

## January 2019 Spokane Area Diversity/Cultural Events

### National Mentoring Month

Acknowledging mentoring and the positive impact it can have on young lives is the goal of this month-long celebration. First observed in 2002, spearheaded by the Harvard Mentoring Project (<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/chc/wmy/>) and the MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership (<http://www.nationalmentoringmonth.org/>). This celebration draws national attention to the need for mentors, as well as how individuals, business, government agencies, schools, faith communities, and nonprofits can work together to ensure healthy and productive lives for young people. Also visit <http://www.mentoring.org/> for more information.

### National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Beginning in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation, each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Following the start of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, with the help of non-government organizations, National Human Trafficking Day began and is observed annually on January 11.

Per The Washington Anti-trafficking Response Network (WARN - <http://warn-trafficking.org/>), Human Trafficking is the use of force, fraud, coercion to compel a person into any form of labor against their will. This can occur in an industry. Human Trafficking is also described a modern-day slavery or involuntary servitude. For more information visit the website listed above, and Lutheran Community Services for local information and resources.

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### The Inland Northwest and the Great War: A Centennial Commemoration of world War I

November 11, 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, which ended World War I. While the war was a global conflict, it impacted communities across the United States, including Spokane. The exhibit features artifacts and photographs from the MAC's collection as well as special programs to mark the centennial of The Armistice.

**Dates: October 6, 2018 through January 27, 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 and college students with ID, \$5.00 children ages 6-17

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

### Ryan Feddersen: Phantom Lands

This exhibition features recent works in a variety of scales and mediums that focus on resistance and resilience in the face of development, displacement, and destruction. Feddersen approaches these topics with an emphasis on humor, play, and creative engagement as a way to create opportunities for personal introspection and discovery.

**Dates: October 2018 through January 20, 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 and college students with ID, \$5.00 children ages 6-17

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

**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.odohertypub.com/> or call 509.747.0322.

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**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](http://www.kyrs.org) or [www.democracynow.org](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/qsounds), or email them at [queersounds@kyrs.org](mailto: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>.

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**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 Ina Berenstein.

**Date: Sunday, January 6, 2019**

Time: 10:00 am – noon

Location: Temple Beth Shalom, 1322 E 30<sup>th</sup> Ave

Cost: Free

For more information call 747.3304 or visit their website at [www.spokanetbs.org](http://www.spokanetbs.org).

**Hispanic Business / Professional Association Monthly Luncheon**

Speaker: TBA

**Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

Time: 11:30 am – noon. social/networking & lunch, noon-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 contact Isabel Mazcot, HBPA President at [hbpaspokane@gmail.com](mailto:hbpaspokane@gmail.com), or visit their website at [www.hbpaspokane.net](http://www.hbpaspokane.net).

**Justice Night**

Speak with an attorney for free, sponsored by Center for Justice.

**Date: Thursday, January 10, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Center for Justice, 35 W Main

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.835.5211 or visit their website at [www.cforjustice.org](http://www.cforjustice.org).

**Implicit Bias and social Cognition: A Deeper Dive**

A community meeting to discuss approaching 2019 with an openness and willingness to create a dialogue focused on structural bias.

**Date: Thursday, January 10, 2019**

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: West Central Community Center, 1603 N Belt Street

Cost: Free

For more information contact [spkncpbr@gmail.com](mailto:spkncpbr@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/spokane.naACP/>. Will serve light refreshments. Spokane Regional Law and Justice Racial Equity Committee Community Meeting. Facilitated by Kurtis Robinson, NAACP Spokane President.

***The Controversy of Valladolid***

Imagine a time when the Catholic Church had the right to determine whether or not you were human in a 16<sup>th</sup>-century Spanish monastery, the fate of millions of indigenous American natives from an ocean away hangs precariously in the balance. This play by Jean Claude Carrière brings to light the shocking real-life debates whose repercussions are still felt today.

**Dates: Friday-Sunday, January 11-27, 2019**

Time: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm.

