

February 2019 Spokane Area Diversity Events

Black History Month (African American History Month)

Prior to 1925, little information could be found in the U.S. about African American history. A widely held belief existed that African Americans had made little contribution to U.S. society. In 1926, Carter G. Woodson spearheaded the first Negro History Week to raise awareness. Fifty years later, the week was expanded to a month. February was selected because of the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas, two individuals who dramatically affected the lives of African Americans. **The 2019 African American History Month theme is “Black Migrations”** commemorating the beginning of the forced migration of Africans to the Virginia colony in 1619 in the context of “400 Years of Perseverance”. Visit this website for more information <http://www.asalh.org>.

As Grandmother Taught: Women, Tradition and Plateau Art

Coiled and twined basketry and beaded hats, pouches, bags, dolls, horse regalia, baby boards, and dresses alongside vintage photos of Plateau women wearing or alongside their traditional, handmade clothing and objects, with works by Leanne Campbell, HollyAnna CougarTracks DeCoteau Littlebull and Bernadine Phillips.

Dates: August 2018 through December 2019

Time: Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Location: Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, 2316 W. First Ave

Cost: \$10.00 adult, \$8.00 seniors, \$5.00 children ages 6-17, \$8.00 college students with ID.

For more information visit their website at <https://www.northwestmuseum.org/exhibits/current-exhibits/titanic.cfm> or call 509.456.3931.

“Sacred Encounters: Father De Smet and the Indians of the Rocky Mountain West” Exhibit

The exhibit tells the story of how Jesuit missionaries (Father De Smet) came to the interior Northwest at the invitation of the Coeur d' Alene and Salish tribes and the profound effects this sacred encounter had on both cultures.

Date: Open, no end date at this time

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm daily April through September, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm October through March, (closed holidays)

Location: Old Mission State Park, Cataldo, ID (I-90, exit 39 – 60 miles east of Spokane)

Cost: \$5.00 park entrance fee, exhibit \$5.00 per person/\$10.00 per family.

For more information visit their website at <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/coeur-d-alenes-old-mission>.

Live Irish Music

Dates: September 2, 2018-March 31, 2019 – every Sunday

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: O’Doherty’s Irish Grille, 525 W Spokane Falls Blvd

For more information visit <http://beta.odohertyspub.com/> or call 509.747.0322.

Spokane Women Together: Portraits and Stories – Photography Exhibit

This exhibit combines portrait photography and personal stories that illustrate the quiet diversity of women from 9 countries who speak 14 languages with 11 religious affiliations from 20 different professions, all living in Spokane. This exhibit is a collaboration between portrait photographer Rick Singer, community organizer and graphic artist Hilary Hart, and the women who are portrayed.

Dates: February 1-28, 2019

Time: Library hours

Location: Spokane Valley Library, 12004 E Main Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information and library hours, visit www.sclld.org.

Can You Queer Me Now?

Day: Tuesday

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 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-5:00 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

Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award winning news program hosted by journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM.

Website: www.kyrs.org or www.democracynow.org.

Detention

Day: Monday

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Variety music/talk show for teens by teens. This show is produced by the students of West Valley City School. Hosted by Kade, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

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. Hosted by [Trevor, Zoe, Eva and Selena](#), 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. Hosted by Don and Rick, on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

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: Saturday

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Arabic songs from a multitude of different genres including but not limited to: hip hop, reggae, indie, metal, folk, pop, electronic, oriental jazz and some of the greatest classics to come out of the Arab World. Hosted by Rahmi 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 “Queen of Mean” and “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. Hosted by bob, KYRS FM 92.3 or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>
Join the hosts on Facebook at www.facebook.com/qsounds, or email them at queersounds@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>.

21st Annual Spokane International Film Festival (SPIFF)

This year’s festival features unique and award-winning short films from the northwest, international, and the world’s finest animation.

Dates: Friday, February 1, 2019 to Friday, February 8, 2019

Time: Visit website for times and location of films

Locations: Visit website for location: The Magic Lantern, 25 W Main Street and The Bing Crosby Theater, 901 W Sprague Ave.

