

April 2018 Spokane Diversity/Cultural Events

Multicultural Communications Month

Multicultural communication may seem difficult at first – differences in languages, backgrounds, customs, and the like all seem a challenge. By learning more about our different cultures, it become easier to interact. This month has been dedicated to further this cause. Five keys to Effective Multicultural Communication:

<http://www.viadelivers.com/3910-2/>

Stand Against Racism - 2018 theme “Our Power, Our Mission, Our Future”

Join the YWCA in taking a stand against racism from April 26-April 29, 2018. Organizations in Spokane County are invited to become a participating site by hosting their own “Stand Against Racism” or by joining the YWCA and their activities on April 26, 2018. For more information visit <http://standagainstracism.org>.

Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition

Visitors will be drawn back in time to April 1912, when the Ship embarked on its maiden voyage. They’ll receive a replica boarding pass, assume the role of a passenger and follow a chronological journey through life on Titanic – from the Ship’s construction to life on board, the famous sinking, and the modern-day efforts to recover and conserve the wreckage for future generations.

Dates: October 21, 2017 through May 20, 2018.

Time: Mondays-Saturdays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Location: [Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture](#), 2316 W. First Ave

Cost: \$18.00 adult, \$15.00 seniors, \$10 children ages 6-17, \$13.00 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 October, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm November through March, (closed holidays)

Location: Old Mission State Park, Cataldo, ID (exit 39)

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

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

Around the World with Michael Moon Bear

Day: Thursday

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

You will music from around the world. Hosted by Michael Moon Bear on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website:

<http://www.kyrs.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>.

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>.

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 – 7:00 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>.

Latin Waves**Day: Monday**

Time: 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Building community across borders, positive social change has only come through communities of interest working together. 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 Rabab, Rahmi and Moustapha on KYRS 92.3 FM 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>.

Queens of Noise**Day: Wednesday**

Time: 8:00 pm-9:00 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" and Chris, 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 Science of Poverty

Day: Saturday

Time: 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Explore the topic of poverty with Jesse Quintana, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Free English Classes for Adults

Dates: February 10 & 27, March 3, 10, 17, 24, April 7, 14, 21,28 and May 5, 2018.

Location: Rosauer Center, Room 130, Gonzaga University, on Cincinnati Center

Cost: Free

For more information call Sarah at 410.533.8382

Tenant Meeting and Call to Action

Tenants’ voices need to be included as the city begins to address the severe rental housing shortage and deteriorating living conditions.

Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Community Building Lobby, 35 W Main Street

Cost: Free

For more information contact Terri Anderson at terria@tenantsunion.org or 509.464.7620. Food and beverages will be provided.

Citizenship Clinic

Workshop offers legal service to help with applying for American citizenship.

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: School of Law Courtroom, Gonzaga University, 721 N Cincinnati Street

Cost: Free

For more information and/or register visit <https://worldreliefspokane.org/citizenship-clinic>. Hosted by World Relief Spokane, Catholic Charities, Center for Civil Human Rights at Gonzaga Law, and Alycia Moss, Immigration Attorney.

14th Annual YWCA Spring Fling

Champagne Bruch and Silent Auction Fundraiser.

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018

Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Location: Anthony’s at the Falls, 510 N Lincoln Street

Cost: \$60:00

For more information call Kate at 509.789.9307 or visit their website at <http://ywcaspokane.org/how-to-help/events/spring-fling/>

KPBX Kids' Concert: Moko Jumbie

The Moko Jumbie quartet will take you on a tour of the tropics and explore a wide range of musical styles like calypso, soca, and reggae - with a side trip to Brazil for samba and the bossa nova.

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Salvation Army KROC Center, Coeur d'Alene

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, visit their website at <http://spokanepublicradio.org/post/kpbx-kids-concert-moko-jumbie>.

Unity in the Community Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Time: 5:30 pm

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

Cost: Free and open to all who have an interest in making this event happen on August 18, 2018

For more information visit their website at www.nwunity.org.

Hispanic Business Professional Association Meeting

Sabes Qué? Nikki Lockwood & Christine Bruntlett – “Co-housing in Spokane: A Different Kind of Neighborhood”

Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Time: 11:30 am – 12:15 pm social/networking & lunch, 12:15 pm-1:00 pm speaker/program

Location: Perkins Restaurant, Division/Olive.

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

For more information regarding the luncheon email hbpaspokane@gmail.com, or visit their website at

www.hbpaspokane.net.

Inland Northwest Business Alliance (INBA) monthly luncheon

Speaker: Dr. James Mohr, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, WSU Health Sciences Spokane – “Transforming Just Us to Justice: Becoming an Ally for All”

Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Time: 11:30 – noon: social, networking, Noon Lunch, 12:30 speaker

Location: Check their website.

Cost: \$30.00 for Members and First Time Guests, \$40.00 for returning guests

For more information regarding the luncheon, visit their website at <http://inbachamber.org>.

Treasure Hunt Book Fair

Children (kindergarten to 3rd grade) who attend (parents and siblings are also encouraged to attend) will be given a “treasure map” to navigate through 8 activity booths. Each booth will promote reading comprehension through an age appropriate literacy activity. Children who complete the “hunt” will get to choose a new book to take home (supplied by the JLS Book Bank).