Location: Stage Left Theater, 108 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave

Cost: \$20.00

For more information visit [www.spokanestageleft.org](http://www.spokanestageleft.org) or call 509.838.9727.

**Forensic Science Mysteries**

Solve the mystery with forensic science techniques by testing strawberry DNA, analyzing fingerprints and creating different "blood" spatter patterns.

**Date: Saturday, January 12, 2019**

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Moran Prairie Library, 6004 S Regal St.

Cost: Free, for ages 8 and older

For more information visit their website at [www.sclld.org](http://www.sclld.org) or call 509.893.8340.

**The Black History 101 Mobile Museum**

Founded by Khalid el-Hakim, the Black History 101 Mobile Museum is an award-winning collection of over 7,000 original artifacts of Black memorabilia dating from the trans-Atlantic slave trade era to hip-hop culture.

**Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Hixson Union Building, Whitworth University

Cost: Free

For more information contact Jonathan Royal at 509.777.3583 or visit their website at

<http://www.whitworth.edu/news/index.aspx>.

**Kutupalong: Stories and Images of the Rohingya Refugee Crisis**

World Relief staff members Mark Finney and Jackson Lino share from their experience in the Kutupalong refugee camp in Bangladesh. Learn how their trip connects to the larger global refugee crisis and specifically the resettlement of refugees in Spokane.

**Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm

Location: Spokane Downtown Public Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 906 W Main Street

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=1>.

**Diverse Voices Writing Group**

**Date: Thursday, January 17, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free

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

***Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A Historical Perspective***

In remembrance of Dr. King, this documentary follows his life, accomplishments, and challenges.

**Date: Thursday, January 17, 2019**

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Northeast Youth Center, 3004 E Queen

Cost: Free

For more information visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NortheastYouthCenter/>. Popcorn and drinks will be served. This is a child friendly event but the documentary discusses serious subject matter surrounding social issues of the time. Parental discretion advised.

**Indigenous Peoples March for Human Rights****Date: Friday, January 18, 2019**

Location: Spokane Tribal Gathering Place, 347 Post St.

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/606274846479117/> or email [Barbara.Gongyin@kauffmaninc.com](mailto:Barbara.Gongyin@kauffmaninc.com) or call 509.981.8143.**Women+s March – Spokane****Date: Saturday, January 19, 2019**

Location: Spokane Convention Center

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Spokane Convention Center

Cost: Free

For more information, visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MarchOnSpokane/>.**MLK Community Celebration**

Speaker: Happy Watkins, pastor of New Hope Baptist

**Date: Sunday, January 20, 2019**

Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: Holy Temple Church of God in Church of God in Christ, 806 W Indiana

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.868.0856.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration 2018: Annual Unity March and Resource Fair****Date: Monday, January 21 2019**

Time: 10:00 am (Unity Rally and March), 11:00 am (Resource Fair)

Location: Unity March starts downtown at the Spokane Convention Center, 334 W. Spokane Falls Blvd

Community Resource Fair from 11:00 am-2:00 pm, at the Spokane Convention

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information contact MLK Jr. Family Outreach Center at 509.455.8722 or visit their website at [www.mlksokane.org](http://www.mlksokane.org).**NAACP Monthly Membership Meeting****“The Presumption of Innocence” Conversations about Bail & Incarceration in Spokane****Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone

For more information contact [spkncpbr@gmail.com](mailto:spkncpbr@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook at<https://www.facebook.com/spokane.naacp/>. Will serve light snacks and beverages. Co-sponsors: Racial Equity Sub-committee, Spokane Human Rights Commission, NW Justice Project, Gonzaga Criminal Law Society, and the Spokane Envision Center.**Diverse Voices Writing Group****Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free

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

### **14th Annual Spokane Jewish Cultural Film Festival**

Films share Jewish life and culture with the community. *Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel* (NR documentary, strong language, in English, 87 minutes), *By Bye Germany* (NR, some strong language, sexual situations, in German with English subtitles, 102 minutes), and *Shoelaces* (NR, some mild innuendo, in Hebrew with English subtitles, 102 minutes).

