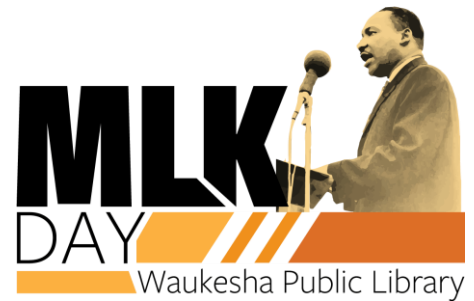


MLK DAY

JANUARY 21, 2019

Report to the Friends of the Library and Library Board



The first annual MLK Day programming was held Monday, January 21, 2019 at Waukesha Public Library and Waukesha Civic Theatre. The day began in the Children's Department with Civil Rights Storytimes at 9:30AM and 10:30AM, and Unity Circle stations in both Children's and Adult departments. *Roads to Memphis* screened in the Community Room at 10:00AM, which documented the assassination of Dr. King, and *Capturing the Flag* at 2:00PM that discussed voter suppression. The League of Women Voters of Waukesha County arrived to register new voters at 12:00PM across from the Special Services Desk. 12:00PM also saw the screening of *Ruby Bridges* in the Children's Department. Teens created Unity Circles at 3:00PM in the Teen Zone, which are now on display through February. Children's held a MLK Day-themed book discussion at 3:15PM, which allowed participants to choose from a select list of titles for group discussion. Children's held a final storytime at 6:30PM, rounding out the day's programming at the Library.

The main event was the screening of the 2017 documentary *The Blood is at the Doorstep*, which began at 6:30PM at the Waukesha Civic Theatre, and followed by a talkback panel at 8:15PM. The film documents the Milwaukee police shooting of Dontre Hamilton in Milwaukee, an unarmed Black man who also suffered from schizophrenia. The panel consisted of several Hamilton family members – Nate and Dameion, Dontre's brothers; Maria, Dontre's mother; Dr. Jennifer Huck, a Carroll University professor of Criminology and Sociology; and moderated by Reggie Jackson of America's Black Holocaust Museum and Nurturing Diversity Partners.

PROGRAM	ATTENDEES
Civil Rights Storytimes, 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM, and 6:30PM	25 children, 18 adults
<i>Roads to Memphis</i> Film Screening, 10:30 AM	5
<i>Ruby Bridges</i> Screening, 12:00 PM	5 children, 4 adults
Voter Registration, 12:00-5:00 PM	85
<i>Capturing the Flag</i> Film Screening, 2:00 PM	5
Teen Unity Circle Program, 3:00 PM	4
4 th -6 th Grade MLK Day Book Discussion, 3:15 PM	1 child
Total Unity Circles Completed (Children, Teen, Adult, Staff)	101
<i>The Blood is at the Doorstep</i> Screening & Discussion, 6:30 PM	130
TOTAL PARTICIPATION	383

SURVEY FEEDBACK

Average rating of 4.84 with 49 5-star reviews

- "Nothing specific—but please continue to provide these opportunities."
- "How can you top this?"
- "Movie was very real and touching, the panel was so impressive because of their closeness to the issue. It brought up so many important vital issues that need to be looked at and worked on."
- "Keep on listening to diverse voices in designing these activities."
- "Continued open, bold anti-racism discussion; make the connection to Waukesha real, too."
- "For racialized programming, have separate break away sessions. 1.) Black/brown people—ways to heal. 2.) White people—ways to help!"
- "I applaud all involved for doing this. Very proud of our Library!"
- "Love that this was presented in Waukesha. It's so important to have discussions to keep pushing for progress. Thank you."
- "Keep doing this and don't be afraid to take risks!"