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: West Central Community Center, 1603 N Belt Street

Cost: Free

For more information visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/treasurehuntbookfair/>. Presented by the Junior League of Spokane.

Latin Music Concert – Fundraiser for immigration Legal Assistance

Featuring Milonga & Mariachi Arriba Jalisco

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Southside Community Center, 3151 E 27th Ave

Cost: \$20 individual, \$35.00 a couple

For more information call 509.951.8023. Donations accepted at <https://tinyurl.com/justice-spokane>. Underwritten by Smith-Barbieri Progressive Fund.

WA Supreme Court Justice Steve Gonzalez

Networking reception for faculty, community members, future social justice lawyers and underrepresented students.

Date: Monday, April 16, 2018

Time: 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm

Location: Gonzaga Law School, Café Lawte, 721 N Cincinnati St

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone

For more information and/or to RSVP email ken@justicegonzalez.com or 206.707.9239. Refreshments and appetizers to be served.

NAACP General Membership Meeting

Check their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/spokane.naACP/> as the meeting day and location may change for April to accommodate their speakers

Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 (or 17th, or 16th)

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Check their Facebook page

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone

For more information contact spokanenaACP@gmail.com or visit their website at <http://spokanenaACP.com/>.

12th Annual Our Kids: Our Business

Keynote: Dr. Jeremy Richman. Training and Reception with networking and resource fair.

Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Time: Training 1:00 pm-5:00 pm; Reception 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Cataldo Hall, Gonzaga University

Cost: \$40.00 for training/reception, \$10.00 for reception only.

For more information or to register visit <http://www.ourkidsspokane.org/>.

Baha'i Fireside Discussions

Discussions about topics of interest and the Baha'i faith will take place.

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018 (3rd Thursday of each month)

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Spokane Valley Library, Small conference room, 12004 E Main Street

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit <http://www.sclD.org/locations/spokane-valley/>

Next Generation Medicine: The Opioid Epidemic with David J. Tauben, MD

Fed by the growth of the use of prescription opioid medication to relieve chronic pain, the opioid epidemic is hitting especially hard in smaller communities. Sponsored by Gonzaga University and UW College of Medicine.

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: The Historic Davenport Hotel

Cost: Free

To register by April 16, 2018, go to <https://events.uw.edu/c/express/965922e8-a778-4735-805e-4c46f0abb6d5>

#MOVEMENT – 2018 Indian Youth Leadership Camp (grades 7-12)

Indian youth (Native American/Alaskan Native) will learn about making responsible decisions, Indian culture and spirituality, prevention, cooperation, healing, developing a positive vision for the future while having fun.

Dates: Friday-Sunday, April 20-22, 2018

Cost: \$30.00

For more information contact Shedaezha at 509.325.5502 shodge@nativeproject.org. Application deadline is April 13, 2018. The first 80 students to register will be accepted. Hosted by The Native Project and Spokane Public Schools.

21st Annual K.C.T.F.H.R. Annual Banquet and Gala – Theme “Our Pursuit for Equality and Social Justice for the Human Race Continues”

Keynote: Dr. Raymond F. Reyes,

Date: Friday, April 20, 2018

Time: 5:00 pm reception, 6:03 pm dinner

Location: The Coeur d’ Alene Inn, 414 W Appleway, Coeur d’ Alene, ID

Cost: For tickets call 208.765.3932. \$40.00 for HR Banquet. Payment must be received by April 27, 2018.

For more information call 208.765.3932 or visit their website at <http://www.idahohumanrights.org/> for registration form. Send check for the banquet to HREI, PO Box 2725, Coeur d’ Alene, ID 83816. Includes silent and live auction.

12th Annual Spring Tea

Women & Children’s Free Restaurant & Community Kitchen (WCFR) annual spring fundraiser with a four-course tea service, silent auction and raffle. The purpose is to raise awareness and vital funding for WCFR programs

Date: Saturday April 21, 2018

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: The Davenport Grand, 333 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

Cost: \$50.00

For more information or to register call Bonni at 509.324.1995, ext. 303.

Vietnamese Heritage Day Celebration

Includes musical and cultural performances, ancient art, a history exhibit, slideshows, a fashion show, speakers and food, including egg rolls and sweet rice.

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Service Station. 9315 N Nevada St

Cost: Free, donations accepted

For more information call 509.899.5058 or email vasa.spokane@yahoo.com. Organized by the Vietnamese-American Senior Association of Spokane and friends.

22nd Annual African American Graduation

A Cultural Salute for Outstanding Academic Achievement for K-12 schools and colleges/universities.

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Hixson Building, Whitworth University

Cost: Free

For more information email aagradspokane@gmail.com.

Inland NW Blues Music Association Music Showcase

Dates: Saturday, April 21, 2018 (3rd Saturday of each month from October-May)

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Trent Elementary School, 3303 N Pines Rd

Cost: \$7.00

For more information, visit their website at <http://www.spokanebluegrass.org/>.

20th Annual Get Lit! Celebrating reading and writing for all ages

Get Lit! Attend numerous community events, readings, workshops and poetry slams. Live music, book signings, Q and A, and more around the Spokane area.