**Date: Thursday – Sunday, January 24, 25, and 26, 2019**

Time: 7:00 pm Thursday & Saturday, 2:00 pm on Sunday-

Location: Wolff Auditorium at Jepsen Center, Gonzaga University, 502 E Boone Ave

Cost: \$7-\$10, festival pass \$28.00

To more information or to purchase tickets, visit <http://sajfs.org/our-programs/sicff>.

### **Spark Salon – A Benefit & Paddle Raise**

Jess Walter in conversation with Sandy Williams (Black lens founder and journalist) and Sarah Vowell (social commentator)

**Date: Friday, January 25, 2019**

Location: McGinnity Room, 116 W. Pacific Ave.

Cost: \$75.00, includes dinner, a glass of wine and a ton of fun

For more information visit [www.auctria.com](http://www.auctria.com) to purchase tickets.

### **Daughters of Norway**

A club to unite women who wish to preserve their Nordic heritage by exploring its rich history, culture, folk arts and native languages. Meetings involve sharing Nordic tales, cooking, arts and tips on retracing family roots.

**Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019** (fourth Saturday of each month)

Time: 10:00 am

Location: TBD

For more information call 509.926.8090 or visit [www.daughtersofnorwayfreya.org](http://www.daughtersofnorwayfreya.org) or contact (509) 926-8090 for location and time of monthly meetings.

### **Math: More Than Counting 2**

This companion training to Math: More Than Counting, in which we focused on the Learning Pathways in Numeracy, also works as a stand-alone, hands-on training, featuring math activities for toddlers and preschoolers. 2 STARS credits.

**Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019**

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Spokane Valley Library, 12004 E Man Ave

Cost: Free, registration is required and opens 30 days before each scheduled class.

For more information visit <https://www.sclcd.org/for-you/parents-and-teachers/stars-training/> or call 509.893.3400 or email [stewart@sclcd.org](mailto:stewart@sclcd.org).

### **Eastern Washington Legislative Conference – “Inform, Inspire, Involve”**

**Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019**

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 pm

Location: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 316 E 24<sup>th</sup> Ave

Cost: Suggested donation of \$20.00

For more information and/or to RSVP, call 509.535.4112 or email [info@thefigtree.org](mailto:info@thefigtree.org).

### **Robert Burns Night**

Enjoy an evening of Scottish culture.

**Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019**

Time: Doors open at 5:00 pm, program and dinner at 6:00 pm

Location: Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute, 4000 W Randolph Rd

Cost: Adults \$48.00 plus \$3.00 processing fee, Children (ages 12 and under) \$30.00 plus \$2.00 processing fee For more information, visit their website at <http://www.inlandnwscots.org/calendar.html>.

**KPBX Kids Concert – British Brass Band**

Join the Spokane British Brass Band for a musical trip to the British Isles.

**Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019**

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: St John's Cathedral, 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Grand Blvd

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <http://spokanepublicradio.org/topic/spr-events>.

**Indian Cuisine with Jamie Aquino**

Featuring classic Indian recipes. Jamie will cook up bowls of curried lentils, followed by vegetable kofta simmered in coconut curry, accompanied by Indian naan. She will also discuss the health benefits and nutrition content of these dishes. **Date:**

**Wednesday, January 30, 2019**

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Location: Kitchen Engine, 621 W Mallon Ave

Cost: \$39.00

For more information visit their website at [www.thekitchenengine.com](http://www.thekitchenengine.com) or call 509.326.3335.

**Diverse Voices Writing Group**

**Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free

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

**SAVE THE DATE****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, \$1500 for a table

For more information visit [www.ahaspokane.ejoinme.org](http://www.ahaspokane.ejoinme.org).

