

October 2019 Spokane Area Diversity/Cultural Events Calendar

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). Public Law 176, enacted by the Congress in 1945, designated the first week in October each year as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." President Harry S. Truman designated the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities to carry out the Act. In 1962, the word "physically" was removed from the week's name to acknowledge the employment needs of all Americans with disabilities. Congress expanded the week to a month in 1988 and changed its name to "National Disability Awareness Month," which eventually evolved to its current name. The Labor Department's Office of Disability Employment Policy took over responsibility for National Disability Employment Awareness Month in 2001.

The 2019 theme is **"The Right Talent, Right Now"** reflects on the important role that different perspectives play in workforce success. For more information visit <https://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/ndeam/>.

The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month celebrates the contributions of workers with disabilities and educates about the value of a workforce inclusive of their skills and talents. Held annually, National Disability Employment Awareness Month is led by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, but its true spirit lies in the many observances held at the grassroots level across the nation every year. Employers of all sizes and in all industries are encouraged to participate in NDEAM.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History Month promotes the teaching of LGBT history. First celebrated in 1994, October was selected, as the first and second Marches on Washington for lesbian and gay rights were held in October in 1979 and 1987. For more information visit <http://www.glbthistorymonth.com>.

National Italian American Heritage Month recognizes the achievements of Americans of Italian descent as well as Italians in American. This month was chosen to coincide with Columbus Day. Visit <http://www.italianheritagemonth.com/> or call 617.499.7955 for more information.

German American Heritage Month recognizes the achievements of German-Americans. German-American Day was originally proclaimed by President Regan in 1983. About one in four persons in the United States claims German ancestry. Visit <https://nationaltoday.com/german-american-heritage-month/> for more information.

Polish American Heritage Month celebrates Polish history, culture, and pride of Polish Americans. The first Polish settlers arrived at Jamestown, VA in 1608. Visit www.polishamericancenter.com or <http://www.polishamericancenter.org/heritmo.htm>.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month - The purple ribbon signifies Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The YWCA is the only state recognized provider of domestic violence services in Spokane County. One in four women in Spokane will experience domestic violence at some point during her lifetime. Spokane County has the second highest rate of domestic violence in the State of Washington. In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year the first national toll-free hotline began. The YWCA responds to domestic violence 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, phone: 326.CALL or visit www.ywcaspokane.org. The YWCA has a list of activities you can participate in the month of October to *End the Silence*, visit <https://ywcaspokane.org/end-the-silence-019/?bblinkid=178118260&bbemailid=15737800&bbejrid=1176507570>.

Hispanic Heritage Month - In 1968, Congress first designated the week including September. 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week. This week was chosen because of two historical events: Independence Day (September. 15), which celebrated the formal signing of the Act of Independence of Central American in 1821; and Mexico's Independence Day (September. 16), which commemorates the beginning of the struggle against Spanish control in 1810. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a full 31-day period beginning September 15. This year's theme is "Hispanic Americans: A History of Serving Our Nation". Visit <https://nationalcouncilhepm.org/>.

As Grandmother Taught: Women, Tradition and Plateau Art

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

Dates: August 2018 through December 2019

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

Location: [Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture](http://www.northwestmuseum.org), 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> 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>.

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-6:00 pm

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

Democracy Now! Headlines in Spanish

Date: Saturday

Time: 7:00 am – 8:00 am

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

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

Detention

Day: Monday

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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

Dragonflies on Thin Air**Day: Sunday**

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

One of the few elementary age children’s radio shows produced by kids for kids in the country. The program is fun and educational for children and adults, and includes a mix of jokes, music, guests, stories, poetry, trivia and more. Hosted by [Trevor, Zoe, Eva and Selena](#), KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Irish Music on Tap**Day: Wednesday**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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

Latin Lounge**Day: Monday**

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

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

Layali Arabia**Day: Saturday**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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

Queens of Noise**Day: Wednesday**

Time: 8:00 pm-10:00 pm

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

QueerSounds**Day: Thursday**

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

QueerSounds is radio show dedicated to playing music by and for LGBTQ people. Music, interviews, community events and forums. Hosted by bob, KYRS FM 92.3 or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>. Join the hosts on Facebook at www.facebook.com/qsounds, or email them at queersounds@kyrs.org.

The Persian Hour**Day: Saturday**

Time: noon – 1:00 pm

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

The Science of Poverty**Day: Saturday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Explores the topic of poverty. Hosted by Jesse Quintana, official Facebook site

<https://www.facebook.com/TheScienceOfPoverty>, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Sounds of Science

Day: Sunday

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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

Women's Media Center Live

Day: Wednesday

Time: noon – 1:00 pm

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

Access Job and Resource Fair

Featuring actively hiring employers from a variety of industries and service providers that can educate both job seekers and employers on resources available to support employment. ASL interpreters will be on site.

Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Centennial Hotel, 303 W North River Drive

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit <https://www.centennialhotelspokane.com/>.

How Religious Faith Might Help Us Address Climate Change

Differing faith traditions offer their members a range of reasons and motives to care for the earth and address climate change. But they can also offer a range of spiritual and moral resources that can help us to face the challenges of the climate crisis and take up the work of addressing this crisis. Join us for this insightful talk by Patrick McCormick, Professor of Religious Studies at Gonzaga University.

Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St

Cost: Free and open to the public

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

17th Annual Transitions Celebrates the Value of Justice at the "People Who Care"

Keynote speaker: Rosemary Wear. Fundraiser for Transitions (programs—Women's Hearth, Miryam's House, Transitional Living Center, EduCare, New Leaf Bakery Cafe, and Home Yard Cottages), a non-profit, giving women and their children a second chance.