Dates: Monday, April 23, 2018 – Sunday, April 29, 2018

Location: Various Venues

Costs: Varies from each event, many of the events are free, free to all high school and college students with ID (space limited). For more information and schedule, visit their website at <http://getlitfestival.org/>.

Citizens Academy: Spokane Police Dept.

Dates: April 25, 2018, May 2, May 9, May 16, 2018, and May 23, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: SPD Academy, 2302 N Waterworks Street

Cost: Free

For more information, call the Academy at 509.742.8100. To register, visit <https://my.spokanecity.org/police/citizen/training>.

2018 Stand Against Racism Day – Courageous Conversations

Date: Thursday, April 26, 2018

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: YWCA, 930 N Monroe, Comstock Room

For more information visit their website at https://ywcaspokane.org/event/stand-against-racism-2018/?instance_id=327 or <http://www.standagainstracism.org/>.

Native American Graduation

Native American students in the Spokane area completing high school, GED, undergraduate, graduate, technical, or professional programs are encouraged to register and invite their family and friends to the celebration.

Date: Friday, April 27, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Cataldo Hall, Gonzaga university

Cost: Free

For more information, email Emma at emma.noyes@wsu.edu. Graduates must register by April 15th to have their name appear in the printed program at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V2STY88>. Sponsored by Spokane Indian Education, Gonzaga University, Eastern Washington, North Idaho College, and WSU Spokane.

EWU Presents Get Lit

Poetry and prose with Brit Bennett, author of *The Mothers*, and Maggie Smith, the poet behind *Good Bones*.

Date: Friday, April 27, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: The Bing Theater, 901 W Sprague Ave

Cost: \$12.00

For more information visit their website at <http://www.bingcrosbytheater.com/events/1450/ewu-get-lit-poetry-and-prose-with-brit-bennett-and-maggie-smith?return=%2Fevents%3Fd%3D1522566000>.

Spokane Tribal Series

Learn about Spokane Tribal History and Science with guests from the Spokane Tribe.

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018 (every 4th Saturday through July)

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Mobius Science Center, 332 N Post Street

Cost: \$8.00 adult/child, \$7.00 senior

For more information visit <http://mobiusspokane.org> or call 509.321.7123.

Watch For Them Bike: Taking it to the Streets

A relaxed pace of 8-10 miles. Donated helmets will be available for children on a first come, first serve basis.

Date: Sunday, April 29, 2018

Time: 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Location: Start/ends at East Central Community Center, 500 S Stone

Cost: Free

For more information, call Olga Lucia Herrera at 509.979.0421. Sponsored by the Equiticity Racial Equity Movement and other community sponsors. This event is intended for communities of color.

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day)

Enjoy stories, crafts, and activities from around the world on Día, a celebration of children, families, and reading. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Date: Monday, April 30, 2018

Time: 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Location: Cheney Library, 610 First Street, Cheney

Cost: Visit their website at

<https://scldevanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=46014&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2018/04/01>.

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Enjoy stories, crafts, and activities from around the world on Día, a celebration of children, families, and reading. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Date: Monday, April 30, 2018

Time: 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

Location: Argonne Library, 4322 N Argonne Rd

Cost: Visit their website at

<https://scldevanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=50857&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2018%2F04%2F01>.

EWU Pride Week

Visit their website for events.

Dates: Monday-Friday, April 30-May 4, 2018

Location: EWU, Cheney, WA

For more information on the specific events (dates/time/location) visit their website at

<https://sites.ewu.edu/pridecenter/>.

Out of Area**2018 Emerge Latino Northwest Regional Conference**

Provides college students with public policy briefings on immigration, health, and the environment; in addition, attendees will receive training in finance, professional development, and civic engagement.

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018

Time: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Location: Columbia Basin College, 2600 N 20th Ave, Pasco, WA 99301

Cost: Free. Limited to 150 students

For more information call Abigail Zapote at 469.463.7678 or email abi.zapote@gmail.com. Register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-emerge-latino-northwest-regional-conference-tickets-43362119266?aff=aff0eventful>. Sponsored by Latinos for a Secure Retirement and Collegiate LULAC.

Save the Date

23rd Annual Hispanic/Latino Graduate and Young Scholar Recognition Ceremony

All Hispanic/Latino(a) graduating students from Spokane County high schools and colleges/universities are invited to attend with family members. In addition, Young Scholars, in grades 8-11 with a gpa of 3.00.

Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Lair, Spokane Community College, 1810 Greene Street

Cost: Free

For more information email hbpacereemony@gmail.com, visit their website at www.hbpaspokane.net or call Yvonne at 509.979.8590. Graduates and Young Scholars must register by April 27, 2018 to be included in the program.

9th Annual Lavender Graduation

Graduates from Spokane area colleges, universities, and high schools (along with their guests) are welcome to participate.

Date: Friday, May 4 2018

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Hargreaves Reading Room 201, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free, must register at <https://orgsync.com/97010/forms/296900> by Monday, April 30, 2018.

For more information visit <https://sites.ewu.edu/pridecenter/lavender-graduation-2018/>.

