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Through the Eyes of a Child: A Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Event

Monday, January 15, 2018

1:00-2:00pm

Freedom Rides Museum, Montgomery, Alabama

Join us to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at the Freedom Rides Museum with a special talk from Dr. Valda Harris Montgomery. Dr. Montgomery, author of the memoir *Just a Neighbor*, grew up with a front-row seat to the civil rights movement in Montgomery. Her family home was two doors down from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s family, and she was just 13 years old when her parents sheltered the battered and bruised Freedom Riders in their home on S. Jackson Street.

Dr. Montgomery will speak about her experiences as a youth during the Civil Rights Movement, and will be available to sign copies of her memoir.

Join us at the Freedom Rides Museum as we honor the sacrifices of our country's Civil Rights Movement veterans and learn how we can carry on their legacy today.

Fee: Event is FREE with museum admission. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior, military, AAA members, and college students, \$3 for youth aged 6-18, and free for children under 6. Group and family discounts available.

Directions: Driving south on I-65 take Exit 172 (Clay Street). Stay straight on Dickerson Street. Take a left on Herron Street (becomes Bibb Street). Turn right on Lee Street (becomes Court Street). The Freedom Rides Museum is up the hill on the right.

For more information contact The Freedom Rides Museum at FreedomRidesMuseum@gmail.com or 334-414-8647.

Working with concerned citizens, The Alabama Historical Commission saved the Greyhound Bus Station from demolition in the mid-1990s. The Museum is located at the intersection of S. Court St. and Adams Avenue in downtown Montgomery. An award-winning exhibit on the building's exterior traces the Freedom Riders' history. It uses words and images of the Freedom Riders, those who supported them, and those who opposed them. Interior exhibits highlight additional information on the Freedom Riders and the way in which buildings were designed for racial segregation. Today, the Alabama Historical Commission operates this significant site.



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About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and, statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit ahc.alabama.gov

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