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Time: Doors open 7:00 am, Breakfast Program 7:30-8:30 am

Doors open 11:30 am, Lunch Program noon-1:00 pm

Location: Centennial Hotel Spokane, 303 W North River Drive

Cost: Free, suggested donation after program

For more information visit their website at <http://www.help4women.org/> or call; 328.6702. To reserve your seat, call Sarah Lickfold at 509.358.6702 or pwc@help4women.org.

Tibetan Meditation Class with Lama Lakshey

Dates: Wednesday, October 2, 16, 23, & 31, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Tsinta Mani Choling, 2311 N. Monroe St.

Cost: Free

For more information, visit <https://tsintamani.org/>.

The Unpassing, A Novel by Chia-Chia Lin

Lin explores the fallout after the loss of a child and the way in which a family is forced to grieve in a place that doesn't yet feel like home.

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Whitworth University, 300 W Hawthorne Rd

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.777.3253 or visit <https://www.chiachialin.com/>

Diverse Voices Writing Group

Dates: Thursday, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

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

American-Italian Club Lodge #2172

Date: Thursday, October 3, 2019 (first Thursday of the month)

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Inland NW Wildlife Club, 6111 N Market St

For more information, visit their website at <http://www.glnw.org/spokane.htm> or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/American-Italian-Club-Local-2172-Spokane-10150156620590626/>.

290 Artists * 453 Artworks

Miguel Gonzales is showing two bicultural pieces in one of the biggest and best and most beautiful barrages of local artistic talent.

Date: October 3, 2019 – Preview Night

Time: 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Location: Terrain 12, Jensen Byrd Building, 131 E Main Ave

Cost: \$25.00 (bit.ly/terrain2019tickets) plus parking

For more information visit <https://www.terrainspokane.com/terrain>.

290 Artists * 453 Artworks

Miguel Gonzales is showing two bicultural pieces in one of the biggest and best and most beautiful barrages of local artistic talent.

Date: October 4, 2019

Time: 5:00 pm – 12:00 am

Location: Terrain 12, Jensen Byrd Building, 131 E Main Ave

Cost: Free, may need to pay for parking

For more information visit <https://www.terrainspokane.com/terrain>.

Health and Wellness Fair

Over 50 vendors/organizations providing information on healthy lifestyles, financial planning, recreational activities, health insurance alternatives, housing options, etc. WSU Nursing students will provide free vitals screening and Walgreen will give flu shots from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

Date: Saturday, October 5, 2019

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Southside Center, 3151 E 27th Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public. Lunch \$6.00, coffee and tea free.

For more information call 509.535.0803.

City of Spokane 2019 Elections Candidate Forums

Spokane City Council and Council President Candidates

Date: Saturday, October 5, 2019

Time: 10:00 am – noon

Location: East Central Community Center, 500 S Stone St

Cost: Free and open to the public

Sponsored by Spokane Coalition of Color (Spokane Asian Pacific Islander Coalition (APIC), NAACP and Hispanic Business/professional Association (HBPA)).

German Oktoberfest Dinner

Authentic German meal to include house fermented sauerkraut, braised cabbage, old family recipe for hot German potato salad and many more items. Will be served buffet style, all you can eat,

Date: Saturday, October 5, 2019

Time: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: The Grain shed, 1026 E Newark Ave

Cost: \$30.00, for tickets visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/german-oktoberfest-dinner-tickets-73280862031>

For more information call 509.241.3853.

Tsinta Mani Choling Buddhist Meditation Center

Tibetan Buddhist teachings and meditation with Lama Lakshey Zangpo.

Dates: Sundays, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2019

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: [Tsinta Mani Choling](#), 2311 N. Monroe St.

Cost: Free

For more information, visit <https://tsintamani.org/>.

The Cultural Psychology of Climate Change Denial

At least 97% of climate science studies suggest that climate change is happening and caused by humans. Yet, according to a 2015 Pew Poll, 43% of Americans say they disagree with scientists who say that global warming is occurring due to human activity. The fact that the United States is among the global outliers in the acceptance of the scientific consensus on climate change suggests that the explanations must be political, cultural, and psychological. In this presentation, Dr. Vinai Norasakkunkit, Associate Professor of Psychology at Gonzaga University, will discuss some relevant background theories and his past and ongoing behavioral studies that target the cultural/psychological reasons.

Date: Sunday, October 6, 2019

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St

Cost: Free and open to the public.

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

HBPA/Latinx Business Workshops

HBPA in collaboration with SCORE and AHANA are offering 3 business workshops. 1st Workshop (10/6): Thinking of opening a business. This workshop will be about the logistics about opening a business. 2nd Workshop (10/20): Ready to start a business. 3rd Workshop (11/10): Already have a business. All three workshops will be offered by various professionals in our community. For anyone who is thinking of opening a business or plan to expand their business. *Workshops will be held in Spanish.*

Dates: Sunday, October 6, 2019, October 20, 2019 & November 10, 2019

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Location: St. Joseph Church, 1503 W Dean Ave.

Cost: Free, must register at <https://tinyurl.com/talleresHBPA>

For more information visit www.hbpaspokane.net.

Heating Up: The Ethics of Climate Change

With larger, longer wildfire seasons, accelerating species extinction, ocean acidification, and sea-level rise, it's increasingly clear that climate change isn't something that's about to happen—it's here. But while the laundry list of problems wrought by climate change is well-known, few talk about how our moral beliefs about nature have led us to the brink. In this presentation funded by Humanities Washington, ethicist Brian G. Henning discusses how global warming itself is not the only problem—it's a symptom of a larger issue concerning how we conceive of ourselves and our relationship to the natural world.

Date: Monday, October 7, 2019

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St

Cost: Free and open to the public.

