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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2 –18th , 2019
MLK MOSAIC PROJECT
Birmingham Public
Libraries (BPL)

January 16, 2019
**BIRMINGHAM CITY
SCHOOLS MLK TRACK &
FIELD INVITATIONAL**
Birmingham Crossplex
9:00 a.m.

January 19, 2019
MLK 5K DRUM RUN
Birmingham's Southside
Park District
8:00 a.m.

January 19, 2019
MLK YOUTH EXPO
Hopewell Baptist Church
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

January 29 , 2019
NATIONAL LEGO DAY
BPL
Smithfield Branch Library
3:30—4:30 P.M.

For more info:
<http://www.bplonline.org/>

For more info:
birminghamcrossplex.com

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[\(470\) 444-9844](tel:(470)444-9844)

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January is National Mentoring Month

The City of Birmingham Mayor's Office Division of Youth Services (DYS) celebrates National Mentoring Month by encouraging others to get involved with mentoring. Did you know that young people who are in a quality mentoring relationship are more likely to do better in school and have positive aspirations about their future? They're more equipped to make responsible decisions and model good behavior too.

Another Caring Example is a direct serve mentoring program through DYS for young boys and girls ages 8 - 17 years old.

Participants take part in gender and age specific sessions that cover topics relevant to the issues they face today. The program is designed to provide and equip Birmingham's youth with

another caring example to inspire them to become the leaders of tomorrow. You can celebrate National Mentoring Month by taking part in Mentoring days:

January 4, 2019: I Am a Mentor Day

- A day for volunteer mentors to celebrate their role and reflect on the ways mentees have enhanced their world.

#IamaMentor

January 17, 2019: International Mentoring Day

- A day of international conversations on social media where photos, video and powerful mentoring stories messages are shared.

January 31, 2019: #ThankYourMentor Day

- A day for all who have real life mentoring experiences to thank those who helped them on their path to adulthood and beyond.

DYS will also highlight some local mentoring organizations making a



difference in the lives of Birmingham Youth on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Is your mentoring organization making a difference in the lives of children in Birmingham? We want to spotlight you! If you would like us to consider your organization, or to learn about Another Caring Example contact DYS at (205) 320-0879.



Get Out and Volunteer and Help Revitalize the Community on the MLK Day of Service



Hands On Birmingham's Annual MLK Jr. Day of Service will take place on **Monday, January 21, 2019.**

Turn your day OFF to a day ON by volunteering!

For the past 19 years, the citizens of Birmingham and the surrounding areas have come together to give back to their community on MLK Jr. Day of Service. We're proud and you should be too! Join Hands on Birmingham this year to help refurbish schools, feed the homeless and clean up neighborhoods.

To find out how you can give back visit:

www.handsonbirmingham.org/MLK
[title=MLK+Day+of+Service](http://www.handsonbirmingham.org/MLK?title=MLK+Day+of+Service)

BIRMINGHAM EVENTS HONOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Wednesday, Jan. 2 – Friday, Jan. 18

The Birmingham Public Library is inviting the public to help create community mosaics about King at its 19 locations. Library patrons may color a section of paper and the paper will be used to create murals of King. The goal is to have the large murals placed in the 19 libraries prior to Jan. 21. For more info, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2EQqsZl>

Wednesday, Jan. 16

2:00—3:30 p.m. – The I-Volunteer panel discussion, which will look at the importance and benefits of community service, will take place at the Lawson State Community College. The Birmingham location will host it on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. in the A.G. Gaston Auditorium. For more information call (205) 218-1814.

Thursday, Jan. 17

12:00—1:00 p.m. – The UAB School of Medicine will present "Honoring the Life & Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." at

Volker Hall, Lecture Room E. For more information, please contact Erica Brown at (205)-520-4484 or ebrown@uab.edu.

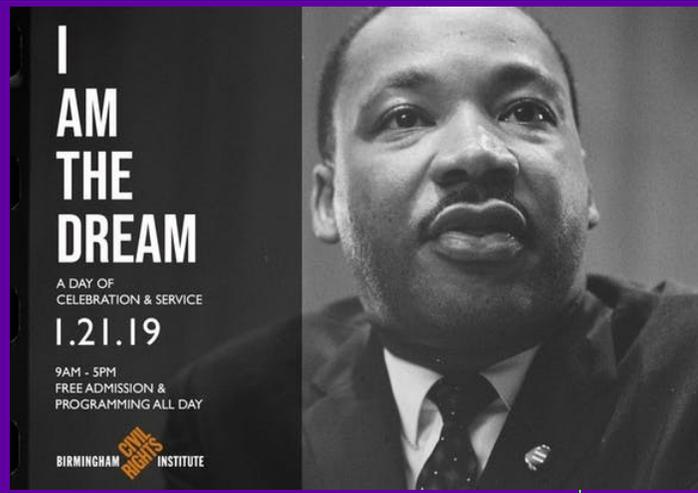
Saturday, Jan. 19

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. – The MLK Youth Expo, designed to strengthen relationships between law enforcement and youth, will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. at Hopewell Baptist Church, 2315 – 26th Ave. North. Lunch will be provided for registered youth. For more information, please send emails to slcbbhamyouth@gmail.com

Monday, Jan. 21

7:30-9:30 a.m. – The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast will be held at the BJCC North Exhibition Hall. For more information or tickets, please contact Aaron Carlton at (205)-585-6463 or acarlton@gmail.com.