4th Annual SEA-TRI-KAN - Ride with Refugees

Route starts at the World Relief's office in Kent, WA, passes through Tri-Cities and finishes with a celebration dinner in Spokane.

Dates: Wednesday-Sunday, June 20-24, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Hargreaves Reading Room 201, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: \$360.00, must register. Registration payment covers all expenses of the ride including meals and snacks, lodging, support vehicles, roadside bike maintenance/repair, transportation back to Seattle. In addition for registration fee, must raise a minimum of \$1,850 by May 31, 2018.

Registration is open until April 13, 2018 or until the ride is filled. For more information, contact Sarah Smith at smsmith@wr.org or visit their website at <https://worldreliefseattle.org/stk>. Fundraiser for World Relief.

Other Diversity Information

Hispanic Business/Professional Association (HBPA) Foundation is accepting applications for their scholarships for graduating high school seniors and college/university undergraduates for the 2018/2019 year. Visit www.hbpaspokane.net for information and scholarship letter/application, deadline April 7, 2018. For more information call Guillermo Espinosa at 509.533.7032 or email hbpasholars@gmail.com.

If you know of diversity/cultural event 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 other events, visit www.visitspokane.com or <http://www.spokane7.com/>.

April 2018 National/International Cultural Celebrations

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April 7** **Pesach/Passover – Jewish**
Begins previous sundown at 6pm. Pesach lasts for 8 days and commemorates the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. Begins with a ritual meal ‘Seder’ when no leavened bread is consumed and includes special prayers and symbolic foods.
- April 1** **Easter– Christian-**
This day celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from his grave. Christians often welcome Easter Sunday with a sunrise service.
- April Fools’ Day - Canada, UK, USA, England**
Celebrated as a day when people play practical jokes and hoaxes on each other. The jokes and their victims are known as “April fools”.
- April 1** **Kha B’Nissan - Assyria**
Originally celebrated for twelve days, Assyrians place a bunch of green grass at the threshold of their homes to welcome fertility and prosperity in the New Year. On the tenth day, groups of new brides visit every house and receive presents that are then distributed amongst themselves.
- April 2** **World Autism Awareness Day – UN**
- Easter Monday – Christian**
Commemorates the meeting of the women at Jesus’ tomb with an angel who assured them that Jesus had been resurrected from death. It is observed as a holiday in some countries
- April 4** **Independence Day – Senegal**
Senegal gained partial independence from France today in 1960, with complete independence achieved upon the dissolution of the Mali Federation on August 20th of the same year.
- United Nations Mine Awareness Day – UN**
- April 5** **Ching Ming Festival - China/Taiwan**
A national holiday when family graves are visited to ask for the blessings of the departed spirits.
- Cheng Ming Festival - Macau**
- April 6** **Chakri Day - Thailand**
A national holiday honoring King Rama I, who in 1782 founded the Chakri dynasty (which still rules the country) and established Bangkok as the country’s capital.
- Organization of the Church – Christian-Mormon**
The Church of Latter-day Saints was founded on the sixth of April 1830 at Fayette, New York.
- April 7/8** **Easter Sunday - Orthodox**
- World Health Day - UN**
At least half of the world’s people do not receive the essential health services they need. All UN member states have agreed to try to achieve universal health coverage (UHC) by 2030 as part of the Sustainable Developments Goals.

- April 9** **Jalal (2nd month) - Baha'i**
The first day of the second Baha'i month. The English translation of Jalal (Arabic) is Glory.
- April 11** **Day of Pink – LGBT**
Communities across the world unite in celebrating diversity and raising awareness to stop homophobic, transphobic & all forms of bullying.
- Yom HaShoah – Israel, Jewish**
Holocaust Memorial Day commemorates the death of 6 million Jews by the Nazi regime.
- April 12** **International Day of Human Space Flight 0 International**
- April 13** **Songkran/New Year- Cambodia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand**
In Southeast Asia, Songkran is recognized as the New Year for Buddhists. For Thais, it is a three-day religious festival in which homes are routinely cleaned, and water is sprinkled on monks paying visits and on statues of Buddha.
- April 14** **Baisakhi Bangladesh – Sikh, Hindu**
The first day of the solar year, this is an agricultural festival celebrating the harvest especially in North India. In Kerala, South India this day is called Vishu. Especially important to the Sikhs, it marks this day in 1699, when the tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, established the order of 'Khalsa'. The festival is a mixture of feasting, dancing and worship.
- April 15** **Adam's Peak Pilgrimage - Sri Lanka**
It is an ancient pilgrimage site to the sacred mountain, Sri Pada. According to legend, when Buddha visited Sri Lanka, he planted one foot on the north of the royal city and the other foot on Sumana-Kuta (Adam's Peak), about a hundred miles distance.
- Father Damien Day - Hawaii**
- April 17** **Independence Day – Syria**
In remembrance of the date that French troops left the country in 1946.
- April 18** **Independence Day – Zimbabwe**
Independence from Britain was finally achieved this date in 1980.
- April 21** **Feast of Ridvan thru May 2 - Baha'i**
Ridvan means paradise and the 12-day festival is the holiest time for the Baha'is. Commemorates Baha'u'llah's stay in the Garden of Ridvan in the last days of his exile in Baghdad and announced he was the prophet whose coming had been foretold. Baha'is do not work on the 1st, 9th, and 12th days of Ridvan.
- Kartini Day- Indonesia**
This day commemorates Indonesia's first women's emancipationist. There are parades, lectures and social activities attended by women, all wearing their regional dress. Mothers aren't allowed to work as the family does the house chores. Many go on a pilgrimage to the grave of Kartini who died at age 24.