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

Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Latinos, and the American Civil War

The celebration of Cinco de Mayo or May 5th is commonly mistaken as the celebration of the Mexican Revolution (November 20th) or Mexican Independence (September 16th) or even worse, Cinco de Drinko associated with tacos, guacamole, and beer. However, Cinco de Mayo celebrates a Mexican victory against the French army in the central Mexican state of Puebla in 1862. This victory halted the expansion of the pro-slavery Confederacy from Texas into the U.S. acquired Mexican territories of California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and western Colorado. This signifies that people of Latino descent in the U.S. and the neighboring nation of Mexico played a critical role in the American Civil War. Presented by Dr. Nydia A. Martinez, EWU and Chelsie Price EWU.

Date: Monday, October 7, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Shadle Library, 2111 W Wellesley Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information and schedule of events visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>.

Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Informational Night - Become A Foster Parent to a Refugee or Migrant Minor

Lutheran Community Services is currently seeking individuals and families interested in learning about and/or fostering Refugee youth. The Unaccompanied refugee Minor Program will allow for youth to be placed in foster homes around the Spokane Area.

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Location: Lutheran Community Services NW, 210 W Sprague

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.343.5018 or visit their website at <http://lcsnw.org> or call 509.624.1200.

Who's Who in the Latinx Ethnic Community? Wait! What is LatinX?

What do the different terms mean before people come to the United States and once here how does identity grow, fade and change across time and generations? The American Community Survey 2017 reports that 18% of Americans identify as Hispanic or Latino. Yet, often people of Latino background identify with their country of origin. This presentation focuses on observations obtained surveying the Latino population in Spokane County. After this session, participants will be able to have a better understanding of how Latinos/Hispanics label themselves and feel comfortable discussing how the ethnic label of being Latino/Hispanic has changed over time.

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St

Cost: Free and open to the public.

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

Hispanic Business / Professional Association Monthly Meeting

Speakers: Rowena Pineda, Hispanic/Latinx health Survey Results and Winterfest Chairs Charity Bagatsing and Sam Song

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – social, networking, speaker/program

Location: Fiesta Mexican, 1227 S Grand Blvd

Cost: Around \$10.00-\$15.00 if you chose to order food/dinner

For more information visit their website at www.hbpspokane.net.

Flamenco Flamenco Film (2010, not rated, 110 minutes)

An evolutionary musical odyssey through a dynamic art form, crafted by Oscar-winning filmmakers, FLAMENCO, FLAMENCO reaches beyond the borders of Spanish culture toward universal artistic expression.

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Spokane Library Downtown, 3rd Floor Stage, 906 W Main Ave.

Cost: Free and open to the public

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

YWCA – Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon

Keynote: Judge Rosemaire Aquilina. Judge Aquilina presided over the USA Gymnastics Team sex abuse scandal involving Larry Nassar, sentencing him to 175 years in prison for the sexual abuse of young women that lasted more than two decades.

Date: Friday, October 11, 2019

Time: 11:30-1:30 pm

Location: The Convention Center, 334 West Spokane Falls Blvd.

Cost: \$125.00

For more information go to <https://ywcaspokane.org/event/woa2019/>.

Molly of Denali TV Show (4-10 year olds)

Watch an episode of the new PBS Kid's Show, Molly of Denali, which explores Alaskan native cultures while reinforcing learning strategies. Hands-on activities will follow. Young children should be accompanied by a caregiver. Sponsored by KSPS Public Television.

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2019

Time: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Location: Indian Trail Library, 4909 W Barnes Rd

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>. Sponsored by KSPS Public Television.

2nd Washington State People of Color Legislative Summit

The summit has three main goals: 1) to stimulate dialogue between diverse POC organizations, community leaders, and state legislators of color to build statewide solidarity, unity and mobilizing capacity on the most important issues to our collective communities of color; 2) to organize a platform for community leaders of color to develop a Legislative Agenda of top priorities for the Senate and House Members of Color Caucus (MOCC) to push forward; and 3) to come out with a working list of who's working on what issue in what region, so that organizations across the state can build on momentum made at the summit. This is not meant to pre-empt any individual community's legislative priorities, only build a resource for connecting people and organizations with shared issues.

This statewide summit will have separate meeting rooms sited at college campuses around the state, virtually joined together using "Zoom" video conferencing. Each site will have a lead facilitator and staff to provide support and ensure a productive conference.

Date: October 12, 2019

Time: 10 am – 4 pm

Location: Spokane Falls Community College, 3410 W Fort George Wright

Cost: Free and open to all people, note this is a POC centered. Please bring a lunch, there will be refreshments and snacks provided.

Advance registration is required by Wednesday, October 2th. Please fill out this form to register and to receive updates and other communications:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9Neoy0Lq6YHxXYtuYj35D5ePJbAa_L6j5mkETfdZ1hvnKzA/viewform

Human Library - Don't Judge a Book by its Cover

The Human Library™ is designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue. The Human Library is a place where real people are on loan to readers. A place where difficult questions are expected, appreciated and answered.

Date: Saturday., October 12, 2019. Registration available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-human-library-october-12-2019-tickets-70688309637?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse>.

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Human Rights Education Institute, 414 West Fort Grounds Drive, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Cost: Free

For more information, visit www.HREI.org or call 208-292-2359

Danza Mexica – Aztec Dancing and Culture

Danza Mexica (MEH-shee-KA), also known as Aztec Dance, is an ancient ritual dance and ceremony that originated with the Mexica people of Mexico. Our group is a cultural, spiritual, artistic, political and educational circle made up of families and community members who carry on the ancient healing traditions of the native peoples of this continent. After a demonstration and discussion, a step-by-step lesson will be given, closing with an experiential dance ceremony.

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2019

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St

Cost: Free and open to the public.

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

Indigenous Peoples Day Community Gathering, Potluck, and Powwow

Come join together as we bring back the traditional old-style gathering that many have been missing. Bring your kids, cousins, aunties, uncles, gmas, gpas, and all your friends!

