



## **FEDLINK Orientation to Federal Libraries and Information Centers Series: The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library**

**Date**  
**Thursday, June 19, 2014**

**Time**  
**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**  
Please plan to meet in the G  
Street entrance lobby of the  
Library at 12:45 pm.

**Place**  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Memorial Library  
901 G Street  
NW, Washington, DC 20001

**Metro/Directions**  
The Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Memorial Library is easily  
accessible from Metro's  
Gallery Place station on the  
Red, Green, and Yellow lines  
and the Metro Center station  
on the Red, Orange, and Blue  
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registration is required. Click  
[here](#) to register. Limited to 30  
attendees.

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attend to allow those on the  
waiting list an opportunity to  
register.

The District of Columbia's public central library is a hub of downtown activity that attracts people who live and work in the District and visitors from around the world. The library specifically serves the nearby neighborhoods, including Chinatown, Penn Quarter, and the Downtown Business District, and can be accessed by all five Metro lines.

All of the District of Columbia Public Libraries' support offices and administrative staff are housed at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library. In addition there are seven frontline public services departments located there: Popular Services; Digital Commons; Children and Teen Services; Information Services; Adaptive Services; Adult Literacy and Special Collections, which houses the Washingtoniana Collection, and Black Studies Center.

Designed by renowned architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe (the only Mies library in the world!), the building first opened its doors in 1972. The building is 433,036 square feet and consist of four floors above grade and two floors below including an underground parking garage.

The upcoming renovation of the 40-plus-year-old structure is generating lively debate about the role and purpose of a 21st century central library and impassioned opinions about the Mies design itself.

The tour of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library will include a look at the Digital Commons Area, a visit to the Special Collections Department, a peek into the Adaptive Technology and Services Department, and a discussion of the Library's renovation plans.