12:00 p.m. – The annual MLK March will start outside Birmingham City Hall on short 20th Street North and end at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.



come to life with poetry and spoken word performances throughout the day or test your Civil Rights history knowledge for your chance to win a prize in the BCRI Jeopardy game! There will be no shortage of activities for all ages. Join BCRI and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.!

<https://www.bcric.org/mlk-day/>

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Celebrates MLK

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

JANUARY 21, 2019

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute will observe MLK Day on January 21st with a day of programming including live performances, music, games, and giveaways. Admission to the public will be free with extended hours from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Donations will be welcomed.

Tour the permanent exhibitions as they

Volunteer at BCRI for MLK Day

The available position is Gallery Monitors.

Interested parties must:

- * Be at least 18 years of age
 - * Be professional and mature
 - * Be able to represent the Institute well
 - * Successfully undergo training session
- The training session must be successfully completed before volunteering on MLK Day.

For more information contacting Staci McCloud at 205-703-0204

Norwood Elementary Junior Beta Club Spreads Holiday Cheer

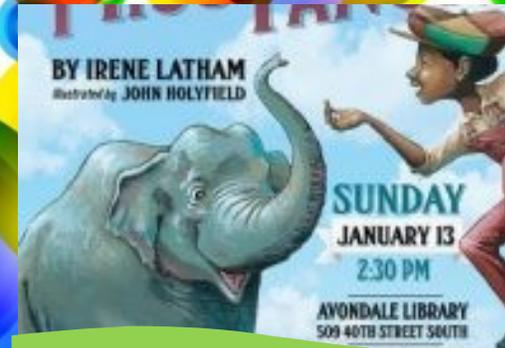
Source: Birmingham City Schools

The Junior Beta Club of Norwood Elementary gathered in Linn Park to distribute care packages to those in need this holiday season. Students collected items and packaged them with the hope that those who receive them will be in some way helped by their outreach. Included in the packages were socks, soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, lotion, dental floss, cough drops, tissue, wet wipes, and an assortment of candies.

The purpose of the Junior Beta Club is to promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, leadership and service among elementary and secondary school students. We are proud of your service to our community and applaud you in your efforts.

spotlight

on youth



Meet the Author

MEET MISS FANCY...

January 13, 2019
2:30 p.m.

Irene Latham will present her new book release, *Meet Miss Fancy*. Activities will include: a book reading by the author, a Q&A session and a showing of the film *Mr. Todd's Fancy*.

For More Info: [CLICK HERE](#)



Gaming Fun!

FLIGHT NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM...

January 18, 2019
4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Live gaming! Experience ACE COMBAT 7's fiercest air combat experience ever created through photorealistic visuals, intense action, a multitude of authentic and futuristic aircraft to fly, an immersive storyline and even virtual reality.

For More Info: [CLICK HERE](#)



Winter Tales!

TINY TYKE TALES...

January 8–31, 2019
Times Vary

Journey through the pages of some of your favorite children's books with physical, musical and creative stimulation for your very youngest theatre makers.

For More Info: [CLICK HERE](#)

Latest news and Events

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Evita

JANUARY 18th -20th
@BJCC

Follow the rise of ambitious Eva Perón as she becomes the beloved iconic Argentinian First Lady, worshiped by many.

For More Info:
www.bjcc.org/

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I Am Greatness Teen Summit

JANUARY 21st @DISCO
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

A youth led discussion on mental health, gun violence and the impact of music on the younger generation. The panel will also feature local professionals (musicians, entrepreneurs, activists, etc.)

For More Info:
205-541-8995

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Word from the Mountaintop Oratory Contest

JANUARY 26th @BCRI

Come out and support Birmingham students as they reflect on the words of Dr. King while connecting his message to issues facing our nation in the 21st century.

For More Info:
[CLICK HERE](#)

DYS and CBS 42 Wrap up Another Successful Holiday Toy Campaign

Another successful Youth First Holiday Campaign has wrapped up in the Magic City! Your generosity brought in dozens of toys, which helped DYS service hundreds of Birmingham youth and their families. DYS organizes and facilitates a toy drive each year to provide some assistance to low to moderately low-income families in the Birmingham area.