Date: Monday, October 14, 2019

Time: 5:00 pm – 11pm. Potluck at 5:00 pm. Powwow at 6:30 pm.

Location: The Warehouse Athletic Facility, 800 N Hamilton Street

Cost: Free

For more information call Barbara at 509.981.8143.

The Spanish Language in the United States: Myths, Facts, and Challenges

It is estimated that 15% of the American population speak a language other than English at home. By far, Spanish is the second most commonly spoken language as 75% of Latinos aged five and older speak Spanish. This lecture will discuss the current status of Spanish in the U.S. and its relation with Latinos. It will also discuss the advantages of being bilingual

Date: Monday, October 14, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Shadle Library, 2111 W Wellesley Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information and schedule of events visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>.

Crafternoon: Mexican Embossed Tin Art

One of the least known, most versatile, and most beautiful expressions of Mexican folk art is hojalata (tin art work), also known in some parts of Mexico as, lamina or lata. Since the 1500's, this humble metal has been made more pleasing by being shaped, stamped, punched, painted and cut into a wide variety of decorative and functional artwork. They provide all the supplies and instruction.

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Spokane Library Downtown, Second Floor Lens, 906 W Main Ave.

Cost: Free and open to the public

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

Dar He: The Story of Emmett Till, A Mike Wiley Production

In 1955, a 14-year-old black Chicago youth traveled to the Mississippi Delta with country kinfolk and southern cooking on his mind. He walked into a world he could never understand and stepped into his gruesome fate by whistling at a white woman. This riveting one-actor, multiple-character drama chronicles the murder, trial and unbelievable confession of the men accused of Till's lynching.

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019

Time: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Location: Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center, Gonzaga University.

Cost: \$25.00/adult, \$15.00/student/youth. Discounts available for seniors, military, groups, flex packages and GU faculty/staff.

For more information call 509.313.2787 or visit their website at <https://www.gonzaga.edu/news-events/events/2019/10/17/mwpac-dar-he>.

Molly of Denali TV Show (4-10 year olds)

Watch an episode of the new PBS Kid's Show, Molly of Denali, which explores Alaskan native cultures while reinforcing learning strategies. Hands-on activities will follow. Young children should be accompanied by a caregiver. Sponsored by KSPS Public Television.

Date: Friday, October 18, 2019

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: Shadle Library, 2111 W Wellesley Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>. Sponsored by KSPS Public Television.

¡Celebremos! - LTNX Artes

¡Celebremos! Is an all Latinx community choice art show curated by Spokane Gallery and LTNX Artes celebrating the diversity and cultural heritage of Latinos, Latinas, and Latinx artists in the Pacific Northwest.

Dates: Tuesdays-Saturday starting with community event on Friday, October 18, 2019- October 31, 2019

Time: Community event 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, gallery hours Tuesday-Friday, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm and Saturday 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Location: Spokane Gallery and Framing, 409 S. Dishman-Mica Rd

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.747.0812 or email ltnxartes@gmail.com.

Ramen Fest – 30th Annual Japanese Fall Food Festival

Temple open house and featuring traditional recipes. Dine in, take out.

Dates: Sunday, October 20, 2019

Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Spokane Buddhist Temple, 927 S Perry

Cost: Varies based on the menu item

For more information, visit <https://www.spokanebuddhisttemple.org/>.

HBPA/Latinx Business Workshops – 2nd workshop

HBPA in collaboration with SCORE and AHANA are offering 3 business workshops. 2nd Workshop (10/20): Ready to start a business. This workshop will focus on going over documents needed to open a business, the difference between LLC, Corp, Sole Proprietorship, etc. All three workshops will be offered by various professionals in our community. For anyone who is thinking of opening a business or plan to expand their business. Workshops will be held in Spanish.

Dates: Sunday, October 20, 2019

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Location: St. Joseph Church, 1503 W Dean Ave.

Cost: Free, must register at <https://tinyurl.com/talleresHBPA>

For more information visit www.hbpaspokane.net.

Rigged: The Voter Suppression Playbook Film

The film makes the case that beginning with the election of our first black President, conservative political forces have turned with renewed vigor to ways of winnowing the electorate of people of color, the economically stressed, and the young. The suppression playbook is replete with technique: polling-place ID requirements, voter integrity commissions, wide-scale voter roll purges, difficult voter registration requirements, reduced number of polling places, long wait times in voter queues, deleted guarantees of the Voting Rights Act overturned by the Supreme Court in 2013, and potentially suppression-favorable lower courts that have been, since the 1970's, seeded with a preponderance of conservative jurists. To add insult to injury, the political effectiveness of those that can and do vote is reduced by gerrymandering. The film will inform and alarm you about the multiple, interconnected, and unscrupulous schemes being increasingly used to shape voting outcomes and ultimately our democracy.

Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019

Time: 5:45pm

Location: Magic Lantern Theatre

Cost: Free and open to everyone.

Sponsored by Meaningful Movies Spokane with UUCS. They hold free screenings of films related to social justice, environmental issues, on the 3rd Friday of the month.

NAACP General Membership Meeting

Date: Monday, October 21, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Community Building, 35 W Main Ave or community venue, check their Facebook page

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone

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

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

Molly of Denali TV Show (4-10 year olds)

Watch an episode of the new PBS Kid's Show, Molly of Denali, which explores Alaskan native cultures while reinforcing learning strategies. Hands-on activities will follow. Young children should be accompanied by a caregiver. Sponsored by KSPS Public Television.

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: Hillyard Library, 4005 N Cook St

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>. Sponsored by KSPS Public Television.

4th Annual One Heart Native Arts & Film Festival: Indigenous Rising

Includes Buffy Sainte Marie Live in Concert (Friday evening), screening short Native films, a Native Art gallery, music and more.