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Viva Vino & Brew (Scholarship Fundraiser)**

Wine and craft beer tasting. Food provided by De Leon's, with EWU's Mariachi Las Aguilas, silent and live auction 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 HBPA member, \$50.00 non-member

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.hbpaspokane.net](http://www.hbpaspokane.net) or email [hbpaspokane@gmail.com](mailto:hbpaspokane@gmail.com).

**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: 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/>



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](mailto:yvonnecmz04@gmail.com) with event details. For general events visit [www.visitspokane.com](http://www.visitspokane.com) or [www.spokane7.com/](http://www.spokane7.com/).

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### **January 2019 International/National Cultural Celebrations Calendar**

#### **January 1      New Year's Day – International**

The first day of the New Year according to the Gregorian calendar is probably the most widely observed event in the world, marked by most nations, religions, and cultures.

#### **St. Basil's Day - Greece**

The Greeks call New Year, St. Basil's Day. Traditionally, gifts are exchanged.

#### **January 1      Gantan-Sai – Japan, Shinto**

Gantan-sai, also referred to as Shogatu, is the Shinto New Year holiday. The faithful visit shrines, often at midnight, praying for renewal of heart, health, and prosperity. During the seven-day holiday, people wear their best clothing and visit the homes of friends and family to express their wishes for the coming year.

#### **Independence Day- Haiti**

Haiti gained its independence from France in 1804. Haiti made history by being the first Black Country to gain its independence. According to Haitian custom, whatever happens to someone on New Year's Day is indicative of what will happen during the coming year, thereby motivating people to put on new clothes, visit friends, and exchange gifts in the hope that these efforts will be rewarded.

#### **Independence Day – Sudan**

Egypt and Britain signed a treaty guaranteeing Sudanese independence in 1956.

#### **January 2      Berchtold's Day - Switzerland**

This day honors Duke Berchtold V, who founded Bern, the capital of Switzerland. He promised to name the city after the first animal he killed on a hunt. The bear (bern in German) then provided the city's name.

#### **January 4      Independence Day – Myanmar (Burma)**

Commemorates independence from Great Britain in 1948.

#### **January 6      Christmas - Armenia Christian**

Armenian Christmas is celebrated on January 6th around the world (except in Jerusalem) placing more emphasis on the Epiphany.

#### **Epiphany - Christian**

In the Western church, this day celebrates the journey of the three Wise Men to Bethlehem to offer gifts to the infant Jesus. In the Eastern Church it is associated with the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. On this day as well, the Armenians celebrate Christmas.

#### **Three Kings' Day - Christian**

In South America, Latin America and parts of Europe, the end of the Christmas season is a traditional time for gift giving.

<b>January 7</b>	<p><b>Christmas - Christian- Coptic and Eastern Orthodox</b> On this day, some Eastern churches celebrate the birth of Jesus according to the Julian calendar, which is currently 13 days behind the Gregorian and Western calendar.</p>
<b>January 11</b>	<p><b>National Human Trafficking Awareness Day</b> Beginning in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation, each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Following the start of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, with the help of non-government organizations, National Human Trafficking Day began and is observed annually on January 11.</p> <p><b>National Foundation Day - Japan</b> Commemorates the accession to the throne of the Emperor Jimmu Tenno in 660 BCE and the founding of the nation.</p>
<b>January 13</b>	<p><b>Lohri – Hindu - Sikh</b> Bonfires are lit to mark the change from the decrease to the increase of the sun.</p> <p><b>Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday - Sikh</b> He was the 10<sup>th</sup> and last living Guru of the Sikh faith. He founded the 'Khalsa' brotherhood where the initiated adopted the five 'K's': Kangha (wooden comb), Kara (steel bracelets), Kirpan (sword), Kaccha (pair of shorts), and Kesh (long hair).</p> <p><b>St. Knut's Day- Finland, Sweden</b> King Knut who ruled Sweden from 1080-1086 is honored as a saint for his virtue and generosity. He had declared that Christmas should be celebrated for twenty days, officially ending the season on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The days between Christmas and Saint Knut's Day are filled with parties for children and adults. After this day, trees are taken down to mark the official close of the season.</p>
<b>January 14</b>	<p><b>New Year - Eastern Orthodox Christian-Coptic and Eastern Orthodox</b> The Eastern Orthodox Christians include Bulgarian Orthodox, Georgian Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Macedonian Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Romanian Orthodox, and Serbian Orthodox.</p> <p><b>Makar Sankranti - India, Hindu</b> The transition of the Sun from Sagitarius to Capricorn during the winter solstice in the northern hemisphere is known as Makar Sankranti. The days gradually lengthen in the northern hemisphere.</p> <p><b>Seijin No Hi - Japan</b> This day celebrates Coming-of-Age of the youth of Japan who are twenty years old. They wear traditional clothes and visit the shrines where the family announces their adulthood to the spirits. This is a national holiday.</p> <p><b>Pongol - India</b> A three-day rice harvest festival in South India is celebrated with a cultural evening of song and dance.</p>
<b>January 18</b>	<p><b>Sultan (17<sup>th</sup> Month) - Baha'i</b> Sunset - The first day of the seventeenth Baha'i month. The English translation of Sultan (Arabic) is Sovereignty.</p>

