Poet Laureate; songs lead by Charle Warren & Juanita Brow; Teaneck Community Chorus*  
[www.themartinlutherkingjrbirthdaycommittee.com](http://www.themartinlutherkingjrbirthdaycommittee.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/MLKBirthdayCommittee>

**01/25/25**

### **Mercer Cemetery at Trenton**

Mercer Cemetery at Trenton 32 S. Clinton Avenue,  
Trenton 08609

### **Making Mercer Cemetery at Trenton Clean and Safe for Public Use**

*Cleaning up historic Mercer Cemetery for public use.  
Working together to pick up branches and twigs, pick  
up debris, rake leaves, and remove graffiti.*

**01/27/25 - 01/31/25**

### **Stevens Institute of Technology**

Stevens Institute of Technology and local  
organizations in and near Hoboken

### **Stevens Institute of Technology 4th Annual MLK Jr. 2025 Celebration & Week of Service**

*Stevens Institute of Technology 4th Annual MLK Jr.  
2025 Celebration & Week of Service:  
<https://www.stevens.edu/mlk>  
Keynote & lunch plus a week of service events at  
Stevens Institute of Technology and local  
organizations in Hudson County.*

**01/21/25**

### **St. Paul's Community Development Corporation**

Passaic County

### **2025 Passaic County Point In Time Count**

*AmeriCorps members will work with volunteers and  
community agencies to host the street outreach  
component of the 2025 Passaic County Point in  
Time Count. Volunteers are welcome!  
Instagram: [stpaulscdcnj](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulscdcnj)*

**01/31/25**

**6P - 7:30P**

### **Trenton Househead United**

Soapsplash, 8 West Lafayette St., Trenton 08608

### **Spoken Word - "Words Unite Us" or "Speaking to the Culture"**

*Spoken Word performance*



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02/07/25

### **North Jersey Blues Society**

South Orange Performing Arts Center

### **North Jersey Blues Society Celebrates Ma Rainey, Mother of the Blues**

*North Jersey Blues Society and Blues Alive collaborated to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy with this unique musical journey. This program frames Gertrude Pritchett—a.k.a. Ma Rainey—known as a "Mother of the Blues" as a trail-blazing American composer and band leader. We shine a light on the woman as a powerful blues musician, mentor, and collaborator to several musicians who in turn became innovators in their own careers: pianist Thomas Dorsey, guitarist Tampa Red, and saxophonist Coleman Hawkins. The 80-minute concert features Beareather Reddy, vocals, Charlie Apicella, guitar, tenor banjo, Avery Sharpe, bass, and Steve Johns, drums who will perform a set of Rainey's classics and discuss the musical, historical, and cultural impact of her work. Includes Q&A and audience participation. Selections start with Rainey's works and progress into examples of call and response, R&B, swing, gospel, and soul.*

*[info@northjerseybluessociety.org](mailto:info@northjerseybluessociety.org);*

*<https://www.northjerseybluessociety.org/>*

3/9/2025

### **Jumpstart Community Training and Youth Services**

Edmund Pettis Bridge  
Selma, Alabama

### **Bloody Sunday Rememberance**

*"Bloody Sunday," occurred on March 7, 1965, when peaceful civil rights activists were brutally attacked by state troopers as they attempted to march from Selma to Montgomery to demand voting rights for African Americans. The violent response, which included the use of tear gas, clubs, and whips, was televised, shocking the nation and galvanizing support for the civil rights movement.*

*INSTA: [Jumpstart\\_Jamiebland](#) :*

*<https://www.facebook.com/jamie.bland.750/>*

*<https://www.selmajubilee.com/>*