Cost: Visit website

For more information visit www.spokanefilmfestival.org for film schedule and to purchase tickets, passes and opening night party reservations.

Cirque Zuma Zuma

The mystique of Africa meets the circus with aerial acts, contortionist feats, Egyptian limbo, South African gumboot dances and more...

Date: Friday, February 1, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox

Cost: \$54.00 - \$154.00

For more information call 509.624.1200 or visit their website at www.foxtheatersspokane.org.

Presumption of Innocence: Further Conversations About Bail and Incarceration in Spokane

Join Kurtis Robinson and Christina Kamkosi for a needed conversation about bail, our local jail, and the Bail Project and Bail Disruptors in Spokane. This program is one of our events celebrating Black History Month.

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2019

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>.

Moroccan Society and Culture

Dr. Mohammed Boudoudou will discuss the geographic, ethnic, cultural, and religious aspects of Morocco, painting a mosaic of the landscape, society, and culture of the country. This program is one of our events celebrating Black History Month.

Date: Sunday, February 3, 2019

Time: :30 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: South Hill, 3324 S Perry St

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>.

Reclaiming Black Excellence – Perpetual Punishment of Cedric Bradley

Dr. Okera Nsombi and Cedric Bradley. How the stigma of race, 13th amendment and the American legal system has created an unending punishment for a Spokane man.

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Time: noon – 12:50 pm

Location: EWU 205 Monroe Hall, 710 D Street, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.369.2205.

African American Heritage Month Lecture Austin Channing. Brown

Austin C. Brown is the author of *I'm Still here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*.

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Whitworth University, 300 W Hawthorne Rd

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.777.3583 or visit their website at

<https://www.whitworth.edu/cms/news-and-events/speakers-and-artists/index.htm>.

More than just an Entertainer, Athlete or Criminal: Invisible Stories of a Black Man in America

Presenter: George Duvall. How the media overlooks the role of the Black male as mentor, father, and educator

Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Time: noon – 12:50 pm

Location: EWU 205 Monroe Hall, 710 D Street, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.369.2205.

EWU Activist in Residence

Panel & workshop: Health is Political with Rowena Pineda. Your zip code is a better predictor of health than your genetic code.

Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Time: 3:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: EWU 207 Monroe Hall, EWU Women's and Gender Education Center, 710 D Street, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://www2.ewu.edu/css/programs/womens-and-gender-studies?mode=full>.

Of Ebony Embers | Core Ensemble

Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance

Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019

Time: noon – 1:30 pm

Location: EWU Showalter Auditorium, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.369.2205. Presented by the Office for Diversity & Inclusion.

Selma Movie

Civil-rights activists march from Selma, Ala., to Montgomery to secure voting rights for Black Americans in this Oscar-nominated docudrama, which focuses on the actions of Martin Luther King Jr. PG-13; 128 minutes.

Date: Wednesday, February 7 2018

Time: 5:45 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Spokane Downtown Library, 906 W Main St

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>. This film is part of our celebration of Black History Month.

Diverse Voices Writing Group

Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.279.0299 or visit their website at <http://www.sparkwestcentral.org/>.

“South Africa - An African Plant Safari”

Learn about the horticultural variety of South Africa which has 20,000 plant species, 70 percent of which are not naturally found anywhere else in the world. Learn about both private and public gardens from the arid daisy encrusted hills of Namaqualand to the Alpine Craig’s of the Drakensburg Mountains.

Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: CenterPlace, 2426 N discovery Place

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.535-8434 or visit their website at <http://www.tieg.org>.

Hope for the Homeless: A Call to Action

Roundtable Homelessness Panel Discussion

Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: United Methodist Church, 115 N. Raymond

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.924.7262

The Critical Tenants for the Sphere of Dominance and White Fragility

Dr. Claudine Richardson from Spokane Falls Community College will examine and discuss the five critical tenants of power and white fragility. This program is one of our events celebrating Black History Month.

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: South Hill, 3324 S Perry St

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>.

Spokane Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration

Cultural Fair: Arts and Crafts Exhibitions, games for children, Chinese snack tasting. Cultural performance: Lion Dance, folk dance, Chinese music performance, Chinese songs, and magic show.