- January 19 Timkat/Theophany - Christian- Coptic & Eastern Orthodox**  
The Eastern Orthodox Church Associates' Theophany with the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.
- January 21 Martyrs' Memorial Day- Azerbaijan**  
Honors the citizens killed by Soviet troops on this day in 1990 as they fought for independence. Also called Black January. As the date falls on a weekend, it will be celebrated on January 22, 2018.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - USA**  
This day commemorates the leader of the 'Civil Rights' movement in USA. People of all races and religions have benefited from the sacrifices and accomplishments made by this great man. He was a Nobel Prize winner (Peace Prize 1964) and a prominent advocate of nonviolent protest. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968.
- January 21 Anniversary Day- Wellington, New Zealand**  
Celebrate the founding of the province of Wellington in New Zealand.
- January 25 Robert Burns' Night - Scotland**  
Robert Burns Night honors Scotland's national poet, born in 1759. The night is celebrated by the Scots with a sit down 'Burns Supper' and with speeches, poetry and song.
- January 26 Australia Day - Australia**  
Commemorates the anniversary of the first Britain settlement in 1788, which was a penal colony established to help relieve overcrowding in British prisons.
- Republic Day - India**  
Marks India's severed ties from Great Britain in 1950.
- January 30 Sadeh – Iran, Zoroastrian**  
Sadeh in Persian means "hundred" and refers to one hundred days and nights past the end of summer in ancient Persia/Iran. Sadeh is a mid-winter festival where bonfires are lit to honor fire and to defeat the forces of darkness, frost, and cold. People gather and pray, and then they will hold each other's hands, form a circle and dance around the fire.

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### **Civil Rights Movement**

Films and books honoring the contributions towards the U.S. Civil Rights Movement.

### **Film - Middle School - Adult**

#### *Precious Knowledge*

Location: Arizona - Grade Level: 7-9, 10-12, Adult

Documentary film on the attack on ethnic studies in Arizona.

*40 Years Later: Now Can We Talk?*

Location: Mississippi - Grade Level: 7-9, 10-12, Adult

Documentary film and discussion guide about the first African Americans to desegregate the white high school in Batesville, Mississippi in 1967–1969.

*Come Hell or High Water: The Battle for Turkey Creek*

Location: Mississippi - Grade Level: 7-9, 10-12, Adult

Documentary film about a contemporary environmental justice story in Gulfport, Mississippi. 2013.

*Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot*

Location: Alabama - Grade Level: 7-9, 10-12

Documentary film for middle and high school on the 1960s voting rights struggle in Selma. *Freedom Summer*

Location: Mississippi - Grade Level: 5-6, 7-9, 10-12, Adult

Documentary film about Freedom Summer. 2014.

