

June 2021 Spokane Diversity/Cultural Events

LGBT Pride Month

June was selected as Gay and Lesbian Pride month due to the three-day protest in 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in New York City. This event marked the first time that the gay community joined together to fight for their rights, thereby gaining national attention. The anniversary of this event was one of the reasons June was chosen as the national proclaimed month to celebrate GLBT pride. For more information visit <https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/>.

National Caribbean American Heritage Month

A celebration of the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the U.S. In June 2005, the House of Representatives unanimously adopted H. Con. Res. 71, sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, recognizing the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. On February 14, 2006, the resolution similarly passed the Senate, since the declaration, the White House has issued an annual proclamation recognizing June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.caribbeanamericanmonth.org/>.

National Indigenous History Month (Canada)

Indigenous History Month is an opportunity not only to recognize the historic contributions of Indigenous peoples to the development of Canada, but also the strength of present-day Indigenous communities and their promise for the future. For more information visit <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1466616436543/1534874922512>.

Art Hour

Day: Tuesday

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Program includes in-depth interviews with local artists, cultural commentary, and announcements for the creative community and their fans. Hosted by Mike and Eric. On KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Can You Queer Me Now?

Day: Tuesday

Time: 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Hear voices directly from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, and Questioning community right here in the Inland Northwest. You will hear more about current events, local groups, and perspectives directly from the queer youth community. Hosted by Ian Sullivan on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Democracy Now

Day: Monday-Friday

Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am & 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program hosted by journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez. Pioneering the largest public media collaboration in the U.S. Link <https://www.democracynow.org/>. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Democracy Now! Headlines in Spanish

Date: Saturday

Time: 7:00 am – 8:00 am

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Dragonflies on Thin Air**Day: Sunday**

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

One of the few elementary age children's radio shows produced by kids for kids in the country. The program is fun and educational for children and adults, and includes a mix of jokes, music, guests, stories, poetry, trivia and more. includes Alice, Elenor C., Lily, Rowan, Sicely, Finn, Eleanor M., Sophia, Aleric and Amara. They all go to Spokane Public Montessori elementary school. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Irish Music on Tap**Day: Wednesday**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Music from Ireland, Scotland and England as well as Celtic Brittany and Canada. Hosted by Don and Rick, on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

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Latin Lounge**Day: Monday**

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

A wide spectrum of Latin music. Hosted by "Corazon" on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Layali Arabia**Day: Monday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Arabic songs from a multitude of different genres to come out of the Arab World. Hosted by Rachel on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Queens of Noise**Day: Wednesday**

Time: 8:00 pm-10:00 pm

You will hear best in female vocalist/musicians. Hosted by Luscious Duchess, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

QueerSounds**Day: Thursday**

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

QueerSounds is radio show dedicated to playing music by and for LGBTQ people. Music, interviews, community events and forums. KYRS FM 92.3 or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

The Persian Hour**Day: Saturday**

Time: noon – 1:00 pm

The Persian Hour's consists of a variety of Iranian music from hip hop to traditional, Jazz, blues, rock and roll and the usual. Also, they will share stories, recipes, and interviews. Hosted by Shahrokh, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Raise Your Voice**Day: Friday**

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

A teenage-run music and current events program. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

The Science of Poverty**Day: Saturday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Explores the topic of poverty. Hosted by Jesse Quintana, official Facebook site. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM.

Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.**SOS-Spokane****Day: Thursday**

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

The show addresses critical issues facing the Inland Northwest via research, in-depth news, information, analysis, and reasoned opinion. Hosted by Paul Potocky. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.**Sounds of Science****Day: Sunday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Lively discussion of what's happening in the world of science, from how it is affecting our lives to the ways we are shaping it. Hosted by Blake, Amaya and Adam. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.**Two Brown Ladies and a Microphone****Day: Sunday**

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Soul conversations. Life advice. Things that make us think, reflect, cope and ultimately stay the course. Hosted by Duncan & Brown. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.**Welcome Home****Day: Thursday**

Time: 10:00 am – noon

A multi-genre roots based folk show. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.**Women's Media Center Live****Day: Wednesday**

Time: noon – 1:00 pm

WMC Live with Robin Morgan tackles today's hottest topics; whether it be sex, politics, art, humor, religion, culture, or news stories that go unreported, each is engaged regularly, insightfully, and intelligently. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.**Workin' Woman Blues****Day: Sunday**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Tunes to help you shake the blues out of your hair with a mix of Funk, R&B, Soul and Blues. Hosted by Jukebox Jennie. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Nominations are being accepted for the Eva Lassman Take Action Against Hate Awards – Gonzaga UniversityYou are invited to nominate an **individual** or an **organization** working to counter hatred in the local, national, or global community.**Deadline: June 30, 2021**

To learn more about Eva Lassman, the TAAH award or to complete a nomination form go here:

www.gonzaga.edu/TAAH. Questions, contact Contact the Eva Lassman TAAH Award committee members: Rachelle Strawther, Ed.D, (Chair), strawther@gonzaga.edu; Larry Weiser, J.D., weiser@gonzaga.edu; or Fr. Patrick Baraza, Ph.D., barazap@gonzaga.edu.

