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Library to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and Black History Month

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) will celebrate the Harlem Renaissance and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday with [programs](#) at its [Martin Luther King Branch](#) next week. Then, in February, CML will celebrate Black History Month with informative, fun and musical events throughout its [23-location system](#).

[Click here](#) for a full schedule of events with dates, times and locations. For more information, visit columbuslibrary.org/events.

All CML locations will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Columbus Metropolitan Library has served the people of Franklin County, Ohio since 1873. With its Main Library and 22 branches, CML is well known for signature services and programs like Homework Help, Reading Buddies, Summer Reading Challenge and Ready for Kindergarten. The library's Strategic Plan supports the vision of "a thriving community where wisdom prevails," which positions CML to respond to areas of urgent need: kids unprepared for kindergarten, third grade reading proficiency, high school graduation, college and career readiness and employment resources.

CML was named a 2011 National Medal Winner by the Institute for Museum and Library Services for work in community service, the highest honor for libraries and museums. CML was also named 2010 Library of the Year by Library Journal.

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