*Viva La Causa*

Location: National, Alabama, California - Grade Level: 7-9, 10-12

Documentary film on the grape strike and boycott led by César Chávez and Dolores Huerta in the 1960s. By Bill Brummel and Alonso Mayo, 2008

*The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till*

Location: National, Mississippi - Grade Level: 5-6, 7-9, 10-12, Adult

Keith Beauchamp, 2005 Documentary about the journey to uncover the truth behind the nightmarish murder of an innocent African-American teenager.

*They Closed Our Schools*

Location: Virginia - Grade Level: 7-9, 10-12

The story of Moton High where students led a two week long boycott demanding equal schools for black children under the separate but equal doctrine. 2015.

*Strange Fruit*

Location: National - Grade Level: 2-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12

Documentary exploring the history and legacy of the Billie Holiday classic song.

Joel Katz, 2002

*Scarred Justice: The Orangeburg Massacre of 1968*

Location: South Carolina - Grade Level: 7-9, 10-12, Adult

An in depth look at a massacre that happened at South Carolina State College in 1968. Bestor Cram and Judy Richardson, 2009

*Salt of the Earth*

Location: New Mexico - Grade Level: 5-6, 7-9, 10-12, Adult

McCarthy era film about the struggle for equality of Mexican-American miners--examines issues of labor, gender, and ethnicity. 1954.

*Ruby Bridges*

Location: Louisiana - Grade Level: 2-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12

Disney film about a six-year-old girl who is the first African American to integrate her local New Orleans elementary school. Euzhan Palcy and Toni Ann Johnson, 1997

*The Road to Brown: The Man Who Killed Jim Crow*

Location: National - Grade Level: 5-6, 7-9, 10-12

The story of segregation and the brilliant legal assault on it, focusing on Charles Hamilton Houston.

William Elwood, 1990

*The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow*

Location: National-Grade Level: 2-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12, Adult

Explores segregation from the end of the civil war to the dawn of the modern Civil Rights Movement.

Richard Wormser, 2002

*The Murder of Emmett Till*

Location: National, Mississippi - Grade Level: 7-9, 10-12

This film traces the story of Emmett Till's murder and the dramatic trial that followed. Stanley Nelson, 2003

*Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks*

Location: Alabama - Grade Level: 7-9, 10-12

Free documentary for teachers on Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Robert Houston, 2002

*Fundi: The Story of Ella Baker*

Location: National - Grade Level: 7-9, 10-12, Adult

Award-winning documentary about Ella Baker's life and contributions to the civil rights movement

Joanne Grant, 1981

*Mighty Times: The Children's March*

Location: National - Grade Level: 7-9, 10-12, Adult

Academy Award-winning documentary film that tells the heroic story of the young people in Birmingham,

Alabama, who brought segregation to its knees. Robert Houston, 2004

*Eyes on the Prize*

Location: National, Mississippi - Grade Level: 7-9, 10-12, Adult

Classic documentary film on the people's history of the Civil Rights Movement. Blackside Inc., 2006

*Freedom on My Mind*

Location: Mississippi - Grade Level: 10-12

The story of the Mississippi freedom movement in the early 1960s.

Connie Field, 1994

*Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders*

Location: Mississippi - Grade Level: 10-12, Adult

One of the best films on the Civil Rights Movement, this award-winning documentary reveals the movement in Mississippi in the 1950s and 60s from the point of view of the courageous women who lived it.

Laura J. Lipson, 2002

*An Ordinary Hero: True Story of Joan Trumpauer Mulholland*

Location: Mississippi - Grade Level: 10-12, Adult

"An Ordinary Hero" is the true story of Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, a white Southern Civil Rights activist.

Loki Mulholland, 2013

*Freedom Song*

Location: Mississippi - Grade Level: 7-9, 10-12

Based on the actual history of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), student activism, and voter registration in McComb, Mississippi.

Phil Alden Robinson, 2006*Selma*

Location: Selma to Montgomery, Alabama

A chronicle of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965.