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Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: On-line – this presentation will be in English and in Spanish.

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-from-mexican-to-mexican-american-a-family-immigration-story-8/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Walla Walla College

Sometimes Heroes: America's Changing Relationship with Its Veterans

"Support our troops" is a common phrase, seen on lawn signs and bumper stickers across America. Veterans are welcomed home by enthusiastic crowds, and thousands of service organizations help veterans find jobs, secure housing, and heal from the experience of war.

But it wasn't always this way. Veterans returning from Vietnam were often greeted by mobs accusing them of being "baby killers." Veterans from Korea felt their war was forgotten and unknown. And veterans from World War I, destitute during the Great Depression, were treated like criminals by their government.

Why and how has America's treatment of its veterans changed over time? How have the country's citizens responded to the call of duty from one war to the next? This presentation examines America's relationship to wars and veterans over the last century, and what shapes our current national consciousness towards veterans and the wars they fight in our name. Jeb Wyman has been a faculty member for over twenty years at Seattle Central College.

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, visit their website below.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-sometimes-heroes-americas-changing-relationship-with-its-veterans-7/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Cowlitz Historical Museum.

Annual ArtFest – On-line

The MAC's ArtFest is a three-day celebration of art and fine craft, and an Inland Northwest tradition for the entire family. This year, experience is online, enjoy the same activities you normally experience at the in-person event - see paintings, photography, ceramics, jewelry and more by juried regional artists plus artist demonstrations, Make-it Art kids' projects, Northwest music and more.

Dates: Friday, June 4 – Sunday, June 6, 2021

Time: on-line

Location: On-line

Cost: Free

For more information, visit their website at <https://www.northwestmuseum.org/programs/special-events/artfest/>.

The Black Universe Exhibit – Terrain Gallery

“The Black Universe” exhibit by Hazel Miller is inspired by ancient human life, Zen Buddhism, and the color black; its themes include womanhood, rebirth, botany and altered states of consciousness. It explores the many selves that women in particular occupy.

Dates: Friday, June 4 – Sunday, June 26, 2021

Time: Terrian, 304 W Pacific Ave #190 on-line

Location: On-line and in -person – 50% viewing, masks required

Cost: Free

For more information, visit their website at <https://www.terrainspokane.com/2019/3/10/workshop-small-plate-lithography-kevin-hass/2021/5/20/the-black-universe-june-terrain-gallery-show-hbcl2>.

From Homer to #hashtags: Our Changing Language

Though always evolving, language is undergoing an unprecedented shift, thanks to the digital age. Emojis, tweets, and hashtags are transforming how we write and converse. Some might argue that language has been diminished, but just as Homer’s epic Odyssey made sense of ancient Greece, a tweet can distill a feeling, a thought, or an idea. Poet Christine Hemp explores these new forms of communication, connecting them with the language of the past. How do changes in language affect the way we think and feel about our world, our history, and ourselves?

Christine Hemp is an author, poet, essayist and art critic. She received her BA in Humanities from Willamette University and an MA in English from Middlebury College. Hemp is the recipient of a Washington State Artist Trust Fellowship for Literature and teaches poetry and nonfiction at Hugo House in Seattle.

Date: Monday, June 7, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register at website below via the Library calendar is required/..

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-from-homer-to-hashtags-our-changing-language-4/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries.

YWCA – 14-Day Equity Challenge

YWCA Spokane is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, standing up for social justice, helping families, and strengthening communities. By signing up for their 14-day challenge, engaging with the content, and using it to inform the creation of more equitable habits, you are supporting the health and well-being of your community and YWCA Spokane’s mission to promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

Dates: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 – June 25, 2021

Location: On-line via emails that focuses on different topics

Cost: Free, must register to receive emails, see link below

For more information and to register visit <https://ywcaspokane.org/racialjustice/challenge/>.

Tangled: Why Your Hair Matters to Society

Hair is simply a collection of protein filaments that sprout from our scalp, yet it carries great meaning for us and our society. From twists and tapers to braids and buns, what’s on top of our head and how it is received by others often reflects society’s standards of beauty and desirability. Using song, video, poetry, and imagery, this interactive presentation encourages us to examine our cultural conceptions of gender, class, and race. Why, for example, is one kind of hair or hair style understood as “better” than another? Who says so? What are the consequences of sporting an unruly doo, and how has that changed over the years?