- April 22** **Earth Day - International**
 Earth Day is celebrated around the world and events such as festivals and rallies are often organized for the weekends before or after April 22. Many communities also celebrate Earth Month by organizing a series of environmental activities throughout the month of April. The purpose of Earth Day is to celebrate the earth and renew our commitment to building a safer, healthier and cleaner world for all of us.
- April 23** **St. George's Day - Christian**
 St. George is the patron saint of England. He died in 303 AD. His emblem, a red cross on a white background, is the symbol of the International Red Cross and is the flag of England.
- National Sovereignty Day and Children's Day - Turkey**
 Commemorates the first Grand National Assembly in 1923, and also honors youth as the symbol of modern Turkey.
- Martyrs' Day - Armenia**
 Commemorates the 1915 Turkish massacre of 2 million Armenians.
- April 25** **Anzac Day – Australia, New Zealand**
 This is the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as ANZACs, and the pride they soon took in that name endures to this day. Today it honors those who died in both World Wars as well as in the Korean and Vietnam Wars.
- Liberation Day – Italy**
 A day on which to honor the fallen partisans of the Italian Resistance who fought the Nazis as well as Mussolini's troops throughout World War II.
- April 25** **Administrative Professionals Day- Canada, USA**
 On this day, workplaces all over the country acknowledge secretaries, administrative staff and other support personnel for their contributions.
- April 26** **Daughters/Sons to Work Day - USA**
 On this day, launched by Ms. Magazine in 1993, parents introduced their children to the world of work.
- April 26-28** **Gathering of Nations Pow Wow – Aboriginal/Native American**
 A three-day celebration that brings over 700 tribes and nations to Albuquerque, New Mexico. This is the largest Pow Wow in North America. Over 3,000 participants share, teach and exchange traditions.
- April 27** **Freedom Day - South Africa**
 Commemorates the day in 1994 when for the first time, all South Africans had the opportunity to vote.
- Arbor Day - USA**
 A day celebrated to encourage tree planting. Founded in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton. Celebrated the last Friday in April.

- April 27 Kings Day – Netherlands**
 Celebrated King's Day (*Koningsdag*) for the first time in 2014, after the inauguration of King Willem-Alexander on 30 April 2013 (what was then still Queen's Day). The entire country is painted orange and the streets, canals and parks overflow with celebrations.
- Independence Day - Togo**
 Commemorates the proclamation of the independence of Togo from France in 1960.
- April 28 Jamal (3rd Month) – Baha'i**
 The first day of the third Baha'i month. The English translation of Jamal (Arabic) is Beauty.
- April 29 Showa-no-hi - Japan**
 Commemorates the birth of Emperor Showa (Hirohito) (1901-1989), the reigning Emperor before, during, and after WWII (1926-1989).
- April 30 Walpurgis Night – Sweden**
 Walpurgis is Sweden's annual feast of the witches. Huge bonfires are lit all over the country to scare them away as they fly overhead, headed for their annual Sabbath in Brocken in the Harz Mountains in Germany.
- April 30-May 4 Gahambar Maidyozarem - Zoroastrian**
 This day celebrates the creation of human beings.

Source: Diversity/Cultural Celebrations from Creative Cultural Communications 2018 Diversity Calendar, <http://usa.multiculturalcalendar.com/v/home.html>.

In celebration of Multicultural Communication Month, below is a list of books from various cultures from around the world

Diverse Voices – Multicultural Reads for Adults

Travel to other countries, experience other cultures and lifestyles through the eyes of diverse protagonists in these books. The list has 86-books; however, I have only listed 35 of the books below. To see the list of all the books, go to https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/101184.Diverse_Voices.

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander (2010)

"As the United States celebrates the nation's 'triumph over race' with the election of Barack Obama, the majority of young black men in major American cities are locked behind bars or have been labeled felons for life. Although Jim Crow laws have been wiped off the books, an astounding percentage of the African American community remains trapped in a subordinate status -- much like their grandparents before them."

Falling Leaves: The Memoir of an Unwanted Chinese Daughter by Adeline Yen Mah (1999)

Born in 1937, in a port city a thousand miles north of Shanghai, Adeline Yen Mah was the youngest child of an affluent Chinese family who enjoyed rare privileges during a time of political and cultural upheaval. But wealth and position could not shield Adeline from a childhood of appalling emotional abuse at the hands of a cruel and manipulative Eurasian stepmother. Determined to survive through her enduring faith in family unity, Adeline struggled for independence as she moved from Hong Kong to England and eventually to the United States to become a physician and writer.

I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai (2013)

A remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons.