Ava DuVernay, 2014

### **Children's books on Civil Rights History**

*I am Rosa Parks (Ages 4-8)*

"We can all be heroes" is the message entertainingly told in this picture-book biography series from #1 *New York Times* Bestselling author Brad Meltzer. Rosa Parks dared to stand up for herself and other African Americans by staying seated, and as a result she helped end public bus segregation and launch the country's Civil Rights Movement.

Meltzer, Brad, June 2014

*Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the Selma Voting Rights March (Ages 12 and up)*

As the youngest marcher in the 1965 voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, Lynda Blackmon Lowery proved that young adults can be heroes. Jailed eleven times before her fifteenth birthday, Lowery fought alongside Martin Luther King, Jr. for the rights of African-Americans. In this memoir, she shows today's young readers what it means to fight nonviolently and how it felt to be part of changing American history.

Lynda Blackmon Lowery, January 2015

*The Story of Ruby Bridges (Ages 4-8)*

The year is 1960, and six-year-old Ruby Bridges and her family have recently moved from Mississippi to New Orleans in search of a better life. When a judge orders Ruby to attend first grade at William Frantz Elementary, an all-white school, Ruby must face angry mobs of parents who refuse to send their children to school with her.

Roberts Coles, September 2010

*The Case for Loving: The Fight for Interracial Marriage (Ages 5-9)*

This is the story of the Loving family: Mildred Loving, Richard Perry Loving, and their three children. It is the story of how Mildred and Richard fell in love, and got married in Washington, D.C. But when they moved back to their hometown in Virginia, they were arrested (in dramatic fashion) for violating that state's laws against interracial marriage. The Lovings refused to allow their children to get the message that their parents' love was wrong and so they fought the unfair law, taking their case all the way to the Supreme Court - and won!

Selina Alko, January 2015

*Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-Ins (Grades 1-4)*

Two African-American girls from northern states are exposed to the segregated South for the first time, but their mama and grand- mama handle it all with quiet dignity and wisdom.

by Carole Boston Weatherford; illustrated by Jerome Lagarrigue, December 2007

*The School is Not White! A True Story of the Civil Rights Movement (Grades 2-5)*

The true story of one Mississippi family who bravely sent their seven children to an all-white school, and ended up losing their home and their jobs, plus had to deal with violent threats.

by Doreen Rappaport; illustrated by Curtis James, August 2014

*March On! The Day My Brother Changed the World (Grades 3-7)*

The sister of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., answers questions about her brother and the 1963 March on Washington, including how he prepared for his well-known 'I Have a Dream' speech. This title has an "appealing rhythm for reading aloud."

by Christine King Farris; illustrated by London Ladd, August 2008

*Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott (Grades 4-6)*

Most people do not realize the coordination and sacrifice that went into the 381-day Montgomery Bus Boycott. This title combines segments from memoirs, scholarly articles, personal stories, and historical accounts with large black-and-white photos on every spread to create an "exemplary presentation and a powerful introduction to the Civil Rights Movement".

Russell Freedman, February 2009

*One Crazy Summer (Ages 9-13)*

"It is 1968, and three black sisters from Brooklyn have been put on a California-bound plane by their father to spend a month with their mother, a poet who ran off years before and is living in Oakland. It's the summer after Black Panther founder Huey Newton was jailed and member Bobby Hutton was gunned down trying to surrender to the Oakland police, and there are men in berets shouting 'Black Power' on the news. While the girls hope to go to Disneyland and meet Tinker Bell, their mother sends them to a day camp run by the Black Panthers.

Unexpectedly, Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern learn much about their family, their country, and themselves during one truly crazy summer.

Rita Williams Garcia, December 2011

*Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice (Ages 10 and up)*

On March 2, 1955, an impassioned teenager, fed up with the daily injustices of Jim Crow segregation, refused to give her seat to a white woman on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Instead of being celebrated as Rosa Parks would be just nine months later, fifteen-year-old Claudette Colvin found herself shunned by her classmates and dismissed by community leaders. Undaunted, a year later she dared to challenge segregation again as a key plaintiff in *Browder v. Gayle*, the landmark case that struck down the segregation laws of Montgomery and swept away the legal underpinnings of the Jim Crow South.