Join professor Anu Taranath to untangle the meaning of hair, and better understand the stories we tell about beauty, bias, and belonging. Anu Taranath is a professor at the University of Washington specializing in global literature, identity, race, and equity.

Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Time: 10:30 am

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see link below

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-tangled-why-your-hair-matters-to-society-6/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Opportunities/Temple De Hirsch Sinal.

Let It Not Happen Again: Lessons of the Japanese American Exclusion

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Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register at website below.

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-let-it-not-happen-again-lessons-of-the-japanese-american-exclusion-15/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Mid-Columbia Libraries.

From Crime to the Classroom: How Education Changes Lives

According to statistics, Omari Amili's story should have turned out much differently. His parents suffered from addiction which led to him growing up in poverty and struggling in school. Eventually, he ended up serving prison time. Though Amili was a product of what's often referred to as the "school-to-prison pipeline," it was ultimately education that changed Amili's life. Blending his personal story and scholarship, Amili leads a discussion on the benefits of another path: the "prison-to-college pipeline," where incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people can take college courses and receive a degree. Studies have shown that education is one of the best ways to reduce the chance of returning to prison, and Omari explores how we all benefit—as individuals and a society—from the new perspective, sense of direction, and confidence education provides.

Omari Amili earned a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Washington Tacoma, where his research focused on the benefits of college education for formerly incarcerated people.

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Time: 10:30 am | 6:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, visit the website below.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-from-crime-to-the-classroom-how-education-changes-lives-3/> | <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-from-crime-to-the-classroom-how-education-changes-lives-5/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Hagan Center at Spokane Community College.

PJALS Virtual Annual Membership Meeting

Open to existing, new, and interested members of the Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane. Discussion includes an update on priorities and plans for the future and more. Visit pjals.org to register.

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: On-line, must register to receive Zoom link

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, visit <http://pjals.org/annual-membership-meeting-wed-june-9th-700-pm/>.

Hispanic Business Professional Association Monthly Meeting

Sabes Qué? Sarah Dixit – Redistricting

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm: networking, meeting & speaker presentation, RSVP

Location: Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant patio, 1227 S Grand

Cost: Optional dinner about \$10.00-\$15.00

For more information visit their website at www.hbpaspokane.net or email hbpaspokane@gmail.com for RSVP.

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Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: On-line – this presentation will be in English and in Spanish.

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-from-mexican-to-mexican-american-a-family-immigration-story-7/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>.

Hosted by The Westport Timberland Library.

Washington State Poet Laureate

Join Washington State Poet Laureate Rena Priest as she builds awareness and appreciation of poetry, including the state's legacy of poetry, through public readings, workshops, lectures and presentations across the state. Priest is a member of the Lhaq'temish (Lummi) Nation and the author of *Patriarchy Blues*.

Dates/Times: Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm (UW Information School) -

<https://www.humanities.org/event/event-with-the-washington-state-poet-laureate-192/>. **Wednesday, June 9,**

2021 at 5:30 pm (RE Sources-Bellingham) - <https://www.humanities.org/event/event-with-the-washington-state-poet-laureate-196/>.

Wednesday, Jun 10, 2021 at 4:00 pm (Salish Sea Institute at Western Washington

University) - <https://www.humanities.org/event/event-with-the-washington-state-poet-laureate-198/>.

Thursday, June 11, 2021 at noon (Seattle City Club) - <https://www.humanities.org/event/event-with-the-washington-state-poet-laureate-199/>.

Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 11:00 am (Voices of the RiverSpokane) –

<https://www.humanities.org/event/event-with-the-washington-state-poet-laureate-202/>. **Monday, June 14, 2021**

at noon (Norwest Indian College) - <https://www.humanities.org/event/event-with-the-washington-state-poet-laureate-204/>.

June 20, 2021 – 3:00 pm (Poetry Club Talks) - <https://www.humanities.org/event/event-with-the-washington-state-poet-laureate-203/>.

June 25, 2021

Location: On-line – Poet Laureate

For more information and to register, visit websites above for the appropriate dates. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>.

AAPI Heritage Day

Art Show, Performances, 50+ vendors, free kid's activities, and Island Style Food truck.

Date: Saturday, June 12, 2021

Time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location Centerplace's West Lawn Plaza. 2426 N Discovery Pl

Cost: Free

For more information contact charitydoyle@yahoo.com.

***In the Heights* with Lin Manuel Miranda and America**

A virtual book launch of “*In the Heights: Finding Home*” in celebration of the new film, “*In the Heights*.” Lin Manuel Miranda, Quiara Alegría Hudes and Jeremy McCarter in discussion with moderator America Ferrera.