Date: Friday - Sunday, October 18--20, 2019

Time: Friday - 5:30 pm, Saturday - 10:00 am, Sunday – 10:00 am

Location: Bing Crosby Theater, 901 W Sprague Ave

Cost: Visit website for individual costs

For more information visit their website at <http://oneheartfestival.org> for location of other activities.

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, October 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 or contact (509) 926-8090 for location and time of monthly meetings.

Dia de los Muertos Mask Making Workshop

Come make a Día de los Muertos skull mask and learn about the history and culture of Día de los Muertos! Paints, markers, gems, and fun! Día de los Muertos has been making its way into pop culture for a few years but the cultural roots of the tradition are thousands of years old. The indigenous peoples of Mesoamerica have/had many different ways of honoring their passed loved ones and of celebrating the sacred relationship between life and death. The most popular symbol of this tradition is the sugar skull. In this workshop we will be decorating masks in the sugar skull style and learning the meaning of the symbols that are used just in time for you to celebrate Día de los Muertos! This workshop will be bilingual (Spanish/English).

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019

Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Spokane Library Downtown, Meeting Room, street level 1A/B, 906 W Main Ave.

Cost: Free and open to the public

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

Save the Date

5th Annual Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

This is a Mexican holiday observed throughout Mexico and parts of the U.S. honoring those that have passed. Feel free to bring photos of family and friends that have passed for the altar. There will be activities for the children (piñatas, arts/crafts, the movie *Coco* etc.), Mariachi Las Aguilas, Danza Mexica – Aztec Dancing Baile Folkloric and more.

Date: Friday, November1, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Hazen & Jaeger Funeral Home, 1306 N Pines Rd

Cost: Free and open to the public. There is a cost for food if you wish to purchase it from the Taco Trucks.

For more information visit www.hbpaspokane@gmail.com. Sponsored by Hispanic Business/Professional Association (HBPA) and Hazen & Jaeger Funeral Home.

2019 Salmon Tales Gala - Salish School of Spokane Annual Fundraiser

Evening includes three course salmon dinner (with chicken and vegan options), student performances and family testimonials.

Date: Saturday, November 9, 2019

Location: Gonzaga Preparatory School Student Center, 1224 E Euclid Ave

Cost: \$100.00. To purchase tickets go to <http://salishschoolofspokane.org>.

For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=salish%20school%20of%20spokane>.

HBPA/Latinx Business Workshops – 3rd workshop

HBPA in collaboration with SCORE and AHANA are offering 3 business workshops. 3rd Workshop (11/10): Already have a business. This workshop will be focused on operations management and growing the business. Human Resources, Customer retention, Import/Export, Marketing, Bookkeeping/Taxes) for the Latino/a community. All three workshops will be offered by various professionals in our community. For anyone who is thinking of opening a business or plan to expand their business. Workshops will be held in Spanish.

Dates: Sunday, November 10, 2019

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Location: St. Joseph Church, 1503 W Dean Ave.

Cost: Free, must register at <https://tinyurl.com/talleresHBPA>

For more information visit www.hbpaspokane.net.

If you know of a 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 general events in Spokane, visit www.visitspokane.com or www.spokane7.com/.

October 2019 International/National Cultural Celebrations

October 1 Independence Day – Cyprus, Nigeria

Independence from Britain in 1960.

National Day – China

Commemorates the founding of the People’s Republic of China.

International Day for the Elderly - UN

2018 theme: “Celebrating Older Human Rights Champions”

October 2 Gandhi’s Birthday– India

Mohandas Gandhi (1869-1948) is the National Father of India who adopted “non-violence” in fighting for freedom of the country, and is honored as a leader of Indian nationalism and Hindu religious beliefs.

International Day of Non-Violence - UN

Urges the world to follow Gandhi’s example of non-violence.

Mehragan – Iran, Zoroastrian

The word “Mehr” in Persian means kindness, love and friendship. It was based on the concept that all farmers would take their harvest to the middle of the town square and share it evenly.

- October 3** **National Foundation Day (Gaecheonjeol) – Korea**
 Celebrates the central foundation myth of the ancient Korean kingdom of Gojoseon. The national holiday and the historical myth upon which it is based have long been an integral part of the Korean national identity.
- Day of German Unity – Germany**
- October 4** **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – Italy**
 St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, was born in 1182 at Assisi. He abandoned his dream of knighthood, donned the clothes of a poor farmhand and began caring for the sick. He founded the Franciscan Order. In remembrance of his love of animals, blessings of animals often take place on this date.
- October 5** **Republic Day – Portugal**
 Commemorates the overthrow of the monarchy and establishment of a republic in 1910.
- World Teachers Day – UN**
 2019 theme “Young Teachers: The future of the Profession.”
- World Habitat Day – UN**
 2019 theme “Greening the Blue”
- October 6** **Armed Forces Day – Egypt**
 Commemorates the day in 1973 when combined Egyptian and Syrian military forces launched a surprise attack on Israel and crossed into the Sinai Peninsula, which marked the beginning of the October (Yom Kippur).
- Durga Puja – Hindu**
 This day celebrates the divine creative force of the universe and honors the 10-armed goddess Durga, wife of Shiva, and the destroyer of demons.
- October 7** **Chung Yeung Festival – China, Hong Kong, Taiwan**
 Families visit the graves of their ancestors. This tradition is over 2000 years old
- October 8** **Independence Day – Croatia**
 Commemorates the nation’s official independence from the other Yugoslav republics.
- Dussehra – Hindu**
 Dussehra means “the tenth” and celebrates the triumph of Lord Ram over the demon Ravan who stole his wife Sita. The great Hindu epic poem, The Ramayana, is read and enacted, called Ram Lita. A large effigy of Ravan is burnt accompanied by fireworks.
- Indigenous Peoples Day – USA, Aboriginal Peoples**
- Day of Respect for Cultural Diversity - Argentina**
- Taiiku no hi – Japan**
 Known as Health Sports Day or Sports Day is a national holiday in Japan on the second Monday in October. It commemorates the opening of the 1964 Summer Olympics held in Tokyo, and exists to promote sports and an active lifestyle.

