



The South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition *on Race*

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Congratulations to the "Giving Teens a Voice" Team!

Our Maplewood Memorial Library and South Orange Public Library jointly won the NJ State Library's Multicultural Program award for this collaborative effort between the youth librarians and the Community Coalition to provide students with opportunities to candidly discuss race with their peers.

[Read more about this program here...](#)



SOMSD Diversity Job Fair

The Schools Committee is proud to support the South Orange - Maplewood School District's Diversity Hiring Fair. The Committee has advocated for an increase in and dedicated efforts to maintaining a diverse staff for many years. This year's fair will be held on April 4th, from 4:30 -7:00 pm at the Columbia High School cafeteria.

[Click here for more details.](#)



Civic Engagement Institute

Join us for this workshop to gain the knowledge, skills, values and motivation that will help you make a difference in the civic life of our communities! The Institute is being presented at the **South Orange Public Library, Community Room** in three sessions:

- **Saturdays, February 7, 14, and 21**
- **9:30 AM to 12:30 PM**



This year, youth 16 and older are also invited to participate.

Call **973-761-6116** to register or [click here](#) for more information and to contact us

online.

Conversations on Race: *Defining Integration for the 21st Century*

Save the Date to participate in a timely discussion about what integration means to us today as individuals and as a community. Participants will explore issues within same racial identity groups, as well as in mixed race groups.

- **Wednesday, May 9th**
- **7:30 PM to 9:30 PM**
- **The Woodland, Maplewood**



"Ultimately, the first action begins with changing our personal patterns, stances on differences, and assumptions on race."

Jason Flom in Education Week Teacher

To RSVP, Call 973-761-6116 or email audrey.rowe@twotowns.org

Talking to Children about Race: Dr. Diane Hughes & Parents Discuss Approaches

Dr. Hughes shared why it's critical to be intentional about discussing race at home and a panel of local parents shared their personal challenges and successes in their ongoing effort to address race openly and honestly at home. [Click here for access to the strategies and reading list provided to attendees.](#)



Dr. Diane Hughes.

XRootsFest: June 2nd, Maplewood Memorial Park

Mark your calendars for the 5th Annual **XRootsFest** celebrating the diversity of cultures and talents in our region! Musicians, dancers, story-tellers, outdoor fun for kids, edu-tainment, merchants and food vendors rooted in the cultures of four continents will weave together a fabulous afternoon for you, your friends and family. [See more here...](#)



Fair Housing Discrimination

If you or someone you know has experienced housing discrimination in the state of NJ, [click here](#) for resources through the NJ Citizen Action organization.



Other Upcoming Events

Luna Stage:

April 12 through May 13th

THE MAN IN ROOM 306, Luna Stage's critically acclaimed signature piece, on the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination

[Click here for tickets](#)

Coalition's SOMa Integrated Playgroup **Sat., April 21, 10 am - noon**
Ages 6 months thru 5 yrs.
Le Parc Place, Maplewood

Seton Hall University

April 4 and April 8

Remembering Martin Luther King Jr. 50 Years After His Assassination. The MLK Leadership Program has planned activities to involve the campus and community in remembering and celebrating the life of MLK. For dates and times click here

Seton Hall University, South Orange
For locations, dates and times [Click here](#)

Maplewood Book Festival

June 8 and 9, 2018

Festival features a panel on *The Rise of White Supremacy and the Future of Race Relations* moderated by Khalil Gibran Muhammad and including author Vegas Tenold and NYU law professor Anthony C. Thompson.

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