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Time: 5:00 pm

Location:

Cost: \$40.00, includes admission and a hardcover copy of the book *In the Heights: Finding Home*. Must register at [auntiesbooks.com](https://www.auntiesbooks.com) for zoom link.

For more information visit <https://www.auntiesbooks.com/event/heights-lin-manuel-miranda-and-america-ferrera>.

June What?: Why African Americans Celebrate Juneteenth

Dr. Roberta and Mr. James Wilburn discuss the importance of Juneteenth and its historical context.

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Location: Spokane County Library – South Hill

Cost: Free. Must register on line at <https://events.spokanelibrary.org/events>.

For more information visit <https://events.spokanelibrary.org/events>.

Always On: How to Turn Up the Volume on Everyday Communication

Is there such a thing as an “authentic self?” Though the phrase looks great on an inspirational poster, we are constantly in flux. You may act differently as a friend or a romantic partner, as a worker or a boss, or as a student or a teacher. We are all performing every day, and these performances should be embraced—they influence our lives in profound ways and can help us have richer experiences.

Drawing from philosophy and psychology, actor and public speaking expert Monica Cortés Viharo explores the roles we play in our lives and the performances all around us—and shows how to communicate confidently in all situations. This interactive discussion also introduces practice exercises for combating performance anxiety and being a confident public speaker. Viharo is earning a PhD in Drama and has twenty years of experience as an actor and public speaking consultant. Viharo lives in Seattle.

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register at <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-always-on-how-to-turn-up-the-volume-on-everyday-communication-3/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Friends of Asian Art Association.

Comic-Book Reality: Superheroes and the Power of Representation

Since their debut in the 1930s, comic books have been a regular part of our pop-culture landscape. While often dismissed as escapist entertainment, these pulp treasures also provide a fascinating lens through which to view our nation’s past, present and potential future.

In this interactive presentation, journalist and educator T. Andrew Wahl explores how everything from social movements to business concerns to changing demographics have shaped the reality seen in the pages of comics. Drawing from comics including Black Panther, Wonder Woman, Captain America, and others, Wahl shows how four-color heroes aren’t merely confined to paper—they shape the world we live in.

T. Andrew Wahl is a journalist who has worked as an editor and editorial cartoonist. Wahl studied comic-books as a part of his MA in the humanities at Fort Hays State University. He currently teaches journalism at Everett Community College.

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, visit website to register

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-comic-book-reality-superheroes-and-the-power-of-representation-5/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Tacoma Public Library.

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Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register at website below.

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-let-it-not-happen-again-lessons-of-the-japanese-american-exclusion-16/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Friends of Third Place Commons.

Let It Not Happen Again: Lessons of the Japanese American Exclusion

See June 16, 2021 for description.

Date: Thursday June 17, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register at website below.

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-let-it-not-happen-again-lessons-of-the-japanese-american-exclusion-12/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Heron’s Key Lifelong Learning.

Graceful Expressions: The Teaching and Learning of Indian Dances

Indian classical dance is an artform that goes back centuries, and as it has evolved, so have the methods used to teach and learn the tradition. Join the Center for Washington Cultural Traditions for an interactive panel discussion with four accomplished artists to explore teaching and learning Indian classical dance. How has teaching changed over time, especially for modern generations and for those studying their dance forms in the United States?

Features Dr. Ratna Roy, renowned artist and a guru of Odissi; Marissa Betz-Zall, Roy’s long-time student; Anwesha Das, a young Bharatanatyam artist. The panel will be chaired and moderated by Latha Sambamurti, with assistance from Stefanie Fatooh.

Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, visit website to register

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/graceful-expressions-the-teaching-and-learning-of-indian-dances/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Central for Washington Cultural Traditions.

What Your Home Says about the World

Join sociologist and writer Michelle Janning to explore how what you decide to keep - and not keep - in your home provides deep insights about you, your family, and society itself. Ms Janning earned a PhD in Sociology from the University of Notre Dame and has been a professor at Whitman College for two decades. She is the author of *The Stuff of Family Life: How our Homes Reflect Our Lives*

Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: E.A. Johnston, Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture Historical Museum, 2316 W 1st Ave.

Cost: Free admission, donations welcomed

For more information visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/what-your-home-says-about-the-world-12/>.

Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture Historical Museum.

Juneteenth Celebration – Community Pillar Awards

Date: Friday, June 18, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Virtual Award Show

Cost: Free, streamed on inwjc.org, YouTube, Facebook and CMTV Mobile App

For more information contact <http://www.inwjc.org/> or <http://blacklensnews.com/>. In Collaboration with MLJ Center, City of Spokane, Carl Maxey Center, *The Black Lens*, Spokane Ministerial and NAACP Spokane.