The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen (2016)

A gripping spy novel, a moving story of love and friendship, and a layered portrayal of a young man drawn into extreme politics, *The Sympathizer* examines the legacy of the Vietnam War in literature, film, and the wars we fight today.

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (2013)

A story of love and race centered around a young man and woman from Nigeria who face difficult choices and challenges in the countries they come to call home.

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zenin (2014)

On the faded Island Books sign hanging over the porch of the Victorian cottage is the motto "No Man Is an Island; Every Book Is a World." A. J. Fikry, the irascible owner, is about to discover just what that truly means.

Life of Pi by Yann Martel (2001)

The protagonist, Piscine Molitor "Pi" Patel, a Tamil boy from Pondicherry, explores issues of spirituality and practicality from an early age. He survives 227 days after a shipwreck while stranded on a boat in the Pacific Ocean with a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie, Ellen Forney (Illustrator) (2007)

Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez, Gregory Rabassa (Translator) (2003)

The novel tells the story of the rise and fall of the mythical town of Macondo through the history of the family. It is a rich and brilliant chronicle of life and death, and the tragicomedy of humankind. In the noble, ridiculous, beautiful, and tawdry story of the family, one sees all of humanity, just as in the history, myths, growth, and decay of Macondo, one sees all of Latin America.

Scattered Pearls by Sohila Zanjani, David Brewster (2016)

Three generations of Iranian women and their search for freedom. From Tehran to Melbourne, a powerful memoir of survival.

Left Across the Border: A Story of Teen Depression (Teen & Depression #1) by Patrice M. Foster (2016)

Imagine alone in a hostile unfamiliar place. Unable to speak the native language who can you trust? Thousands of Mexicans attempting to escape poverty for a better life in America. Parent's intention may have been good. Sadness is a familiar friend, school became this child prison. Ashamed and feeling dejected and the heaviness of her heart tell a story. This is a story about a teen against all odds...Teenage depression, secrets. Family, never forgetting the happy home you left behind. Mental Health & stability is all these kids every wanted.

Chinese Education in Singapore: An Untold Story of Conflict and Change by Zhixiong Zhang (2017)

The story of the conflict in Singapore's Chinese community was always told from the viewpoint of the British colonizers. Set between the founding of Singapore and the shuttering of Nanyang University, this narrative is a colorful account of secret societies and their wars, of Sinitic languages and dialects, and of suppressions by a colonial government in a free port. Its pages are not crammed with historical facts and dates but filled with the experiences of Chinese migrants over a 200-year period.

Flight of the Goose: A Story of the Far North by Lesley Thomas (2010)

Drawing on her experience growing up in a family blending indigenous Alaskans and Outsiders, Thomas tells the story of a Native woman who studies shamanism and conflicts with a bird scientist during a time of great cultural and ecological change.

Midnight in Broad Daylight: A Japanese American Family Caught Between Two Worlds by Pamela Rotner Sakamoto (2016)

The true story of a Japanese American family that found itself on opposite sides during World War II. An epic tale of family, separation, divided loyalties, love, reconciliation, loss, and redemption. After their father's death, the Fukuhara children—all born and raised in the Pacific Northwest—moved with their mother to Hiroshima, their parents' ancestral home. Eager to go back to America, Harry and his sister, Mary, returned there in the late 1930s. Then came Pearl Harbor. Harry and Mary were sent to an internment camp until a call came for Japanese translators, and Harry dutifully volunteered to serve his country. Back in Hiroshima, their brothers, Frank and Pierce, became soldiers in the Imperial Japanese Army.

Alternating between American and Japanese perspectives. This book captures the uncertainty and intensity of those charged with the fighting, as well as the deteriorating home front of Hiroshima. This book provides a fresh look at the events surrounding the dropping of the first atomic bomb.

Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence by Doris Pilkington, Nugi Garimara (2003)

Based on the actual experiences of three girls who fled from the repressive life of Moore River Native Settlement, following along the rabbit-proof fence back to their homelands. Assimilationist policy dictated that these girls be taken from their kin and their homes in order to be made white. Settlement life was unbearable with its chains and padlocks, barred windows, hard cold beds, and horrible food. Solitary confinement was doled out as regular punishment. The girls were not even allowed to speak their language. Of all the journeys made since white people set foot on Australian soil, the journey made by these girls born of Aboriginal mothers and white fathers speaks something to everyone.

Memories of a Butterfly by Ivan Vlasov (2016)

Irina and Jinne are roommates and friends, but at the same time they are complete opposites. Irina is a hard-working and serious young woman while Jinne, being a freelance artist, has always had her head full of weird ideas. One-night Jinne decides to disappear and wants Irina to find her. Unwillingly Irina begins the search, and gets deeper and deeper into Jinne's private life... But actually, is it really her friend that she is trying to find?!

The Servant Boy: A Rags to Riches Novel by Reesha Goral (2016)

The adventures of Zayne Shah, a young man who lives through the most horrific disaster his village, Saidpur, has ever seen. An epidemic has unknowingly raged through Saidpur and is taking the lives of umpteen folk before his eyes. Zayne is determined to find a cure to the mystery, at whatever the cost may be, even if that cost is a price he cannot presently afford.