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019

Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Southside Senior and Community Center, 3151 E 27th Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, visit their website at <http://www.spokanechinese.org/>. Sponsored by the Spokane Chinese Association, City of Spokane and Jilin sister city.

Reclaiming Black Excellence – Blackfishing: Cultural Appropriation and Bias

Join a panel discussion about cultural appropriation and racial exploitation.

Date: Monday, February 11, 2019

Time: noon – 12:50 pm

Location: EWU 205 Monroe Hall, 710 D Street, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.369.2205. Presented by the EWU Black Student Union.

What Does it mean to be a Strong Man? A Talk by Jackson Katz

Join Jackson Katz as he explores men's leadership in the prevention of violence against women!

Date: Monday, February 11, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Hemmingson Center, 702 E Desmet Ave, Gonzaga University

Cost: \$10.00

For more information call 789.9312. Register and learn more at https://ywcaspokane.org/jackson_katz/.

Presented by YWCA Spokane and the Good Guys movement

Understanding the “Speech Gap” and the Use of language in Reclaiming Black Excellence

Speaker: Angela Schwendiman, MA, African Studies Lecturer

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Time: noon – 12:50 pm

Location: EWU 205 Monroe Hall, 710 D Street, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.369.2205.

Alma Woodsey Thomas for Kids: A Black History Month for Kids

Learn about the Black artist Alma Woodsey Thomas, and then create your own art in her style! For 2nd-6th graders. Young children should be accompanied by a caregiver. This program is one of our events celebrating Black History Month.

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Indian Trail, 4909 W Barnes Rd

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their website at <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>.

Reclaiming Black Excellence – Black Love: Relationships and Race

Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Time: noon – 12:50 pm

Location: EWU 205 Monroe Hall, 710 D Street, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.369.2205. Presented by the EWU Black Student Union.

Hispanic Business / Professional Association Monthly Luncheon

Sabes Que – Alejandra Heredia, Top Agent Team

Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm, social/networking & dinner with speaker/program

Location: Mexicana Fiesta, 1227 S Grand Blvd

Cost: Around \$10.00--\$15.00 if you order dinner.

For more information regarding the luncheon meeting contact Isabel Mazcot de Torres, HBPA President at hbpaspokane@gmail.com or visit their website at www.hbpaspokane.net.

Reclaiming Black Excellence: Authority Figures and the Black Community

Speaker: Dr. Tadé Ayeni, lecturer for African American Studies

Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019

Time: noon-12:50 pm

Location: EWU 205 Monroe Hall, 710 D Street, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.369.2205.

Diverse Voices Writing Group

Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.279.0299 or visit their website at <http://www.sparkwestcentral.org/>.

Native Project Healthy Heart Pow Wow

Free blood pressure and blood sugar screening, prizes for dancing & drumming and raffle and prizes for youth

Date: Friday, February 15, 2019

Time: 5:00 pm dinner served (free until gone), 7:00 pm Grand Entry

Location: Rogers High School, 1622 East Wellesley Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TheRealNATIVEProject/> or visit their website at <http://nativeproject.org/>.

***If Beale Street Could Talk* Film**

This film is a Golden Globe winning movie presented by the *Black Lens*.

Date: Friday, February 15, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Magic Lantern Theater, 25 W Main Ave

Cost: \$15.00, seating is limited, tickets go on sale to the public February 1, 2019

For more information call 509.795.1964 or email sandy@blacklensnews.com. Proceeds from the screening will benefit The Carl Maxey Center.

Spokane's BellyFest

A day of music, dance, workshops and vendors featuring cultures from around the world.

Date: Saturday, February 16, 2019

Time: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm, Classes from 9:30 am-4:45 pm

Location: West Central Community Center, 1603 N Belt Street

Cost: \$20.60 for each class, evening Hafla entrance \$10.30

For more information visit <http://www.culturesdance.com/> for class schedule. Sponsored by Cultures' Dance Arts.

