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## Imagine Children's Museum Honors Martin Luther King, Jr. and His Legacy

**EVERETT, WA** — On Monday, January 16, Imagine Children's Museum in downtown Everett will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., special hours for children to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy of nonviolent struggle to promote equality and advance civil rights.

Imagine is a family-friendly Museum dedicated to enriching children's lives through playful learning. It is a perfect place for children to learn about the values of equality and inclusion championed by Dr. King and other civil rights leaders.

Families are invited to spend quality time together and create new family traditions with special activities, all of which are free with Museum admission or membership.

### **Creative Arts Activities Celebrating Dr. King**

*Art Hangout, all day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)*

Children and families can learn about "The Embrace," a new monument honoring both Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King that is currently being created in Walla Walla, Washington. This monument is one of the largest memorials dedicated to racial equality in the United States and will ultimately be installed in America's oldest public park, Boston Common. Children and families will be invited to create their own artwork inspired by images of this new monument, and the original photograph that sparked it.

### **Children's Story Times with Books about Dr. King**

*Lodge, Story Times at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.*

Children and families can attend special story times featuring books about Dr. King and other leaders who championed racial equality and the rights of all children.

### **Quiet Reading and Reflection Time**

*PJ's Place, all day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)*

The Museum will have additional children's picture books and early reader books available for families to read together. Enjoy some quiet time by curling up with a new story about Dr. King in our cozy reading room.

Offering three floors of unbeatable play spaces for children ages 1-12 and their families, Imagine Children's Museum recently opened a \$25 million expansion including state-of-the-art, interactive exhibits to inspire a lifelong love of learning through play. The new exhibits showcase the Pacific Northwest, the Puget Sound and Port of Everett; an engineering gallery; a tinker shop where children can learn to use real tools; an exhibit about woodlands; an exhibit about package distribution; a marine ecosystems exhibit; and a few others. These complement the museum's original exhibits, which include an Everett Transit bus, a miniature locomotive track, and a water works area.

Imagine is located at 1502 Wall Street in downtown Everett, with the main entrance on Hoyt Avenue. Street parking and pre-pay parking lots are available around the Museum. Visit [ImagineCM.org](http://ImagineCM.org) for more information about all the Museum has to offer!

### **About Imagine Children's Museum**

*With a mission to enrich children's lives through playful learning, Imagine Children's Museum is a nonprofit organization serving children ages 1-12 and their families. Incorporated in 1991, it has long received grassroots, community support to become an integral resource for children, families, schools, youth organizations and social service agencies in Snohomish County and beyond. In 2017 Imagine achieved American Alliance of Museums accreditation, the highest national recognition afforded the nation's museums, becoming first accredited children's museum in the Pacific Northwest. It has a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's leading independent evaluator of charities for financial health, accountability, and transparency. To learn more, go to [www.imaginecm.org](http://www.imaginecm.org).*