Juneteenth Celebration – Movie in the Park

Showing *Black Panther*

Date: Friday, June 18, 2021

Time: 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Location: Underhill Park

Cost: Free

For more information contact <http://www.inwjc.org/> or <http://blacklensnews.com/>. In Collaboration with MLJ Center, City of Spokane, Carl Maxey Center, *The Black Lens*, Spokane Ministerial and NAACP Spokane.

Juneteenth Celebration – Block Party

Music by DJK-PHI

Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021

Time: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: MLK at East Central Community Center, 500 S Stone St.

Cost: Free

For more information contact <https://mlkspokane.org/>. 500. In Collaboration with MLJ Center, City of Spokane, Carl Maxey Center, *The Black Lens*, Spokane Ministerial and NAACP Spokane.

Juneteenth Celebration – Praise in the Park

Music by DJK-Phi

Date: Sunday June 20, 2021

Time: 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Liberty Park

Cost: Free

For more information visit <http://www.inwjc.org/> or <http://blacklensnews.com/>. In Collaboration with MLJ Center, City of Spokane, Carl Maxey Center, *The Black Lens*, Spokane Ministerial and NAACP Spokane.

Juneteenth Celebration – Father’s Day Brunch

Drive-up and pick-up

Date: Sunday June 20, 2021

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Emmanuel Life Center

Cost: Free

For more information visit <http://www.inwjc.org/> or <http://blacklensnews.com/>. In Collaboration with MLJ Center, City of Spokane, Carl Maxey Center, *The Black Lens*, Spokane Ministerial and NAACP Spokane.

Juneteenth Cel-Liberation: A Celebration of Resistance

The Museum is offering this roughly 40-minute video presentation on a drop-in basis with ticket purchase to all June 19 Museum visitors. The program will be repeated consistently throughout the day, starting at 10 am and ending at 5 pm.

Visit the MAC to watch a wonderful compilation of short videos created and provided to the MAC courtesy of Smithsonian Institution Affiliations and the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Learn about Juneteenth while joining us in celebrating the legacy and importance of this special day in our nation's history.

Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021

Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Eric A. Johnston Auditorium, MAC

Cost: Adult \$12, Child 6-17 \$7, Child 5 and younger free, college student \$10, Senior 65+ \$10, Tickets must be pre-purchased or reserved online, face masks required

For more information visit <https://sales.northwestmuseum.org/performance.aspx?pid=34863>.

Juneteenth at Spark Central

What do liberation and freedom mean to you? Juneteenth (also known as Freedom Day and Jubilee) is a celebration in the process of becoming a holiday in Washington State. Learn more and celebrate with us! There will be crafts and activities, along with media and pop culture views and reviews, and a mini-poetry workshop. Come through and learn about this and other ways Spokane and the U.S. celebrate Juneteenth!

Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021

Time: noon—6:30 pm: all day gallery of recommended books and comics display; noon - media montage of Juneteenth and American History pre-post Juneteenth; 1:00 pm-3:00 pm – poetry workshop; 3:15 pm-5:00 pm - Juneteenth arts and crafts; 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm poetry open mic

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free, open to the public

For more information, visit <https://spark-central.org/events/lhphrdzg5z7jxar-9mc75-zfwt6-7mzny-69k9n-g5x7s-da37f-fmmx8-gw37e-c4h8a-25dhg-je85k-74k32-jfs3s-cfbmd-jd9yg-b75ws-ek8gx-g9dj2-cnnn7-an58n-xe68d-cp336-pphh4>.

KPBX Kid’s Concert – Little Red Shed

Little Red Shed play its unique and infectious blend of rhythm & bluegrass to kick off the summer. Little Red Shed is comprised of *Front Porch Bluegrass* host Kevin Brown, Ken Glastre, and Charlie Gurche.

Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: KPBX 91.1 (radio station channel)

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.spokanepublicradio.org/post/kpbx-kids-concert-little-red-shed-june-19>.

NAACP General Membership Meeting**Date: Monday, June 21, 2021**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: On-line via Zoom

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone.

For more information visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/spokane.naacp/> or visit their website at <http://spokanenaacp.com/>.

Tangled: Why Your Hair Matters to Society

Hair is simply a collection of protein filaments that sprout from our scalp, yet it carries great meaning for us and our society. From twists and tapers to braids and buns, what's on top of our head and how it is received by others often reflects society's standards of beauty and desirability. Using song, video, poetry, and imagery, this interactive presentation encourages us to examine our cultural conceptions of gender, class, and race. Why, for example, is one kind of hair or hair style understood as "better" than another? Who says so? What are the consequences of sporting an unruly doo, and how has that changed over the years?

Join professor Anu Taranath to untangle the meaning of hair, and better understand the stories we tell about beauty, bias, and belonging. Anu Taranath is a professor at the University of Washington specializing in global literature, identity, race, and equity.

Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Time: noon

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see link below

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-tangled-why-your-hair-matters-to-society-7/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Washington State Department of Enterprise Services.

Comic-Book Reality: Superheroes and the Power of Representation

Since their debut in the 1930s, comic books have been a regular part of our pop-culture landscape. While often dismissed as escapist entertainment, these pulp treasures also provide a fascinating lens through which to view our nation's past, present and potential future.

In this interactive presentation, journalist and educator T. Andrew Wahl explores how everything from social movements to business concerns to changing demographics have shaped the reality seen in the pages of comics. Drawing from comics including Black Panther, Wonder Woman, Captain America, and others, Wahl shows how four-color heroes aren't merely confined to paper—they shape the world we live in.

T. Andrew Wahl is a journalist who has worked as an editor and editorial cartoonist. Wahl studied comic-books as a part of his MA in the humanities at Fort Hays State University. He currently teaches journalism at Everett Community College.

Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, visit website to register

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-comic-book-reality-superheroes-and-the-power-of-representation-5/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by North Olympic Library System.

Comic-Book Reality: Superheroes and the Power of Representation

See June 29 for description.

Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, visit website to register

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-comic-book-reality-superheroes-and-the-power-of-representation-6/>. . Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>.

Hosted by Anacortes Public Library.

Save the Date

Unity in the Community (UIC) – Celebrating 27 Years

UIC consists of five key vendors areas: Youth Fair, Career and Education Fair, Health Fair, Early Learning Fair, and general vendors. Along with our vendors we also have a Cultural Village and a stage consisting of a diverse group of performers and acts to keep you entertained all day. Whatever your age, you will find something to do at UIC.

Date: Saturday, August 21, 2021

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Riverfront Park

Cost: Free

For more information visit www.nwunity.org.

For general Spokane events visit www.visitspokane.com or <http://www.spokane7.com/>.

June 2021 National/International Diversity/Cultural Celebrations

June 1

Gawai Dayak – Malaysia

This is a festival marking the traditional rice harvest. Rituals performed to express thanks to the spirits of the paddy with requests for better harvest during the next planting season. It is an open house for friends and relatives with celebrations usually lasting three days.

Children's Day – Laos

Guided by the belief that the children of today are the future of tomorrow, the celebration of Children's Day is celebrated every first of June every year.

Global Day of Parents – UN

This day was proclaimed by the UN in 2012 to honor parents throughout the world.

Independence Day – Samoa

Labor Day - Bahamas

June 2	Republic Day – Italy Known as the Festival of The Republic, it is celebrated on the day that Italians voted to abolish the monarch in 1946.
June 4	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression – UN Acknowledges the pain suffered by children throughout the world who are victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse.
	Núr (5th Month) – Bahú'í The first day of the fifth Baha'í month. The English translation of Núr (Arabic) is Light.
June 5	Constitution Day- Denmark Honors as both the first constitution of 1849 which established Denmark as a constitutional monarchy” and the current constitution of 1953, which were signed on this date of their respective years.
	World Environment Day – UN Message to reject single-use plastic, Refuse what you can't re-use.
June 6	National Day – Sweden
June 7	June Bank Holiday - Ireland
June 8	World Oceans Day - UN Reminds every one of the major role the oceans have in everyday life.
June 10	Portugal Day – Portugal Observes the anniversary of the death in 1580 of national poet, Luiz Vaz de Camões, with parades, writing contests and dances.
	Ascension – Christian, Coptic & Eastern Orthodox This day commemorates the ascension of Jesus into heaven.
June 12	Trooping the Colour – UK The official birthday of the Queen is marked each year by a colorful and historic military parade and march-past, known as Trooping the Colour.
	Russia Day – Russia Russian parliament formally declared Russian sovereignty from the USSR which declared complete state independence.
	Independence Day – Philippines The Philippine Declaration of Independence was proclaimed this date in present day Kawit, Cavite.
	World Day Against Child Labor - UN
June 14	Flag Day – USA A day chosen by the Continental Congress in 1777 to honor the flag as a symbol of patriotism. Its 13 red and white stripes represent the original colonies, while the 50 stars stand for the separate but united states of the Union. Flags are flown over all schools, statehouses, courtrooms and churches.