BlackKlansman Movie

A black detective sets out to infiltrate the Colorado chapter of the Ku Klux Klan with the help of his Jewish colleague. In the midst of the 1970s civil rights movement, they risk their lives to obtain insider information on the violent organization. Rated R.

Date: Saturday, February 16, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: East Side Library, 524 S Stone St

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>.

Monday Movies – Film Series: Hale County, This Morning, This Evening

A poetic and evocative film about two Black teenagers in small-town Alabama. It that has been described as one of the best documentaries of 2018.

Date: Monday, February 18, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Magic Lantern Theater, 25 W Main Ave

Cost: \$8.00

For more information visit <https://www.magiclanternonmain.com/monday-movies>. Sponsored by the Alliance for Media Arts and Culture, (<https://www.thealliance.media>). Proceeds benefit the Spokane NAACP & the Carl Maxey Center.

NAACP General Membership Meeting

Date: Monday, February 18, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Community Building, 35 W Main Ave

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone

For more information contact spkncpbr@gmail.com or visit their Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/spokane.naacp/>.

Reclaiming Black Excellence: Enjoy the Stars when you Don't Trust your Neighbors: Poems of Faith, Love, Courage, Healing, and Hope

Featuring poetry by Maya Angelou, Gwendolyn Brooks, Lucille Clifton, Rita Dove, and many more. Featuring speakers Dr. Gloria "Jeanne" Baynes, Inga Laurent JD', Ashane' Davis, Skylar Kelli' and Lyn Marie White.

Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Time: noon – 12:50 pm

Location: EWU 205 Monroe Hall, 710 D Street, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.369.2205. Presented by EWU Africana Studies Program.

Go Red for Women Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Location: Spokane Convention Center

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Spokane convention Center

Cost: \$150.00 per person, \$1,500 for a table

For more information visit

<https://ahaspokane.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/20182019SpokaneGoRedLuncheon/tabid/958818/Default.aspx>.

Reclaiming Black Excellence – African Queens: Celebrating Black Women

Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Time: noon – 12:50 pm

Location: EWU 205 Monroe Hall, 710 D Street, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.369.2205. Presented by the EWU Black Student Union.

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Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Hillyard Library, 4005 N Cook Street

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their website at <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>.

Hiring Heroes Job Fair

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Washington National Guard Readiness Center, 1629 N Rebecca Street

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information and/or to register visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hiring-heroes-job-fair-registration-51769681511>.

Reclaiming Black Excellence – Trip to Africa: Experiences in the Mother Country: Finding a New Way forward

Presenter: Dr. Scott Finnie

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019

Time: noon – 12:50 pm

Location: EWU 205 Monroe Hall, 710 D Street, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.369.2205. Presented by the EWU Black Student Union.

Diverse Voices Writing Group

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.279.0299 or visit their website at <http://www.sparkwestcentral.org/>.

Let's Talk Healthy (Hablemos de Relaciones Saludables)

Spokane's Teen Council will be presenting a lesson to their peers on healthy relationships and consent. This is a fun and interactive discussion for teens will cover everything they need to know about relationship red flags, negotiation and refusal, and the real deal with consent.

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho, 123 E Indiana Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.207.3017 or visit their website at <http://ppgwni.org>. Presented by Raiz of Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho.

Idaho's Role in American Racism, Past and Present

Speaker: Jill Gill, Professor of History, Boise State University

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Eric Johnston Science Building Center. Room 233, Whitworth University

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call Anita Lewis at 509.777.3270 or email anitalewis@whitworth.edu.

22nd Annual Gospel Explosion

Join Whitworth students for this annual campus celebration of Black History Month.

Date: Friday, February 22, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Seeley Mudd Chapel, Whitworth University

Cost: Free and open to the public. A free offering will be accepted for one of Whitworth's student clubs.

For more information contact Stephy Nobles-Beans at 509.777.4568 or email sbeans@whitworth.edu or visit their website at <https://www.whitworth.edu/calendar/master/diversity.aspx>.

10th Annual Peace & Justice Action Conference: Building Beyond the Moment

Dates: Friday/Saturday, February 22-23, 2019

Location: Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane, 4340 W. Ft. George Wright Dr.

