

Exploring Freedom Summer at the Moline Public Library

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Civil rights veteran Patti Miller will share her story of activism in the 1960s in her presentation Keeping History Alive: Freedom Summer Experience 1964 on Saturday, April 26th, 2:00 p.m. at the Moline Public Library. This program is free and no registration is required.

Keeping History Alive is presented as part of the six-week series Created Equal and Changing America, which explores our nation's civil rights history through film, exhibition, and presentations. More information can be found online at molinelibrary.com/createdequal, by visiting the library at 3210 - 41st Street, or by calling [309-524-2470](tel:309-524-2470)

In 1964, Iowa native Patti Miller was a college student at Drake University when she became part of what would become known as Freedom Summer. Freedom Summer participants were recruited to go to Mississippi to register voters, convene Freedom Schools and work on community projects. Ms. Miller went on to work with Dr. Martin Luther King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in Chicago as part of the Project to End Slums. She is featured in the PBS American Experience film Freedom Summer and is at work on her own film covering her experiences from that pivotal year.

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