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### **Joel D. Valdez Main Library to hold painting dedication; “The Dream” donated by artist Andrew Polk**

The public is invited to the dedication of a painting commemorating the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., as it takes a permanent place in the Joel D. Valdez Main Library.

The dedication is on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010 at the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave., beginning at 1:15 p.m. Following the brief ceremony with music, the public is invited to view the painting and to enjoy light refreshments. Parking is available in the garage beneath the library.

Andrew Polk is an artist who lives and works in Tucson. His prints, paintings, drawings, and video works have been exhibited throughout the United States, and in other countries including England, Wales, Ireland, India, Bulgaria, New Zealand, Australia, and China. Polk has served on the faculty of the School of Art at the University of Arizona since 1984 where he holds the title of Professor of Art. In Tucson, he is represented by the Davis-Dominguez Gallery.

Mike Dominguez, co-owner of the gallery, located the painting and approached the Main Library and Polk about placing the artwork at the Main Library.

“I chose to donate “The Dream” to a public institution like the Library because it belongs in a space where it can be contemplated and appreciated by people of all ages, backgrounds, and economic circumstances,” Polk wrote for a Q and A story on the Library’s website. “As a space dedicated to the preservation of knowledge and literature for all, Tucson’s Joel D. Valdez Main Library is the perfect venue for its exhibition. My offer of “The Dream” with all it stands for is intended as a tribute to the cultural diversity that distinguishes Tucson, Arizona as a great community. I couldn’t be more pleased with its new home.”

Tanisha and Kevin Hamilton of Garden Level Studios will sing at the dedication.

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