Cost: see their website, registration begins on January 15, 2018.

Time: 6:00 pm-8:30 pm on Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm on Saturday

Cost: Check their website

For more information, visit their website <http://pjals.org/2019conference>.

Of the Beaten Path: Ten Years Teaching and Traveling in China

Ken Yates shares his experiences teaching and traveling off the beaten path in China for the last ten years.

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2019

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their website at <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>.

13th Annual Viva Vino & Brew Scholarship Fundraiser

Wine and craft beer tasting. Food provided by De Leon's, EWU's Mariachi Las Aguilas, silent and live auctions to be followed by dancing. Scholarship fundraiser for scholarships for Spokane County high school seniors and undergraduate college/university students.

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2019

Location: Shriner's Event Center, 7217 W Westbow Blvd (Geiger Exit off I-90)

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$45.00 for HBPA members, \$50.00 non-members, table for eight \$375.00. Purchase tickets from <https://hbpavivavino.brownpapertickets.com/> (Brown Paper Tickets).

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.hbpspokane.net or email hbpspokane@gmail.com.

Wide Open Panel: Conversations about Israel

Panel participants will vary and represent a wide range of political perspectives on the history and current events of Israel. Moderated by Rabbi Tamar Malino and Education Director Iris Berenstein.

Date: Sunday, February 24, 2019

Location: Temple Beth Shalom, 1322 E 30th Ave

Time: 10:00 am - noon

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.747.3304 or visit their website at www.spokanetbs.org.

2019 Black-Owned Business Expo

Celebrate and support African American Businesses

Date: Sunday, February 24, 2019

Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Emmanuel Family Life Center, 631 S Richard Allen Court

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.765.1964

Reclaiming Black Excellence – African Kings: Celebrating Black Men

Date: Monday, February 25, 2019

Time: noon – 12:50 pm

Location: EWU 205 Monroe Hall, 710 D Street, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.369.2205. Presented by the EWU Black Student Union.

Reclaiming Black Excellence – Live Telecast with Black Lives matter co-founder Alicia Vasquez

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Time: noon – 1:30 pm

Location: EWU Showalter Hall Auditorium, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.369.2205.

Thriving after Service: Veterans Living with TBI

The Northwest Brain Injury Symposium hosts this event focused on the relative impact of a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) on those individuals that have served in the various branches of the military, in addition, to focusing on strategies for positive outcomes. A speakers' panel of experts will delve into the long-term medical, psychological, and social issues that manifest in veterans that have sustained a TBI. Specific topics will include, but not limited to, co-occurrence of PTSD and TBI, recovery trajectories, and the importance of support with access to resources. Opportunities to connect with various local resources, services, and members of the community facing the same challenges will be available.

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: Spokane Downtown Library, 906 W Main Street, third floor

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their website at <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/nwbis>.

Finding York of the Lewis and Clark Expedition presentation by Robert “Bob” L. Bartlett, PhD

The tale of York, born a slave in the early 1770s in Virginia and later the manservant of William Clark, serves as an example of how invisible the lives and contributions of slaves were throughout American history. York lived the expected life of a slave and manservant until an unlikely event, the Corps of Discovery expedition, led to the historic trek across uncharted territory to the Pacific Ocean and back again. That event forever changed his outlook and his relationship with William Clark. This is York's story before, during, and after the expedition, told by him. This program is one of our events celebrating Black History Month.

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Shadle Library, 2111 W Wellesley Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their website at <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>

Reclaiming Black Excellence – The Rise of Food Insecurity in African American Households

Presenter: Kianna Baker, TRIO/McNair Scholar

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Time: noon – 12:50 pm

Location: EWU 205 Monroe Hall, 710 D Street, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.369.2205. Presented by the EWU Black Student Union.

EWU Activist in Residence

Panel & workshop: Policy Analysis – Tools for Justice with Rowena Pineda and Linda Graham (SRHD) will explain and demonstrate a new tool to analyze policies in development and their potential impacts.

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Spokane Regional Health District, 1101 W College Ave, Room 320/321

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://www2.ewu.edu/css/programs/womens-and-gender-studies?mode=full>.