- October 9** **Navratri – Hindu**
 Nine nights beginning on the new moon. Dedicated to the goddess Durga who had nine incarnations and the power of good to destroy demons.
- Independence Day – Uganda**
 Celebrates independence from British rule in 1962.
- October 9** **World Post Day – UN**
 The anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern.
- Han-Gul Day – South Korea**
 Celebrates the creation of the Korean alphabet 29-phonetic symbols called han gul, between 1443 and 1446 under the direction of King Sejong of the Yi dynasty.
- Yom Kippur – Jewish**
 The Day Atonement is the holiest and most solemn of all days in the Jewish year. They believe that once you atone for your mistakes, you can be “at one” with God. Jews do not work and they fast from sunset to sunset.
- October 10** **Curacao Day – Curacao**
 Commemorates the original discovery of the island by Spanish explorer Alonso de Ojeda in 1499. After World War II, became the “capital island” of the five-island group called the Netherlands Antilles – which was a constituent country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands until the Netherlands Antilles was dissolved in 2010.
- Independence Day – Cuba**
 Commemorates the beginning of Cuba's struggle in 1868 to free itself from Spanish colonial power.
- World Mental Health Day - UN**
 The goal is to help raise mental health awareness which affects millions of lives.
- Double Tenth Day - Taiwan**
 Commemorates the start of the Wuchang Uprising of 10 October 1911 (10-10 or double ten), which led to the collapse of the Qing Dynasty and establishment of the Republic of China on January 1, 1912.
- October 11** **National Coming Out Day – Gay and Lesbian**
 The first National Coming Out Day was held on October 11, 1988. It is an international event which gives gay, lesbian and bisexual people the opportunity to “come out” to others about their sexuality. It also provides a means of increasing the visibility of LGBT people.
- International Day of the Girl - UN**
 2019 theme: ““With Her: A Skilled Girl Force”
- October 12** **Dia de la Raza (Day of the Race) - Mexico**
 Celebrates the Hispanic and Latino heritage in the Americas.

- October 12** **Nossa Senhora De Aparecida (Our Lady of the Conception) – Brazil**
 In 1717, a group of Brazilian fishermen pulled up a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary, which was followed by an abundant catch after a fruitless fishing day. They enshrined the statue and in 1929 Brazil named Nossa Senhora De Aparecida the Patroness of Brazil. On October 12, 1980, Pope John Paul II on a visit to Brazil consecrated the Basilica of Aparecida do Norte.
- National Day (also known as Hispanic Day) – Spain**
 Commemorates the date Christopher Columbus sailed for the Americas.
- Discovery Day - Bahamas**
- Oct 12-16** **Gahambar Ayathrem - Zoroastrian**
 Celebrates the creation of plant life.
- October 13** **Pavarana – Buddhist**
 Buddha went into intensive practice during the rainy season. This marks the end of the retreat.
- October 14** **International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction - UN**
 Promotes a global culture of disaster reduction, including disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness
- Indigenous Day - Spokane City**
 The Spokane City Council voted 6-1 on August 29, 2016, to pass an ordinance changing the name of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- Columbus Day – USA**
 Commemorates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus and his crew's "discovery" of the new world.
- Thanksgiving Day – Canada**
 Early Canadian settlers gave thanks for good harvests by decorating their churches with fruits and vegetables and celebrated dinner with venison and waterfowl.
- Kathina – Buddhist**
 New robes and necessities given to ordained monks and nuns.
- Oct 14-20** **Sukkot – Jewish**
- October 15** **National Heroes Day - Jamaica**
- October 16** **National Boss Day – USA and Canada**
 A day dedicated to appreciating our supervisors at work.
- World Food Day –UN**
 Celebrates the date of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945.
- 'Ilm - Bahai**
 The first day of the twelfth Bahai month. The English translation of 'Ilm is knowledge.
- October 17** **Karva Chauth - Hindu**
 A one-day fast kept by married Hindu women for the well-being and longevity of their husbands. The husbands feed the first bite to their wives only after they see the new moon.

- October 17** **International Day for Eradication of Poverty - UN**
To promote awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries.
- October 18** **Independence Day – Azerbaijan**
Independence from the Soviet Union when it ceased to exist in 1991.
- October 20** **Arba’een (Shia) – Islam, Iran, Iraq**
Arba’een is a Shia Muslim religious observance of the end of a forty-day period of mourning to commemorate the martyrdom of Imam Husain.
- October 21** **Shemini Atzert - Jewish**
On the eight day of Sukkot, special prayers for rain are offered.
- October 22** **Abu Simbel Festival – Egypt**
Built by Ramses II, his temple is angled so that the inner sanctum lights up twice a year on the anniversary of his rise to the throne and once again on his birthday. Crowds pack the temple before sunrise to watch the shafts of light illuminate the statues of Ramses, Ra and Amon.
- Simchat Torah - Jewish**
- October 23** **Chulalongkorn Day – Thailand**
Commemorates the death of King Rama V. Abolishing slavery in 1905 is considered to be his more important royal contribution during his reign.
- October 24** **United Nations Day – UN**
A day to commemorate the founding of the United Nations in 1945 and the effective date of the UN Charter.
- Suez Victory Day – Egypt**
- Independence Day - Zambia**
- World Development Information Day - UN**
- October 25** **Republic Day - Kazakhstan**
- October 26** **National Day – Austria**
The Austrian Parliament passed the constitutional law on permanent neutrality, which has been celebrated as the Austrian National day since 1965.
- October 27** **Diwali – Sikh, Hindu**
It means ‘row of lights’ and is the Hindu New year. Diwali lasts for 5 days: Day 1 – New Year for business, Day 2 – the triumph of god Vishnu over the evil demon. Day 3 – Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity visits homes lit by lamps, Day 4 – Bali worship day, Day 5 – devoted to brothers and sisters.
- Mahavira Nirvanas – Jain**
This day celebrates the attainment of Moksa by Lord Mahavira and is the ‘Festival of Lamps’.
- Labour Day – New Zealand**

