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**Springfield & Central Illinois African American History Museum  
April 2018 Programs**

Springfield, Illinois, March 19, 2018 – The Springfield & Central Illinois African American History Museum announces its upcoming events for April 2018. You are encouraged to go to the museums website for additional information; [www.spiaahm.org](http://www.spiaahm.org).

**Readings & Discussions of Dr. King’s Written Word:**

This event is sponsored by I-Magic Nation and the African American History Museum in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It will consist of readings of segments Dr. King’s most poignant writings. Two readings are scheduled: Saturday, April 7 at 10 am and Tuesday, April 10 at 6 pm at Union Baptist Church, 1405 E. Monroe, in the old sanctuary.

Readers will include Rickey Brown, Donna Gregg, Kathryn Harris, Pastor T Ray McJunkins, Frank McNeil, Donna Moore, Lakeisha Purchase, Herman Senor and Haley Wilson.

**SECOND CHANCE CHRISTMAS:**

Second Chance Christmas will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 3pm at 1440 Monument Avenue. For those of you who didn’t have a chance to travel the world during Christmas, you can do it through its cuisine. The museum will celebrate diversity around the world with ethnic clothes, foods and activities. Come and participate in a fun event where you will experience cuisine from the continents of Africa, Asia Australia, Europe, North America and South America.

**Non-Violent Advocacy and Activism:**

The Springfield & Central Illinois African American History Museum will continue its tribute to the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination Dr. King by presenting a tribute to his legacy of Non-Violent Advocacy and Activism on April 19, 2018, at 6 p.m. at 1440 Monument Ave. Dr. Christi Griffin, author and Director of the Ethics project and National youth conference organizers from St. Louis Missouri will keynote the event. She will share her latest paper on Dr. Kings advocacy for our voting rights

During this tribute, participants will view some of the most compelling images of the Civil Rights Movement, listen to some protest songs that helped define this non-violent movement , such as We shall Overcome Freedom, War and What’s going on. Participants will be entertained by a guest youth show choir.

The Museum will also recognize the advocacy work of several local organizations and present certificate of Appreciation to those who have made a difference in Springfield through their Advocacy Programs.

“The hallmark of Dr. King’s Legacy was his belief that Non-Violent Activism and Advocate for Civil Rights, especially for African Americans, was the right approach to changing public policy and

guaranteeing them their rights set forth in the Constitution,” said Robert Moore, co-organizer of the event.

**For more information visit our website at [www.spiaahm.org](http://www.spiaahm.org) or call the museum at 217/391-6323.**

**About AAHM:** The Springfield & Central Illinois African American History Museum exhibits, identifies, collects, catalogs, restores, houses and maintains documents and artifacts relating to and chronicling the history and legacy of African Americans in Central Illinois. The Museum provides research opportunities, educational programming and interpretive services to historians, educators, students and others interested in the lives and legacies of African Americans in Central Illinois while enhancing their overall knowledge about African American people.