International Expo 2019

Enjoy world cultures through dance, food, traditional dress, language and more!

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2019

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Lair, Spokane Community College, 1810 N Greene St

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call monica.graham@scc.spokane.edu. Presented by the International Club

WSU College of Education's 15th Annual International Globalization, Diversity and Education Conference.

Theme "Healing the Mind/Body/Soul: Community, Activism, and Justice in Education"

Dates: Thursday and Friday, February 28-March 1, 2019

Location: Northern Quest Casino & Resort, 100 North Hayford Road, Airway Heights

Cost: see their website

For more information, visit their website at <http://education.wsu.edu/globalization/>.

"From the Upper Room to Pentecost: Toward an Ethic of Racial Mercy"

Featuring Dr. Maureen H. O'Connell, Associate Professor, Theological Ethics at La Salle University

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Cataldo Hall, Globe Room, 429 E Boone Ave, Gonzaga University

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.313.6782 or visit www.gonzaga.edu/religious-studies.

Save the Date

2019 Deepening Our Roots - Fig Tree Benefit Lunch

Date: Friday, March 8, 2019

Time: Buffet starts at 11:45, program is noon to 1:00 pm 11:45 am-1:00 pm

Location: Cataldo Hall, Gonzaga University

Cost: Lunch is complimentary, guests will be invited to donate to support The Fig Tree

For more information and to RSVP, call 509.4112 or 509.535.1813

International Women's Day – Balance for Better: Creative, Cultural & Community Healing

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Spokane Community College, 1810 N Greene

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/406282003458963/>.

2019 Deepening Our Roots - Fig Tree Benefit Breakfast

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Time: Buffet starts at 7:15, program is 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Location: Cataldo Hall, Gonzaga University

Cost: Breakfast is complimentary, guests will be invited to donate to support The Fig Tree

For more information and to RSVP, call 509.4112 or 509.535.1813

Breakfast with the Chief

The Spokane Police Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation formed by local community leaders to support the mission of the Spokane Police Department.

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: The Davenport Hotel

Cost: \$500 to \$5000

From more information, email info@spokanepolicefoundation.org to set up a meeting.

11th Annual Engaging Fatherhood Conference & Resource Fair

Date: Friday, March 29, 2019

Time: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Location: Sppkane Community College, 1810 Greene St, Lair

Cost: Free admission and lunch

From more information and or to register go to their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SpokaneDADS/>.

If you know of diversity/cultural events open to the public that you would like added to the monthly calendar, please e-mail Yvonne C. Montoya Zamora at yvonnecmz04@gmail.com with event details. For general events visit www.visitspokane.com or <http://www.spokane7.com/>.

February 2019 International/National Cultural Celebrations Calendar

February 1

Abolition of Slavery- Mauritius

The struggle for freedom of the slaves in Mauritius during the Dutch period between 1638 and 1710 is remembered and honored.

World Hijab Day - International

#StrongInHijab

February 2

Candlemas Day – Christian

Celebrates the presentation of the baby Jesus, in the Temple of Jerusalem 40 days after his birth. This day is now combined with candlelight marches in preparation for planting in the fields.

Groundhog Day – USA/Canada

Folklore suggests that if the groundhog sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter.

Imbolc- Wicca

Imbolc comes from an archaic Gaelic expression ‘in the belly’, which signaled the first stirrings of life within the womb of mother earth. Corn dolls are burned as offerings to the sun to hasten his return.