The Urban Shepherd: Chasing the American Dream by Ben Amor (2017)

He has come a long way both literally and figuratively from his days as a poor shepherd boy in North Africa, but Ben Amor is a symbol of what can happen when someone's American Dream comes true. The successful career man reinvented himself again after a dream in 1983 of children crying because they were dying of starvation. Unable to forget the sound, he founded Terra-Genesis Inc., a nonprofit agency that began as a way to try to end world hunger through technology.

Underworld: Sex, Drugs, and a Loaded Gun by Mike Stop Continues (2016)

Sex, drugs, and a loaded gun... What could go wrong? It's the last day of high school and Hero Banner's last chance to step out of his brother's shadow, win the heart of the magical Gilly Jung, and show his friends he's more than meets the eye.

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang (2006)

All Jin Wang wants is to fit in. When his family moves to a new neighborhood, he suddenly finds that he's the only Chinese American student at his school. Jocks and bullies pick on him constantly, and he has hardly any friends. Then, to make matters worse, he falls in love with an all-American girl...

Born to rule over all the monkeys in the world, the story of the Monkey King is one of the oldest and greatest Chinese fables. Adored by his subjects, master of the arts of kung-fu, he is the most powerful monkey on earth. But the Monkey King doesn't want to be a monkey. He wants to be hailed as a god...

Chin-Kee is the ultimate negative Chinese stereotype, and he's ruining his cousin Danny's life. Danny's a popular kid at school, but every year Chin-Kee comes to visit, and every year Danny has to transfer to a new school to escape the shame. This year, though, things quickly go from bad to worse...

These three apparently unrelated tales come together with an unexpected twist, in a modern fable that is hilarious, poignant and action-packed. *American Born Chinese* is an amazing ride, all the way up to the astonishing climax--and confirms what a growing number of readers already know: Gene Yang is a major talent.

Mestizos Come Home!: Making and Claiming Mexican American Identity by Robert Con Davis-Undiano (2017)

Book documents the great awakening of Mexican American and Latino culture since the 1960s that has challenged what Uruguayan writer Eduardo Galeano has described as the U.S. and Latin American culture as continually hobbled by amnesia—unable, or unwilling, to remember the influence of mestizos and indigenous populations. At once native and new to the American Southwest, Mexican Americans have “come home” in a profound sense: they have reasserted their right to claim that land and U.S. culture as their own.

The book explores key areas of change that Mexican Americans have brought to the United States. These areas include the recognition of mestizo identity, especially its historical development across the nineteenth and twentieth centuries; the re-emergence of indigenous relationships to land; and the promotion of Mesoamerican conceptions of the human body. The author also examines such community celebrations as Day of the Dead, Cinco de Mayo, and lowrider car culture as examples of mestizo influence on mainstream American culture. Woven throughout is the search for meaning and understanding of mestizo identity.

Even After All This Time: A Story of Love, Revolution, and Leaving Iran by Afschineh Latifi, Pablo F. Fenjves_(2006)

Afschineh Latifi and her sister and two brothers enjoyed a life of luxury and privilege. Their father, a self-made man, had worked his way up from nothing to become a colonel in the Shah's army, and their mother, a woman of equally modest roots, had made a career for herself as a respected schoolteacher. But in February, 1979, Colonel Latifi was arrested by members of the newly installed Khomeini regime, and publicly pilloried as an "Enemy of God." Some months later, after having been shunted from one prison cell to another, and without benefit of a legitimate trial, Colonel Latifi was summarily executed.

Fearing for the safety of her children, Mrs. Latifi made a wrenching decision: to send her daughters, ages ten and eleven, to the west, splitting up the family until they could safely reunite. Out on their own, Afschineh and her sister, Afsaneh, were forced to become strong young women before they'd even had a childhood.

Disappearing Acts by Terry McMillan (2004)

He was tall, dark as bittersweet chocolate, and impossibly gorgeous, with a woman-melting smile. She was pretty and independent, petite and not too skinny, just his type. Franklin Swift was a sometimes-employed construction worker, and a not-quite-divorced daddy of two. Zora Banks was a teacher, singer, and songwriter. They met in a Brooklyn brownstone, and there could be no walking away... In this funny, gritty urban love story, Franklin and Zora join the ranks of fiction's most compelling couples, as they move from Scrabble to sex, from layoffs to the limits of faith and trust. *Disappearing Acts* is about the mystery of desire and the burdens of the past. It's about respect, what it can and can't survive. And it's about the safe and secret places that only love can find.

***Alan Lennox and the Temp Job of Doom* (The Future Next Door #1) by Brian Olsen (2014)**

Alan Lennox has been assigned yet another soul-crushing temp job, keeping him from his first loves – drinking, playing video games, and looking for a boyfriend. But Alan’s new job proves to be anything but boring when his co-workers start turning up dead. The mysterious megacorporation Amalgamated Synergy has taken a deadly interest in Alan and his three roommates, and the hapless quartet are woefully unequipped to deal with the psychotic secretaries, murderous middle managers, and villainous vice-presidents hunting them down.

***Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison (1995)**

First printed in 1952, As an unnamed man journeys from the Deep South to the streets and basements of Harlem, from a horrifying "battle royal" where black men are reduced to fighting animals, to a Communist rally where they are elevated to the status of trophies, Ralph Ellison's nameless protagonist ushers readers into a parallel universe that throws our own into harsh and even hilarious relief. Suspenseful and sardonic, narrated in a voice that takes in the symphonic range of the American language, black and white, *Invisible Man* is one of the most audacious and dazzling novels of our century.

***Stay Alive, My Son* by Pin Yathay, John Man (2000)**

On April 17, 1975, the Khmer Rouge entered Phnom Penh to open a new and appalling chapter in the story of the twentieth century. On that day, Pin Yathay was a qualified engineer in the Ministry of Public Works. Successful and highly educated, he had been critical of the corrupt Lon Nol regime and hoped that the Khmer Rouge would be the patriotic saviors of Cambodia.

The author provides an unforgettable testament of the horror that ensued and a gripping account of personal courage, sacrifice and survival. Documenting the 27 months from the arrival of the Khmer Rouge in Phnom Penh to his escape into Thailand, Pin Yathay is a powerful and haunting memoir of Cambodia's killing fields.

***First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers (Daughter of Cambodia #1)* by Loung Ung (2006)**

From a childhood survivor of the Cambodian genocide under the regime of Pol Pot, this is a riveting narrative of war crimes and desperate actions, the unnerving strength of a small girl and her family, and their triumph of spirit.

One of seven children of a high-ranking government official, Loung Ung lived a privileged life in the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh until the age of five. Then, in April 1975, Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge army stormed into the city, forcing Ung's family to flee and, eventually, to disperse. Loung was trained as a child soldier in a work camp for orphans, her siblings were sent to labor camps, and those who survived the horrors would not be reunited until the Khmer Rouge was destroyed.

***Where Peachtree Meets Sweet Auburn: A Saga of Race and Family* by Gary M. Pomerantz (1997)**

A story of two cities told through the rise of two of Atlanta's most illustrious political families...highly significant in what it reveals about ambition, hard work, success, and race relations."—

****The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures* by Anne Fadiman (1998)**

Lia Lee was born in 1981 to a family of recent Hmong immigrants, and soon developed symptoms of epilepsy. By 1988 she was living at home but was brain dead after a tragic cycle of misunderstanding, over-medication, and culture clash: "What the doctors viewed as clinical efficiency the Hmong viewed as frosty arrogance." *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* is a tragedy of Shakespearean dimensions, written with the deepest of human feeling. Sherwin Nuland said of the account, "There are no villains in Fadiman's tale, just as there are no heroes. People are presented as she saw them, in their humility and their frailty--and their nobility."

****The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros (first published in 1983)**

Told in a series of vignettes – sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous – it is the story of a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Few other books in our time have touched so many readers.

****Their Eyes Were Watching God*** by Zora Neale Hurston (first published in 1937)

When Janie, at sixteen, is caught kissing shiftless Johnny Taylor, her grandmother swiftly marries her off to an old man with sixty acres. Janie endures two stifling marriages before meeting the man of her dreams, who offers not diamonds, but a packet of flowering seeds ...

Wonder (Wonder #1) by R.J. Palacio, Raquel Jaramillo (2013)

You can't blend in when you were born to stand out. August Pullman wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things. He eats ice cream. He plays on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside.

But Auggie is far from ordinary. Ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids don't get stared at wherever they go. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life, in an attempt to protect him from the cruelty of the outside world. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (2017)

Sixteen-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she was born and raised and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed.

Of Beetles and Angels: A Boy's Remarkable Journey from a Refugee Camp to Harvard by Mawi Asgedom, Dave Berger (2002)

The remarkable true story of a young boy's journey from civil war in east Africa to a refugee camp in Sudan, to a childhood on welfare in an affluent American suburb, and eventually to a full-tuition scholarship at Harvard University.

Following his father's advice to "treat all people-even the most unsightly beetles-as though they were angels sent from heaven," Mawi overcomes the challenges of language barriers, cultural differences, racial prejudice, and financial disadvantage to build a fulfilling, successful life for himself in his new home.

Half Blood Blues by Esi Edugyan (2012)

1940. In the aftermath of the fall of Paris, Hieronymus Falk, a rising star on the cabaret scene, is arrested in a cafe and never heard from again. He is 20 years old. A German citizen. And he is black. 50 years later, Sid - Hiero's bandmate and the only witness that day - is going back to Berlin, where they first met.

The Red Umbrella by Christina Diaz Gonzalez (2012)

The moving tale of a 14-year-old girl's journey from Cuba to America as part of Operation Pedro Pan—an organized exodus of more than 14,000 unaccompanied children, whose parents sent them away to escape Fidel Castro's revolution.

In 1961, two years after the Communist revolution, Lucía Álvarez still leads a carefree life, dreaming of parties and her first crush. But when the soldiers come to her sleepy Cuban town, everything begins to change. Freedoms are stripped away. Neighbors disappear. Her friends feel like strangers. And her family is being watched.

As the revolution's impact becomes more oppressive, Lucía's parents make the heart-wrenching decision to send her and her little brother to the United States—on their own.

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