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Celebrating Coretta: Alabama's First Lady of the Movement
Monday, January 21
11:00am-4:00pm
Freedom Rides Museum, 210 South Court Street, Montgomery AL



The Freedom Rides Museum, a historic property operated by the Alabama Historical Commission, will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by highlighting the life and legacy of Coretta Scott King.

From her childhood in Marion, Alabama, to the halls of Washington, D.C., Coretta Scott King never stopped marching in support of Civil Rights, dignity, and justice for all. As one of the most influential women leaders, she lent her support to pro-democracy movements world-wide and consulted with many world leaders, including Corazon Aquino, Kenneth Kaunda, and Nelson Mandela.

The Freedom Rides Museum will have family-friendly activities going on throughout the day. Visitors can drop in and explore Coretta's Alabama roots, browse several award-winning books about her life, and learn more about the important role women played during the Civil Rights Movement.

This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Freedom Rides Museum.

Fee: Regular admission - \$5 adults, \$4 senior/AAA/college, \$3 youth, \$12 for family groups.

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

Find the [Freedom Rides Museum](#) on **Facebook** or visit ahc.alabama.gov

About the Freedom Rides Museum

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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