- February 3** **Setsubun-Sai- Japan**
Setsubun-sai is known as Bean Throwing Night. Beans are thrown to protect against demons with shouts of 'Devil out, Good Fortune in.'
- February 4** **Independence Day – Sri Lanka**
Observes independence from Great Britain in 1948.
- World Cancer Day - UN**
- February 5** **Chinese New Year – Buddhist – China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Vietnam**
The year of the Brown Pig. This is year 4717 in the Chinese Lunar calendar and the most important 3-day holiday in China and Hong Kong. The Chinese clean and decorate their homes with the 5 lucky signs of happiness. New clothes are worn and even the poorest buy new shoes. Vietnamese call it the 'Tet' Festival.
- Losar – Tibet**
The Tibetan New Year is celebrated for three days by visiting, feasting and the relaxation of monastic discipline.
- February 6** **Waitangi Day – New Zealand**
This day commemorates the signing of a treaty at Waitangi of the 6th of February 1840 by a group of Maori chiefs and the British Government. It honors the rights of the British Crown and that of the Maori people which is now in the process of being reclaimed.
- Mulk (18th month) – Baha'i**
At sunset. The first day of the eighteenth Baha'i month. The English translation of Mulk (Arabic) is Dominion.
- February 7** **Independence Day – Grenada**
Celebrates independence from the United Kingdom on February 7, 1974.
- February 9** **Random Acts Kindness Awareness Week – International**
- February 12** **Lincoln's Birthday – USA**
Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, "Honest Abe", as he was commonly known, was born in Hardin County, Kentucky on February 12, 1809.
- February 14** **Valentine's Day – USA/Canada/UK**
One version states that a priest named Valentine was martyred on February 14, 269 AD in Rome for secretly marrying couples against the orders of the Roman Emperor, Claudius II. This was the night before a festival called Lupercalia associated with fertility. Probably both customs became associated with this day.
- February 15** **National Flag Day – Canada**
Twenty-year old Joan O'Malley sewed Canada's first flag in 1964. The flag was raised for the first time on Parliament Hill in Ottawa at the stroke of noon on February 15, 1965.
- National Day – Serbia**
Commemorates the day in 1804 when the first uprising against the Ottoman Turks began. Independence was gained in 1829, and the constitution was signed in 1835.
- February 16** **Independence Day – Lithuania**
Commemorates the 1918 declaration of independence from Russia. In 1990, the country again declared independence from the Soviet Union.

- February 18** **Independence Day – Gambia**
 Celebrates the anniversary of independence from Britain in 1965. A public vote in 1970 made the country a republic within the commonwealth.
- Presidents Day Observed – USA**
 A U.S. federal holiday that celebrates the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, born February 12, 1809 and George Washington, born February 22, 1732.
- Family Day – Canada**
 Observed on the 3rd Monday of February. In the provinces of Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the holiday is instead termed Louis Riel Day, Nova Scotia Heritage Day and Islander Day respectively.
- Louis Riel Day – Aboriginal Canada**
 The famous Metis leader who in 1885 led a rebellion and lost against the Canadian authorities because he feared more Metis land would be taken away by the settlers. Today his name is a symbol for Native independence.
- February 21** **International Mother Language Day - UN**
 The UN International Mother Language Day annually celebrates language diversity and variety worldwide on this date. It also remembers the killing of four students on February 21, 1952, because they campaigned to officially use their mother language, Bengali, in Bangladesh.
- February 22** **Abu Simbel Festival – Egypt**
 Built by Ramses II, his temple is angled so that the inner sanctum lights up twice a year – once on the anniversary of his rise to the throne and on October 22, celebrating his birthday. Crowds pack in the temple before sunrise to watch the shafts of light illuminate the statues of Ramses, Ra, and Amon.
- Washington’s Birthday – USA**
 George Washington, first president of USA was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved Washington's birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.
- Girl Guides Thinking Day – Canada**
 This is the joint birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and his wife Olave who became the World Chief Guide.
- Independence Day – Saint Lucia**
 Saint Lucia became an independent nation on February 22, 1979. On this date it became an independent member of the Commonwealth of Nations with the British queen as the head of the state.
- February 24** **Independence Day – Estonia**
 Commemorates independence from the Soviet Union in 1918. Independence was brief. The country was again under Soviet control from 1940 until 1991.
- February 25** **National Day – Kuwait**
 Commemorates the 1978 accession of King Shaykh Sir ‘abdullah Al-Salim al-Sabah.
- People Power Day – Philippines**
 Commemorates the bloodless revolution in 1986 in which President Ferdinand Marcos was toppled from power.

