The Martin Luther King, Jr. Library opened in 1970 and will be 50 years old in 2020. Originally it was scheduled to be named for the library’s former director, but after the death of Dr. King, it was suggested the library be named to honor him. It was one of the first buildings in the U.S. to use his name in this way. The library houses the Samuel C. Pannell African American Collection. King library serves a very diverse population.

Though the Friends of the King library are a small group, they are very active and support many programs. They include:

- Yoga – Saturdays - Once a month
- Manga Club for Teens – Thursday
- Book First for First graders
- King Literary Group  Every 2nd Saturday of the month except for July and August
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest – February
- Speech Contest with Southgate Friends– April
- Chess Club – Every Saturday
- Storytime for Small Children - Wednesdays
- Neighborhood Dog Days - March, December
- Spelling Bee – July

Book sales in March, August and December are the chief way that the Friends raise money to support King’s programs.

The Library’s newly refurbished Children’s area is almost complete. Come take a look!