



## COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND CONNECTION

### HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

January 20, 2025

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy is defined by compassion, integrity, courage, and a commitment to action. This year, we invite everyone to honor his memory by revisiting his timeless speeches and writings, volunteering with local organizations, and reflecting on the many ways his tireless activism continues to inspire billions around the world.

#### Here are a few volunteering opportunities:

•[National Park Service](#): Honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s remarkable legacy with a Day of Service that will involve caring for our green spaces across the country.

•[Columbia University Irving Medical Center](#): CUIMC community members are invited to join Columbia's own Day of Service. (You'll find even more opportunities to volunteer [here](#)).

•[L.A. Works](#): This nonprofit volunteer action center will continue its longstanding tradition of honoring Dr. King's legacy with the MLK 2025 Volunteer Festival.

Here are some online resources for reflecting on Dr. King:

•[The Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute at Stanford University](#)

: A vast and thoroughly comprehensive collection of Dr. King's significant correspondence, including sermons, speeches, published writings, and unpublished manuscripts.

•[Civil Rights Movement Archive](#): A rich collection of resources related to Dr. King and his role in the Freedom Struggle, including plenty of speeches and writings.

•[Martin Luther King, Jr. Resources](#): A well-curated list of books containing essays, letters, lectures, speeches, and other writings by Dr. King.

## WELCOMING LUNAR NEW YEAR

January 29, 2025

Lunar New Year is a celebration of winter's end and spring's arrival, signaling the start of a brand-new year on the lunisolar calendar. China's most important holiday, Lunar New Year is widely celebrated in Vietnam, South Korea, and any overseas country with a robust Chinese population.

Known as the [Spring Festival](#) in China, Lunar New Year is a fifteen-day occasion filled with many iconic traditions like "[hongbao](#)," the act of exchanging red envelopes filled with money or chocolate coins. There are also parades with lion and dragon dances, firework displays, and an endless trove of red decorations meant to ward off evil and attract luck.

**Here are some notable resources and cultural events to celebrate the “Year of the Snake”:**

•[National Geographic Education](#): Provides insights into the festivities, food, calendars, and colors associated with the Lunar New Year.

•[Lunar New Year](#) - Includes a virtual tour Lunar New Year themed art collection.

•[Lunar New Year Parade](#): Scheduled for Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 1:00 PM, the parade will commence at Mott and Canal Streets, proceed through Chatham Square and East Broadway, and conclude near Sara D. Roosevelt Park.

•[Moon Over Manhattan: Lunar New Year Family Day](#): Hosted by the Asia Society on Saturday, January 25, 2025, this event features lion dances, martial arts demonstrations, and Year of the Snake-themed arts and crafts.