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## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

**Monday, January 17**

The Adler will be open with extended holiday hours from 9:30 am - 5 pm.

Free daily activities and more to inspire the next generation of explorers to dream big and never give up.

## WE REMEMBER 1986 Challenger Mission

**Special Observance  
Friday, January 21 -  
Sunday, January 30**

*"The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave. The Challenger crew was pulling us into the future, and we'll continue to follow them."*

- President Ronald Reagan,  
January 28, 1986



This month marks the 25th anniversary of the Challenger Shuttle mission tragedy. Join us for a special observance from Friday, January 21 - Sunday, January 30 as we remember the brave Challenger crew and honor their heroic efforts as space pioneers.

During this 10-day special observance, watch a tribute video, view Challenger Shuttle-related artifacts on display, sign a remembrance book, and on January 28, the date of the ill-fated mission, listen to an afternoon presentation on the Challenger mission given by Adler Historian and Vice President for Collections Dr. Marvin Bolt. Free with general admission.

[Click here for more information about the Challenger special observance.](#)

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## ADLER SUMMER CAMPS

**Registration Opens January 17**

This summer add rocket building, exploring the edge of space and creating new 3D colonies on distant planets to your "To Do" list. Adler Summer Camps offer kids, teens and tweens cool, out-of-this-world experiences you won't get anywhere else.

[Click here for more information on Adler Summer Camps.](#)

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## ADLER AFTER DARK

**"Cold As Ice"**  
**Thursday, January 20**  
**6 - 10 pm**

*Adler After Dark* is Chicago's hotspot for cold weather fun. Enjoy open-access to the museum, music by DJ Meaty Ogre and a cash bar, all set against an award-winning view of the Chicago skyline.



The night heats up when you pose for our infrared camera and learn the science behind body heat.

*Note: Doane Observatory tours book up early, register for yours now.*

[Click here to purchase advance discounted tickets.](#)

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## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HAM THE SPACE MONKEY

On January 31, 1961, Ham, whose name was an acronym for **H**olloman **A**ero **M**ed, became the first chimpanzee in space. The spacecraft carrying Ham reached an altitude of 157 miles and a speed



of 5,857 mph. Ham's mission paved the way for the successful launch of America's first human astronaut, Alan B. Shepard, Jr., on May 5, 1961. Following the mission, Ham moved home to the Washington Zoo.



Visit the Adler Store to purchase this adorable, soft plush astronaut monkey (pictured on the right) for your little explorer!

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