- October 28 National Day – Czech Republic**
Independence Day and Creation of Czechoslovakia in 1918.
- National Day “Ochi” - Greece**
Marks the anniversary of when the Prime Minister Metaxas said “no” (or “ochi” in Greek) to the invasion of Albania by the Italians, thereby entering Greece into the war.
- October 29 Republic Day – Turkey**
Commemorates the Republic of Turkey in 1923.
- October 31 Halloween – USA, Canada**
This tradition dates back to the Celtic people 2000 years ago, who celebrated their New Year in late autumn and honored Samhain or Lord of the Dead. They put candles on windows and lit bonfires to scare off the disembodied spirits. They wore disguises so as not to be recognized and always carried a lantern. The Irish traditionally carved lanterns out of turnips or potatoes, but in North America they used pumpkins, which were more readily available.
- Samhain – Wicca**
This ancient harvest festival, one of the “Greater Sabbats,” honors Saman, an ancient lord of the dead. According to folklore, on this day the souls of all those who had died the previous year gathered. Samhain, or summer’s end, is also celebrated as New Year’s Eve.
- Reformation Day - Chile**

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The following is a list of books written by Hispanic/Latinx authors in no particular order in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month:

They Both Die At The End by Adam Silvera might just make you cry, and although the title "spoils" the end, this YA about two strangers who become friends and have one last adventure for a single day will surprise you.

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros is told in series of vignettes, detailing the coming-of-age story of a Latina young woman in Chicago. If you didn't read this in school, now is the time.

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika Sanchez explores family in the aftermath of tragedy, obligations and duty in an immigrant home, and the challenges of living up to others' expectations.

Leonora by Elena Poniatowska details the life of British-born Mexican surrealist painter Leonora Carrington as she breaks free from her wealthy life in England, mingles with other artists of her time in Paris, and eventually escapes to Mexico to work on her art

Gabi, a Girl in Pieces by Isabel Quintero chronicles the titular character's last year of high school, through college applications, her best friend's pregnancy, her father's struggles with meth addiction, and her own love life and identity as a Mexican-American — all in a humorous and honest diary format.

Chronicle of a Death Foretold by Gabriel García Márquez is a murder mystery — but with a twist. Everyone knew the murder was going to happen: after a bride is returned to her family in "disgrace," her previous lover is named, and her twin brothers declare their intent to kill that man. 27 years later, the protagonist returns to the town, determined to get to the bottom of the story.

In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez is told through the eyes of the four Mirabal sisters, three of whom are found dead in an "accidental" car wreck, after years of resistance against the Trujillo dictatorship under the code name "Las Mariposas." This moving novel tells their story.

The Book of Unknown Americans by Cristina Henríquez centers on a Mexican family who moves to the US after their daughter goes through a brain injury. The story takes place in an apartment building in Delaware filled with families from various Central and Latin American countries, exploring themes like the bonds between families, guilt, and love.

Butterfly Boy by Rigoberto González is a coming out and coming-of-age memoir that won the American Book Award, detailing the author's experience growing up among migrant Mexican farmworkers, navigating a complicated relationship with his father, losing his mother at a young age, and facing pressure as a gay man.

Rain of Gold (or *LLuvia De Oro* in Spanish) by Victor Villaseñor tells the true story of the author's parents, how they met and fell in love, their roots in Mexico, and how much they overcame after coming to California.

Gods of Jade and Shadow by Silvia Moreno-Garcia is a modern fairy tale, inspired by Mexican folklore and set in the Jazz Age, following a woman who accidentally unleashes the Mayan god of death and embarks on an adventure that takes her across Mexico.

When I was Puerto Rican by Esmeralda Sandiago follows the author's childhood in Puerto Rico, moving to Brooklyn with her mother and six siblings, and eventually to Harvard.

Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel is a classic love story (perhaps you've seen the movie!) about a young woman who expresses herself through cooking at the turn of the century. It's full of magical realism, too!

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz follows two 15-year-old boys (the titular Aristotle and Dante) with nothing in common as they explore their identities, their relationship, and who they want to be.

Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo (an award-winning slam poet) is a novel in verse, about an Afro-Latina teen girl as she comes of age and navigates others' expectations and discovers her voice.

The House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea is set in the final days before the death of a family's patriarch, who brings everyone together for one last birthday party. When his mother unexpectedly dies, the family celebrates both lives, recounting family stories that are just about legendary.

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan centers on the title protagonist as she unexpectedly moves from a privileged life on her family's ranch in Mexico to a Mexican farm labor camp in California after a sudden tragedy befalls her and her mother — and she has to survive for the both of them.

Next Year in Havana by Chanel Cleeton takes place in two different timelines: 1958 Havana and 2017 Miami, revealing a sweeping love story that's just as much about family, as a granddaughter seeks to find out more about her grandmother's life growing up in Cuba before fleeing during the revolution.

In The Country We Love: My Family Divided by Diane Guerrero recounts her own personal story after her parents were detained and deported when Guerrero was at school at the age of 14, how she was able to stay in the US to continue her education, and how she ended up building her acting career.