- June 14** **Dragon Boat Festival – China, Hong Kong**
 This day honors the patriot poet Chu Yuan who drowned himself in the Milo River, south of China in protest of the political injustice in 277 B.C. The villagers raced to the river and jumped into dragon boats but never found him. As they searched, they beat drums to scare off fish and dragons that might attack his mortal remains. It is a holiday celebrated by boat races in the shape of dragons.
- June 16** **Matariki – Aboriginal/Maori, New Zealand**
 When the star cluster Matariki (Pleiades) appears in the dawn sky, Maori New Year starts. Festivities begins with the new moon after the first appearance of Matariki and last for a month. It is time for connecting with, and giving thanks to the land, sea, and sky for the community to come together to farewell the dead and to begin planning ahead for the coming year.
- Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev – Sikh**
 Commemorates the death of the fifth guru of the Sikhs and the first Sikh martyr executed by the Mughai emperor Jehangir. He built the Golden Temple in Amritsar with doors facing all four directions to emphasize the Sikh way was open to all, regardless of caste.
- June 17** **Independence Day – Iceland**
 Icelandic National Day celebrating Iceland’s independence from Denmark on June 17, 1944.
- World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought – UN**
 To promote public awareness of land degradation and to draw attention to the implementation of the UNCCD in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa.
- June 19** **Juneteenth – African-American**
 June 19, 1865, also known as National Freedom Day, is considered the official end of slavery in the United States. Slaves in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas were not told about their freedom until this day, even though the Emancipation Proclamation took place in April of 1863.
- Labor Day – Trinidad & Tobago**
- June 20** **World Refugee Day- UN**
- Father’s Day – USA, Canada, UK**
 This day we honor all fathers in the world. Louise Dodd of Spokane, WA, began the tradition in 1910. Her own father was a veteran who raised his six children alone after his wife died in childbirth. Interest in the day grew, and in 1966 a presidential proclamation established Father’s Day as the 3rd Sunday in June.
- Pentecost – Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox**
 The holy Spirit was felt amongst the 12 apostles after Jesus’ death. New members of the church are baptized on this day. It is call White Sunday because white clothes are worn for baptism.
- June 20** **Summer Solstice**
 In the Northern Hemisphere, where it is the longest day of the year in terms of daylight, the June solstice is also called the summer solstice.
- Litha - Wicca**
 Falls on the summer solstice. The Latin word solstice means the sun stood still. Wiccans celebrate the Sun at the height of its power for providing good harvests.

June 21	<p>National Indigenous Peoples Day – Aboriginal/Native Canadian In 1996, a former Governor General of Canada proclaimed June 21 to be known as National Aboriginal Day. This is an event growing in importance in Canada when the outstanding contributions of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples, collectively known as Aboriginal peoples, are being recognized.</p> <p>National Day – Greenland Celebrations consist of speeches, hoisting of the flag, church services and local entertainment.</p> <p>International Day of Yoga - UN</p>
June 23	<p>Public Service Day – UN On December 20, 2002, the UN designated this date to celebrate the value and virtue of public service, and the contribution of public service in the development process.</p> <p>National Day – Luxembourg</p> <p>Rahmat (6th Month) – Baha’i The first day of the sixth Baha’i month. The English translation of Rahmat (Arabic) is Mercy. Starts at sunset on the 23rd.</p>
June 24	<p>St. Jean Baptiste Day (Quebec) - Canada The patron saint of French Canadians in Quebec. It is a national holiday with parades, bonfires and fireworks to celebrate his birthday.</p> <p>Día de San Juan – Puerto Rico This day commemorates the island’s patron saint, St. John the Baptist. People gather at beaches in the afternoon. Then at midnight they jump into the ocean backwards three times to symbolize baptism, immersion and new life. Feasts follow.</p> <p>Inti Raymi - Peru Celebrated in Cusco, the second biggest festival in Latin America celebrates the winter solstice Incan Festival where the God of the Sun, Wiracocha, is honored.</p>
June 26	<p>International Day in Support of Victims of Torture – UN In 1997, the UN General Assembly proclaimed June 26th the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture to remind people that human torture is unacceptable and a crime.</p> <p>International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - UN</p> <p>Independence Day – Madagascar, Somalia</p>
June 27	<p>Multiculturalism Day – Canada The Government of Canada officially recognized June 27th as the Canadian Multiculturalism Day on November 13, 2002. This day acknowledges the contributions various communities make to Canadian society and celebrates the country’s richness and diversity.</p>
June 28	<p>Stonewall Rebellion Day - LGBT This day commemorates the U.S. anniversary of the protest against police harassment in New York City’s Greenwich Village in 1969. Events and Pride Parades are held in many cities throughout the U.S. and Canada.</p>

June 29 **St. Peter and Paul Day – Chile**
Liturgical feast in honor of Saints Peter and Paul.

Gahambar Maidyoshem- Zoroastrian
This day celebrates the creation of animals. It is also a time for the equitable sharing of food.

June 30 **Independence Day – Congo**

Source: Multicultural Calendar 2021 published by Creative Cultural Communications:
<http://usa.multiculturalcalendar.com/v/home.html>.

Juneteenth

There are several events taking place around and on June 19, 2021, in celebration of Juneteenth. Information below is from The Spokesman Review.

