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Martin Luther King Jr. A Birthday Tribute

Grades 4-6

January 15 marks the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King was the principal leader of the civil rights movement in the United States during the 50s and 60s. He promoted non-violent solutions to African American demands for social justice and was awarded the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize. This interactive program focuses on the life of Dr. King and celebrates his contributions and achievements as a civil rights leader.

SPRING GARDEN
Friday, January 5 / 10 a.m.

DARTMOUTH NORTH Friday, January 12 / 10:30 a.m.

HALIFAX NORTH

Thursday, January 18 / 1:15 p.m.

Puppet Show Little Martin

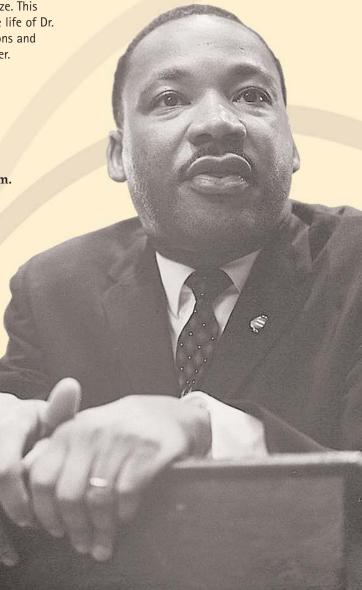
Grades 4+ - 3

This special puppet show presentation chronicles the life of the little boy who grew up to be the great American civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

HALIFAX NORTH

Thursday, January 25 / 1:15 p.m.







Puppet Shows

Grades P - 2

Rhinos for Lunch and Elephants for Supper

In this lighthearted Maasai tale, a rabbit is terrified by a booming voice from her cave proclaiming to be a "monster" who eats "rhinos for lunch and elephants for supper." Afraid to enter her home, the rabbit seeks help from various large jungle animals, but it's a small frog who saves the day.

COLE HARBOUR

Wednesday, February 7 / 10 a.m.

KESHEN GOODMAN

Wednesday, February 7 / 10:30 a.m.

Grades P - 3 SACKVILLE

Wednesday, February 14 / 9:15 a.m.

Grades 4+ - 3

Akimba and the Magic Cow

This humourous trickster tale from Africa highlights the importance of friendship and sharing as it tells the story of how Akimba saves her magical animals from a greedy neighbour.

DARTMOUTH NORTH

Wednesday, February 14 / 1:30 p.m.



Grades 4+ - 3

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears

When Mosquito tells Iguana a foolish tale, Iguana puts sticks in his ears. And so starts a chain of misfortune that affects all the animals in the jungle. Will King Lion straighten out this mess? Find out what happens as a parade of animals romps through this delightful African tale.

DARTMOUTH NORTH

Wednesday, February 21 / 1:30 p.m.

Grades P-3

African Trickster Tales

You don't have to be big to cause a whole heap of trouble, as you will see in our puppet show presentation of two trickster tales – "Rhinos for Lunch and Elephants for Supper" and "Tiger Soup".

ALDERNEY GATE

Tuesday, February 6 / 9:45 a.m.

WOODLAWN

Tuesday, February 13 / 9:30 a.m.



Grades P-3

Mufaro's Beautiful

Daughters

Which of Mufaro's daughters will the king choose to be queen? A Cinderella-type tale of two sisters from Zimbabwe.

SPRING GARDEN

Thursday, February 15 / 10 a.m.

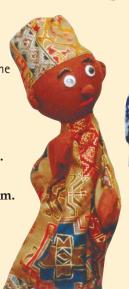
CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY

Wednesday, February 21 / 10 a.m.



Grades 4 - 6 George Dixon

Travel back in time with Trevell and meet the famous boxer George Dixon. The year is 1885 and George is just starting his career. Facing racism and ridicule, he doesn't give up and goes on to become one of Canada's best known boxers. Please call Annette MacIntyre , 490–5767, to book a performance at the Halifax North Memorial Public Library.





Grades P - 2

African Tales

African culture has a wealth of stories, many featuring animals as main characters. Explore Africa – hear some wonderful folk tales, tap 'n clap to traditional music, and meet some amazing African animals!

TANTALLON

Wednesday, February 21 / 9:30 a.m.

Grades 7 - 9 **Black Firsts**



This program showcases the achievements of several groundbreaking leaders of Nova Scotia's Black community, including Buddy Daye, Wayne Adams, Rose Fortune and George Dixon. Celebrate some of the "firsts" in African Nova Scotian history with Marcus James. Call 490–5759 and book a time for this special presentation at the Halifax North Memorial Public Library.

Grades P - 2

Amazing Grace Story Hour

Meet Grace, a charming storybook character filled with boundless energy and imagination! Author Mary Hoffman writes about a wonderful little girl with an indomitable spirit.

KESHEN GOODMAN **Friday, February 23 / 10:30 a.m.**CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY

Wednesday, February 28 / 10 a.m.

Grades 4 - 6

Presenting Author & Storyteller Itah Sadu

Itah Sadu has enchanted children for more than 20 years as a writer and storyteller. Her storytelling is dynamic and she enthralls her audiences with unique stories steeped in the rich oral traditions of the Caribbean, Africa, North America and her personal experiences. Some of her titles include *Christopher*, *Please Clean Up Your Room, Christopher Changes His Name*, and *Name Calling*. Itah lives in Toronto with her family where she writes, tells stories and owns a unique bookstore. These readings are contingent upon funding by The Canada Council for the Arts. Please check with the hosting branches.

COLE HARBOUR
Wednesday, February 21 / 1 p.m.
ALDERNEY GATE
Thursday, February 22 / 10 a.m.
HALIFAX NORTH
Thursday, February 22 / 1:30 p.m.





African Heritage Month Youth Quiz

In an annual tradition that spans 20 years, students from local junior high schools will compete in a game show style quiz that tests their knowledge of Black history and culture. The winning team from the Halifax North branch quiz challenges the winning team from the Cole Harbour branch quiz in this battle of knowledge. Come out and cheer on your favourite team!

Preliminary Rounds
COLE HARBOUR
Thursday, February 8 / 9 a.m.
HALIFAX NORTH
Friday, February 9 / 12:30 p.m.

Semi-finals and Finals
HALIFAX NORTH
Thursday, February 15 / 9:30 a.m.

Grades 4-6
Fun with Hip Hop

The evolution of hip hop music and dance is a fascinating journey. Meet Natalie Hodgson, dancer, actor and storyteller. She will talk about the development of the hip hop movement and teach you some dance routines.

