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**KIPLINGER RESEARCH LIBRARY SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE ON JANUARY 16
AS PART OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

*Day of service activities will help residents and visitors
learn more about their neighborhoods and city*

WASHINGTON, DC: The Historical Society of Washington DC (HSW) today announced a special opening of the Kiplinger Research Library on January 16, 2012, in conjunction with Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebrations.

“Historical Society leaders, members and volunteer friends will celebrate Dr. King’s memory by committing themselves to a Day of Service providing the Washington community with opportunities to learn more about the Society’s collections and how to use them to explore their own personal stories,” said Julie Koczela, chair of HSW’s board of trustees.

Day-of-Service open house activities on January 16 will include general orientation sessions to acquaint attendees with the resources available to them at HSW. Attendees will also have an opportunity to meet board members, longtime volunteers, HSW’s interim management team; and enjoy a few highlights from the Kiplinger Washington Collection, recently donated to HSW by Kiplinger Washington Editors, Inc.

HSW is planning to reopen the library on a limited basis two days a week and would like to garner community opinions about how and when reopening plans should move forward.

The Kiplinger Research Library is housed in the historic Carnegie Library Building at Mt. Vernon Square, where HSW maintains its headquarters under a 99-year lease with the District of Columbia. It is considered to be one of the nation’s best genealogical and urban history research facilities.

“We are delighted to host this special opening of the Kiplinger Library and will make restoring full operations as soon as possible a top priority,” said Koczela. “It is particularly symbolic that we are able to honor Dr. King with this action as the Carnegie Building, built in 1902, was the only public building in the nation’s capital that was never segregated.”

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