Juneteenth gains support to be official Washington state holiday; many in Spokane say it's important step to acknowledge slavery

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Bill Information

House Bill 1016 passed the state House of Representatives 89-9. It is currently making its way through the Senate. **Update – Bill delivered to the Governor on April 20, 2021, sign by Governor Inslee on May 13, 2021, will be effective July 25, 2021** (<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1016&Year=2021>).

OLYMPIA – Like many people, Michael Bethely didn't learn the history behind Juneteenth until later in his life.

The holiday, which celebrates the emancipation of enslaved people, was never common knowledge, said Bethely, who is now the co-chair of the Inland Northwest Juneteenth Coalition. It's another example of the disparity in the knowledge of Black history in the country.

With [a bill to designate Juneteenth as a paid state legal holiday](#), the state Legislature is hoping to honor those who were slaves, celebrate the end of slavery and make a first step toward improving the knowledge of Black history in the state.

But many in Spokane say it is only the beginning.

"It's long overdue, but I think that recognition is the first step toward a certain kind of reconciliation that may be able to happen in our community," Bethely said.

The bill would add June 19 to the list of paid legal holidays. It passed through the state House of Representatives last month and is now making its way through the Senate.

On June 19, 1865 – more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation – enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, finally learned that the Civil War had ended and they were free. Juneteenth has since been celebrated as Emancipation Day to celebrate the abolishment of slavery.

Juneteenth represents liberation for the Black community, said Sandra Williams, executive director at the Carl Maxey Center. The country celebrates the Fourth of July as Independence Day, but Black people weren't independent at that time.

It's important for the state to acknowledge the "real history that we have in this country, the parts that are great and also the parts of it that are not so great," Williams said.

Washington designated Juneteenth as a day of remembrance in 2007, but this bill would take it a step further in Washington and make it a paid day off. Forty-six other states and the District of Columbia recognize it as a day of observance. Texas, Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts are the only states where it is a paid holiday, but many other states have considered it within the last year.

"If we should get this across the finish line, it would just take a moment in time to appreciate the African American experience, to acknowledge the contributions and to acknowledge being free," Spokane City Councilwoman Betsy Wilkerson told The Spokesman-Review.

It took a long time for the state to get here, Wilkerson said.

"The time is now," bill sponsor Rep. Melanie Morgan, D-Tacoma, said in her floor speech. "Without this, then how can we truly advocate for racial equity?"

The bill passed 89-9 in the House. Opponents expressed concerns over the cost for the state in creating another paid holiday. The fiscal analysis of the bill says it would cost the state about \$5.7 million every two years to pay staff that must work, even on holidays. Both the Senate Democrats' and the House Democrats' proposed budgets for the next two years have appropriated those funds.

Rep. Mike Volz, R-Spokane, told other lawmakers during the floor debate that he anticipated members of his party would be voting against the bill because of the cost. Some believe it is not appropriate to spend this money during a pandemic and a time of economic recovery, he said.

Volz voted in favor of it as he said it was a holiday that was "under-acknowledged and underappreciated." Of Spokane-area legislators, Republican Reps. Rob Chase, Bob McCaslin and Joe Schmick voted against it.

Morgan fought back on the concerns of the holiday's cost.

"To that I say, it's not even close to the real cost of racial injustice," Morgan said on the House floor.

Wilkerson said if it's really important to the state, the Legislature should find a way to pay for it. Juneteenth is one day out of "years and years and years of lack of acknowledgement, lack of acceptance, lack of inclusion," she said.

"I recognize it could be a financial hardship, but for African Americans it's been a lifetime of hardships and sacrifice and suffering," she said.

Wilkerson said the recognition would give people of color a platform to begin the education of Black history. It can start the process of weaving education into the community.

By having a holiday, people will start to seek out information, Williams said.

Spokane already has Juneteenth celebrations every year. The Inland Northwest Juneteenth Coalition has been putting on events every year since 2011 as a way to uplift the community, Bethely said. The coalition also gives out Community Pillar Awards every Juneteenth to honor local organizations or individuals.

The coalition is still determining how to celebrate this year, and a lot of it will depend on the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Knowledge is powerful in so many ways,” Bethely said. “This is not going to solve the racial disparities and a lot of the injustices that have happened, but it’s a step in the right direction.”

For many, making Juneteenth a state holiday is only the beginning. Wilkerson said she and other leaders of color will continue to create a path forward.

The Legislature is looking at other bills to address systemic racism in the state, including numerous pieces of police reform legislation. Democratic legislators and Gov. Jay Inslee included equity as a priority for the Legislature this session. In his legislative proposals, Inslee called for making Juneteenth a paid state holiday.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee will vote on the bill Friday before it heads to the Senate floor for final passage.

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