

# Read-in shares MLK message

## Truman State students explains MLK vision to elementary students

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Through storybooks read by Truman students, local children will be sharing the traditions and values of Martin Luther King Jr., African-American Civil Rights movement leader.

Student volunteers from Truman will visit local elementary and preschools Jan. 23 and 24 to read books to children.

Emmanuel Camarillo, Multicultural Affairs Program Coordinator, is organizing the event. Outside of the MLK Challenge service, this read-in event specifically focuses on children.

"One of the noticeable aspects of the event has been to introduce [Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy] by telling the children how we have Martin Luther King Jr. Day on his birthday to celebrate and honor the impact he made on America," said Bertha Thomas, Multicultural Affairs Assistant Dean. "He was

so influential because of his work for the civil rights movement. He wanted all men to be treated equally and fairly."

The read-in event helps children understand what MLK's dream was for his children and all children in the world, Thomas said. Kids can better understand why he worked for the ideals of respect, justice, fair treatment and solving problems, she said. Learning history through fun activities is long lasting and helps kids grow while applying the knowledge in their own lives, Thomas said.

For some kids, the words "prejudice" and "discriminate" might be new. This event focuses on these ideas as a part of the discussions with the readings. Children will relate their own experiences to what they learn from the discussion.

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Thomas said. "Do they know of a friend who has made fun of somebody because he or she was too tall, short, fat or was wearing different clothing?"

Curbing unfounded prejudices has been part of the introduction of MLK's values to the children. Sharing the spirit of diversity comes with the read-in event's activities.

"It's a great way to do some community service and share the spirit of diversity with the community," Camarillo said.

Jaronda Williams, last year's

event coordinator, said it's good to keep up with history.

Williams said the schools have been cooperative and made coordinating the event easier. This year, student volunteers will read to students at Ray Miller Elementary School, Kirksville Childhood Development Center, Kirksville Primary School, Kirksville Part Day Head Start and Mary Immaculate Catholic School.

"The children have always really enjoyed having the college students visit their classrooms," said Thomas. "Teachers keep asking us back so the schools must appreciate this initiative."

Truman students like volunteering for youths.

"Everybody wants to volunteer. Part of the coordinating is looking for enthusiastic folks, and it has never been hard," Williams said.

But the number of volunteers is limited. The number of volunteers is about 20-30. Students will go into the classroom in pairs for 15 minutes and read

age appropriate books to the kids, Camarillo said.

The read-in takes less time than the yearly eight-hour volunteering challenge on Martin Luther King Day, and it provides students unable to devote an entire day to community service another way to honor King's call to service.

The read-in has been organized since 2007, and this year it includes Truman Leadership scholar and sophomore Emily Wright. She plans to offer volunteer readers several chances to come to the Multicultural Affairs Center days before the read-in begins for short training sessions. At each session, she will provide tips for reading to various age groups, an informational sheet about King's life and suggest short activities Truman students might do with the children.

"The MLK Read-in is a wonderful event," Thomas said. "Truman students, according to their evaluations, typically enjoy their time getting to know children in our community. It doesn't take a lot of time, but it has a really big impact."

# Get more bang for books

## Staff reporter gives three tips to get the most out of buying and selling textbooks

BY KRISTEN WOMBLE  
Staff Reporter

With the start of a new semester, it's time for Truman State students figure out what to do with books from the previous semester and how to get new books for the least amount of money.

You might want to keep some of your old books for future reference for jobs, tests or other classes, particularly those textbooks from your major classes, Discount Textbooks manager Tony Lain said, but you might want to sell others for the most money you can.

Here are some tips from local bookstores and Truman State students about how to manage your books.

### 1. Check all your resources.

The Internet is a great resource for

finding and selling textbooks — and there are many websites and digital distributors that buy and sell used books, such as Amazon, Half.com and cheapest-textbooks.com.

The "textbook exchange" group on Facebook allows Truman students to post books they are selling and what books they are looking to buy from other students.

There are lots of local options as well — for example, the Truman bookstore, which sells new, used and rental books, and also buys back used books, Truman Bookstore manager Steve Pennington said. Discount Textbooks in Kirksville sells new, used and rental books, and buys back used books.

### 2. Take good care of your books.

If your books are not heavily damaged, you can sell them for more money. Try to avoid highlighting and marking in your books and keep your books in good physical condition if you want to sell them back for the highest price possible.

Designate a safe and convenient shelf or drawer to store and protect your books when you aren't using them to study, junior Meghan Crider said.

### 3. Buy and sell at the right time.

There is a time of increased supply and demand for textbooks, and this is the best time to sell your old books.

You want to try to sell your books when the most people want or need to buy them. This time frame usually occurs during break or before classes start.

If you sell your books back to local bookstores — such as Discount Textbooks and the Truman Bookstore — you are likely to get more money for them if you bring them during finals week or the first few days of the new semester, Pennington said.

When buying books, be patient. Wait to find the best price and time for shipping, since costs fluctuate. Purchase books before or at the beginning of the semester because that's when more books are available.



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