Based on extensive interviews with Claudette Colvin and many others, Phillip Hoose presents the first in-depth account of an important yet largely unknown civil rights figure, skillfully weaving her dramatic story into the fabric of the historic Montgomery bus boycott and court case that would change the course of American history.

Phillip M. Hoose, January 2009

*Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High (Ages 12 and up)*

In 1957, Melba Pattillo turned sixteen. That was also the year she became a warrior on the front lines of a civil rights firestorm. Following the landmark 1954 Supreme Court ruling, *Brown v. Board of Education*, Melba was one of nine teenagers chosen to integrate Little Rock's Central High School.

Throughout her harrowing ordeal, Melba was taunted by her schoolmates and their parents, threatened by a lynch mob's rope, attacked with lighted sticks of dynamite, and injured by acid sprayed in her eyes. But through it all, she acted with dignity and courage, and refused to back down. This is her remarkable story.

Melba Pattillo Beals, February 1995

*Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, The Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement (Ages 9-12)*

"I am sick and tired of being sick and tired." Despite fierce prejudice and abuse, even being beaten to within an inch of her life, Fannie Lou Hamer was a champion of civil rights from the 1950s until her death in 1977. Integral to the Freedom Summer of 1964, Ms. Hamer gave a speech at the Democratic National Convention that, despite President Johnson's interference, aired on national TV news and spurred the nation to support the Freedom Democrats.

Carole Boston Weatherford, August 2015

*When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson (Ages 4-8)*

A harmonious introduction to one of our country's most important singers, Marian Anderson, Anderson is best known for her historic concert at the Lincoln Memorial in 1939, which drew an integrated crowd of 75,000 people in pre-Civil Rights America. While this momentous event showcased the uniqueness of her voice, the strength of her character, the struggles of the times in which she lived, it is only part of her story.

Pam Munoz Ryan, October 2002

*Ruth and the Green Book (Ages 6-9)*

Ruth was so excited to take a trip in her family's new car! In the early 1950s, few African Americans could afford to buy cars, so this would be an adventure. But she soon found out that black travelers weren't treated very well in some towns. Many hotels and gas stations refused service to black people. Daddy was upset about something called Jim Crow laws...

Finally, a friendly attendant at a gas station showed Ruth's family The Green Book. It listed all of the places that would welcome black travelers. With this guidebook -- and the kindness of strangers -- Ruth could finally make a safe journey from Chicago to her grandma's house in Alabama.

Ruth's story is fiction, but The Green Book and its role in helping a generation of African American travelers avoid some of the indignities of Jim Crow are historical fact.

Calvin Alexander Ramsey, August 1, 2010

*Dare to Dream: Coretta Scott King and the Civil Rights Movement (Ages 8-11)*

From her childhood encounters with discrimination to her activism as an adult, Coretta Scott King dreamed of finding a place where people were treated equally. This compelling biography tells how she joined her husband, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. to lead protest marches and stand up to prejudice and violence.

"This biography shows her to be a courageous woman who can stand on her own merit, and not just as the wife of one of the world's most well-known men." -- *School Library Journal*

Angela Shelf Medearis, January 1999

*Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged (Ages 5-8)*

In 1946, Viola Desmond bought a movie ticket at the Roseland Theatre in Nova Scotia, Canada. After settling into a main floor seat, an usher came by and told her to move, because her ticket was only good for the balcony. She offered to pay the difference in price but was refused: "You people have to sit in the upstairs section." Viola refused to move.

She was hauled off to jail, but her actions gave strength and inspiration to Canada's black community. Vibrant illustrations and oral-style prose tell Viola's story with sympathy and historical accuracy.

Jody Nyasha Warner, November 2010



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