



**Stillwater Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
Student Poster and Essay Contest
Stillwater, OK**

Stillwater Community United, in cooperation with the City of Stillwater and Stillwater Public Library, is sponsoring a poster and essay contest for children and youth in the community. The purpose of the posters and essays is to reflect on Dr. King's vision for our community, country, and world, and to encourage future study and involvement in peacemaking.

To enter, you must be in K-12th grade and live in Stillwater or attend Stillwater Public Schools.

Information and Criteria

K-5th Grade Poster Contest

Create a poster on the following theme:

“. . . with liberty and justice for all.”

For inspiration, watch part of Dr. King's "I've Been to the Moutaintop" speech (1968)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oehry1JC9Rk>

Please describe the meaning of your poster in 2-8 sentences. Sentences can be handwritten or typed. Please attach sentences to poster if they are not part of the body of the poster. Winners will be named in the following categories: grades K-1, grades 2-3, and grades 4-5.*

Posters: Use pencils, crayons, paints, markers, Posters must reference theme, be created entirely by the child, and be no larger than 12"x18". Please bring all posters to Stillwater Public Library, 1107 S. Duck, between December 12 – January 9 during open hours.

Please include on the back of your poster the following information:

- The title of your poster
- Grade category entered (K-1, 2-3, or 4-5)
- Student name, grade, and teacher name, school (or indicate homeschooled)
- Home address
- Parent/Guardian name and contact phone number for notification

6th-12th Grade Essay Contest

In your essay, discuss the declaration, “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop,” the theme of Dr. King’s last speech (1968).

An excerpt of the speech can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oehry1JC9Rk>

The full speech can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixfwGLxRJU8>

6-8 grade:

300-500 word essay

9-12 grade:

500-750 word essay

Email essays to stillwatermlkday@gmail.com or deliver to Stillwater Public Library December 12 - January 9.*

Winners will be notified before MLK Day and will be presented with **awards, including gift cards and prizes, on Monday, January 15, during the MLK Day community celebration.** All submitted posters will be on display during the celebration, and some winning essayists may be asked to present a portion of their essay during the celebration.

Essay Title Page must contain the following information:

- The title of your essay
- Grade category entered (6-8 or 9-12)
- Student name, grade, teacher name, school (or indicate homeschooled)
- Home address
- Parent/Guardian name and contact phone number for notification

*Please note: Posters and hand-written essays will be moved more than once and may show signs of wear, posting, or transport. Students who would like their entries returned may collect them from Stillwater Public Library between January 17-31. Posters and essays may not be available after this date. Winning essays may be published in the Stillwater NewsPress.

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Stillwater, OK
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Mon.- Thur. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sun. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

