

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Hopes and Dreams for a Better World



One of the ways to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day is to honor Dr. King's life and legacy by completing acts of service. It's a day when all Americans are encouraged to help improve their communities, especially in ways that make them more equitable and just places to live. This year may be a little different in that we can't be physically together, but there are still things that we can do to contribute toward making our community better for everyone.

One of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s most famous speeches is known as his "I Have a Dream" speech. It was given on August 28, 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., in front of a large group of demonstrators who were fighting for racial justice. More than 50 years later, there is still much work to be done to achieve Dr. King's vision for a better world. You can listen to or read the whole speech here: <https://n.pr/38tN686>.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hands Together Project

This is a project to do with your family. Talk about how it feels when you're treated unfairly or when you see someone else treated unfairly. Think about the reasons one person might treat another unfairly. Then think about a hope or dream you have for your community that will help build a world where all people are treated fairly.

Supplies

- paper (different colors of paper, if you have it)
- markers, crayons, colored pencils
- scissors
- glue or tape



Instructions

- Each person in the family makes their own handprint.
 - Trace your hand on a piece of paper.
 - Cut out the handprint.
 - Write a hope or dream you have for people being treated more fairly.
 - Decorate your handprint, making sure your words can still be read.
- Put your handprints together in a line (like a banner) or in a circle (like a wreath). Tape or glue them to your front windows or somewhere in the house where they can be seen.
- Take a picture of your handprints and send it to **mycreation@skokielibrary.info**. Or you can just send us the words you and your family came up with.