- February 25 Intercalary Days (thru March 1) – Baha’i**
There are four or five days inserted into the calendar called Ayyam-i-ha adjusting the Baha’i year to the solar cycle. This precedes a month of fasting from March 2-20. Gifts are exchanged, parties and public meetings are held to share the faith.
- February 27 Independence Day - Dominican Republic**
- February 28 Kalevala Day- Finland**
Elias Lonnrot, a country doctor, folklorist and philologist compiled the Kalevala. Finland’s national epic in 1835. This day is observed country wide with lectures, parades and recitations to honor him.

Source: Diversity/Cultural Celebrations from Creative Cultural Communications 2019 Diversity Calendar.

The Salish School of Spokane is this month’s organization highlight.

Spokane sits at the heart of traditional Interior Salish territory. Seven distinct languages are spoken in this territory, three Northern Interior Salish languages and four Southern interior Salish languages. Our Spokane area Southern languages are Colville-Okanagan, Wenatchee-Columbian, Spokane-Kalispell, and Coeur d’ Alene. The mission of the Salish School “Dynamic Salish Language Revitalization powering cultural renewal and building a stronger, healthier community”.

For the 2018-2019 school year, we are serving 58 students in preschool through 11th grade, training 23 new Salish immersion teachers, and teaching more than 40 adults in our evening and weekend classes. Salish School of Spokane operates the only Native immersion ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program) Preschool in Washington. ECEAP is a state program like Head Start. In ECEAP/Preschool we have 20 students learning important social-emotional skills while getting ready for success in kindergarten. We are in session Monday thru Friday excluding professional development days, holidays and winter, spring, June, and August breaks. We offer 200 school days per year. The program also offers support to parents and health screenings for children.

We have two elementary classes this year, a K-2 class with 18 students and a 3-6 grades class with 10 students. These are full immersion classes in which the teachers only speak Salish to the students as they learn Salish and English literacy, math, science, music, PE, and art. Our secondary class is serving 10 students in grades 7-11 grades. This transitional bilingual class (Salish-English) allows students to study Salish for 90 minutes per day, to do daily culture work and also advance academically in math, language arts, and social studies. Overtime, this classroom will transition to a full Salish immersion program.

We are training 23 staff members to be fluent speakers of Colville Salish. There are 11 teachers in our advanced cohort, 8 in the Advanced intermediate cohort, 3 in our intermediate cohort, and 2 in the beginning cohort. Each cohort meets for 90 minutes per day and Salish immersion training. We also serve more than 40 adults in our Wednesday evening and Saturday weekend classes. Parents are required to complete at least 60 hours of Salish class per year in order for their children to attend Salish School of Spokane. These classes are free and open to anyone who wishes to learn Salish. In addition, anyone can go to our Facebook page to learn a new Salish word Monday - Friday.

We are collecting box tops year-round to raise money for our school. If you wish to save and donate your box tops, please drop them off at 4125 N Maple. We are open at 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. You can drop them in the mailbox any time. limlmtx for helping Salish School of Spokane.

The next event we are participating in is the 2019 Celebrating Salish Conference at Northern Quest, March 6th, 7th and 8th, 2019 with the Kalispel Tribe, Northern Quest Resort Casino, The Salish Institute, and Inchelium Language and Culture Association. Interested in participating as a vendor, tables are \$175, check our website for more information and to register as a vendor. In the spring, we will have our annual Dollar Auction fundraiser.

The Salish School of Spokane is non-profit public charity with 501(c)3 status under Internal Revenue Service code. Donations to Salish School of Spokane are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the IRS code. We are a grassroots, non-profit organization working to preserve and revitalize Southern Interior Salish languages, the first languages of the Spokane region.

Each year we rely on individuals to join us in our work and donate to support the programming at Salish School of Spokane. The 2018-19 annual campaign is for total gifts of \$90,500.00 from donors. Donations to our annual campaigns pay for Salish immersion care and education for children, Salish classes for parents and community members, and the creation of Salish language books and curriculum materials. We hope you will join us and help ensure that the first language of our region is not lost.

Christopher Parkin is our principle, Dr. Kimberly Richards is our Interim Executive Director, and Crystal Conant is our Board of Directors President.

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