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Author and Activist Kevin Powell to Keynote at the Newark Public Library's Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Saturday, January 24th, the Newark Public Library, in collaboration with the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice and the Newark Community LGBTQ Center, will honor the memory of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with the program "Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere," produced by Celeste Bateman & Associates, LLC. The presentation which will begin at 2:00 pm in Centennial Hall at the Main Library features a performance by the award-winning Special Ensemble, a premier musical youth performance group. There will also be poetry with Jaleesa McEachin, actress/motivational speaker and poet. Kevin Powell, President and Co-founder of BK Nation and author of 11 books, including *Barack Obama, Ronald Reagan, and The Ghost of Dr. King* will give the keynote address, "Are Dr. King & His 'Dream' Still Relevant?: Community, Social Media, & the New Activism."

The program will be hosted by Jerome C. Harris, Jr., Interim President/CEO of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice.

This program is free and open to the public and will take place at the Main Library, 5 Washington Street. For more information, please call 973-733-7793. To check whether the Library is open in the case of inclement weather, call 973-733-7784.

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