Caramba by Nina Marie Martinez is a whimsical read inspired by the game Lotería, taking you on a whirlwind ride with two friends, Natalie and Consuelo as they take a road trip to Mexico to get Consuelo's father out of Purgatory.

Her Body and Other Parties by Carmen Maria Machado is a collection of short stories that blends together genres like comedy, horror, science fiction, and fantasy. Even when one story ends, you won't be able to put it down.

The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child by Francisco Jiménez is a collection of 12 autobiographical stories, starting with how Jiménez crossed the border in 1947 (at the age of four) along with his family, and then following their lives with gripping realism and a sense of endurance.

Paula by Isabel Allende is an autobiography and family history told in a unique and moving way: it's written by Allende for her daughter, who is in a coma.

Daughter of Fortune by Isabel Allende centers on a young Chilean woman, orphaned at birth, who falls in love with a young man and, after he heads to California hoping to strike gold, follows him.

Lost Children Archive by Valeria Luiselli as thousands of families are being separated and detained at the US–Mexico border, another family takes a cross-country trip from New York to Arizona. In search of Apacheria, the stolen home of the Apaches, they listen to the news about the “immigration crisis” along the way.

The Affairs of the Falcóns by Melissa Rivero tells the story of when Ana Falcón fled Peru for New York with her husband and two young children in the 1990s, she was only looking to escape economic and political hardship, to give her family a chance — now, she is struggling to keep them afloat. Up against inhumane working conditions, an intimidating loan shark, and a cousin who might throw them out of her home at any moment, Ana is forced to consider just how much she's willing to sacrifice.

Dominicana by Angie Cruz. The first time Juan Ruiz proposes, “I'm eleven years old, skinny and flat-chested,” Ana Canción, the narrator of Cruz's third novel, informs us on the first page. It's a harbinger of things to come for Ana, who marries Juan four years later in a business deal arranged by her parents. Whisked away from the Dominican Republic to New York City in the late '60s, Ana must reckon with her own loneliness, her drunken cheating husband, and her homesickness.

Taína by Ernesto Quiñonez with a premise that could be straight out of a telenovela, 15-year-old Taína is pregnant but insists she's a virgin. 17-year-old Julio, who lives in the same housing project as Taína and is desperately in love with her, embarks on a foolhardy mission to help Taína out and his plans involves a sketchy uncle, a dose of magic, and just a few ethically dubious decisions.

Ordinary Girls by Jaquira Díaz with this debut memoir from Puerto Rican writer Díaz is an unflinching, queer coming-of-age story. Shuttling between Puerto Rico and Miami Beach, Díaz spares no punches writing about her tough upbringing, grappling with her queerness and a difficult family life.

The Book of Lost Saints by Daniel José Older this is Older's first adult fiction book, which focuses on a multigenerational Cuban family grappling with the aftereffects of the Cuban Revolution. Narrated by Marisol, who was killed during the war and haunts her nephew Ramon living in New Jersey in 2004, hoping that he will dig up the truth about her disappearance. Weaving back and forth in time, the novel is a slippery ode to complicated families, inspired in part by Older's own.

Cantoras by Carolina de Robertis it's 1977 in Uruguay, and the country is under a military dictatorship. Groups of five or more people can't gather in private spaces without a permit; while homosexuality isn't outlawed outright, it doesn't need to be — being openly gay is an automatic prison sentence. Under these dire straits, five women — ringleader Flaca, activist Romina, housewife Anita, the mysterious Malena, and the teenage Paz — go on an excursion to an isolated beach where they can just be themselves — “cantoras,” or women who sing, a code name for lesbians. Over the course of 35 years, De Robertis charts the fortunes of these women as they fall in and out of love and navigate the country's tumultuous politics.

The Mutations by Jorge Comensal (translated by Charlotte Whittle) tells of when lawyer Ramón Martínez discovers he has oral cancer and that the only way to treat it is to get his tongue surgically removed, it sets into motion a series of catastrophic events for his middle-class family. Available to read in English for the first time, this debut novel has been attracting a lot of buzz on both sides of the border.

How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents by Julia Álvarez is a coming-of-age story about four sisters from the Dominican Republic.

Drown by Junot Díaz is a collection of short stories is a familiar promenade through South Jersey and DR, unrequited love and unencumbered machismo.

Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya tells the story of a young New Mexican boy growing up in rural 1940's community in New Mexico. It's a coming-of-age story told in the context of Mexican-American culture.

Always Running: La Vida Loca by Luis J. Rodríguez is the autobiography of Luis J. Rodríguez, a Chicano kid who grew up in the gang life in the streets of East L.A.

The Boy Kings of Texas by Domingo Martínez is Martínez's memoir about growing up in the border town of Brownsville, Texas, just across from Matamoros, Mexico, provides incredible insights into how difficult it is for a young man to shake the dominance of machismo that afflicts his psyche, household, and neighborhood. Martínez must take charge and become the protagonist of his story in order to accept his contrasting path toward masculinity.

The City of Palace by Michael Nava is an engaging historical novel looks closely at the period before and during the Mexican Revolution that fueled an unprecedented exodus to the U.S. Nava, known for his Henry Ríos murder mysteries, shifts direction with this tale of the Mexican Revolution that highlights a family caught in the midst of a dramatic period of cultural and social change.

The Deportation of Wopper Barraza by Maceo Montoya humorous yet moving critique of the United States' deportation policies avoids easy depictions of good and bad. The book features a decidedly complicated anti-hero whose journey sheds light on the lives of those who are affected when a person disappears from either side of the border.

Ditch Water by Joseph Delgado is a stunning and original vision of a small town in Arizona where the working-class Mexican and Native American peoples and traditions coexist even when their existence is at odds with mainstream America, or with each other. But the true unifying culture is the desert landscape through which its inhabitants strive for survival on the weather's brutal terms.

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