A special thanks to all 2019 Holiday Campaign partners **CBS42, America's First Credit Union, Tropical Smoothie Café, Allstate Insurance - The Marcus Agency, and Midfield Dental.**

We would also like to thank everyone who donated or volunteered their time to make the toy drive a huge success:

**Birmingham Fire & Rescue
Birmingham Public Library
Birmingham Crossplex
Arlington House Historical Society
Sixteenth Street Baptist Church and all anonymous donors.**



Above: Birmingham Fire and Rescue
Below: Cruisers for Christ Drop off donations from 16th Street Baptist Church



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YOUTH FIRST EDUCATION

BCS ACCEPTING SPECIALTY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS NOW

Deadline: January 18, 2018

The application for Birmingham City Schools' Specialty Schools: **EPIC Elementary, Princeton Elementary, W. J. Christian K-8 School, J. H. Phillips Academy K-8 School, and Ramsay IB Magnet High School** are now open and will close January 18, 2019.

All interested applicants must submit their applications through the online process and not at individual schools.

To Apply visit:
<https://specialty.bhm.k12.al.us/>



BLUE AND YOU

CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS
A strategic guide to strengthen and improve relationships between law enforcement & youth

**Saturday
01.19.2019
11:00am -1:00pm**

*Lunch will be provided
To registered youth*

Youth engage with local representatives of law enforcement.
-Music from local high schools
-Live demonstrations with Blue & You
-Questions & Answers session
-Wrap around Career Development services

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH
2315 26th Ave N Bham, AL

For additional information:
sclcbhamyouth@gmail.com

FREE EVENT



Nathan Marcus AllState Agency drops off donations



America's First Credit Union Donations



Birmingham Fire and Rescue Drop off Donations



Tropical Smoothie Café owner and CBS42 staff help distribute toys

YOUTH FIRST

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Register Now for the MLK

Day 5K Drum Run

January 19th, 2019
 7:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
 (8:00 a.m.—5K Start)
 12th Street S. & 1st Ave. S.

The MLK Day 5K Drum Run is a fun and active event to celebrate the MLK Day holiday weekend. Since its 2012 inception in Atlanta, GA, the race has grown to over 2000 runners/walkers and featured over 200 drummers from metro area schools and groups.



The MLK Day 5K Drum Run/Walk is a celebration of the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Day here in Birmingham, Alabama. Starting and finishing in Kelly Ingram Park in the Civil

Rights District, race participants come from diverse populations that include all demographics, races, cultures, genders and creeds to celebrate the meaning of the holiday in a fun and fit way. The race features drumlines from the metro area schools that will line up along the race course to keep the beat as the runners and walkers make their way to the finish line.

When each approved organization signs up as a team, \$5 of each team member's registration will be returned to that organization for use in community efforts of its choice.

For more information or to register, visit www.mlkday5kbham.com.

MLK INVITATIONAL

January 21, 2019
Birmingham Crossplex
Competition begins at 9:00 a.m.

More than 2,000 high school student athletes will compete in the MLK Invitational at the Birmingham Crossplex. Hosted by the Birmingham City Schools, this track meet is always one of the highly anticipated track meets at the CrossPlex.

Competition will start at 9 a.m. Students from Birmingham City Schools, Bob Jones, Hoover, Mountain Brook, Northridge, Smiths Station, Spain Park, Vestavia Hills and John Carroll will compete. Admission charged.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.birminghamcrossplex.com/event/mlk-invitational/>



Another Caring Example Taking Applications

DYS re-launches Another Caring Example Mentoring. The direct serve mentoring program through DYS is for Birmingham boys and girls 8 -17 years of age. This is a great opportunity for youth to participate in a program that focuses on developing adolescents socially and emotionally.

The program is designed to provide and equip Birmingham's youth with another caring example to inspire them to become leaders of tomorrow. Another Caring Example participants take part in gender and age specific sessions that cover topics relevant to the issues they face today.

Sessions will begin in March and end in December of 2019.

*(*Previous Another Caring Example participants must register for 2019).*

Interested in having your child participate in Another Caring Example? **CLICK HERE** for an application and return it to Ms. Crystal T. Ash at Crystal.Ash@birminghamal.gov or mail to:

City of Birmingham Mayor's Office Division of Youth Services
1608 7th Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35203

Or for more information about the **Another Caring Example Mentoring Program**
Contact: Ms. Ash at (205) 320-0879.





FOR KIDS

If I Met MLK

Directions: What would you do if you met Martin Luther King Jr.? Write about it below.

**I would
ask him...**

I would tell him...

**I would
thank him...**

**I would
show him...**



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