

September 2022 Spokane Area Diversity/Cultural Events

National Hispanic Heritage Month – In 1968, Congress first designated the week including September 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week to celebrate the cultural, heritage, and contributions of the diverse cultures within the Hispanic community. This week was chosen because of two historical events: independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15, 1821 and Mexico's Independence Day, which was the beginning of the struggle against the Spanish on September 16, 1810. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a full 31-day period from September 15 to October 15. The 2022 theme is "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation". Visit <https://nationalcouncilhepm.org/>.

What will you do on 9/11 Day?

9/11 Day is the international non-profit movement to observe September 11 every year as a day of charitable service and doing good deeds. This observance was created soon after 9/11 to provide a positive way to forever remember and pay tribute to the 9/11 victims, honor those that rose in service in response to the attacks, and remind people of the importance of working more closely together in peace to improve our world. For more information and or their good deed list, visit <http://www.911day.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.

Dragonflies on Thin Air

Day: Sunday

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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

Earth Matters Now!

Date: Tuesday

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Providing a unique perspective on environmental news, issues and science to inform, educate, enable and create a platform for positive environmental action. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Generational Warfare

Day: Saturday

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Join host Ry the Y as he battles with his Gen Z co-hosts, Zakris and Ezekiel. The three friends, alongside guests from the community, grapple with generational divides — both the silly and the seemingly irreconcilable. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Irish Music on Tap**Day: Wednesday**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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

KYRS Community Radio: Page Turner Show

Discussions with various folks.

Date: Fridays

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Listen on 88.1, 92.3 or at [kyrs.org](http://www.kyrs.org)

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://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>.

Nacho Celtic Hour**Day: Sunday**

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Caridwen Irvine-Spatz is the host of the Nacho Celtic Hour, a program that explores acoustic music from many traditions but mainly focused on music from the Celtic diaspora- especially if it has a local connection. Lately the show has been featuring music from Ukraine. Listen on KPBX at 91.1, visit website <https://www.spokanepublicradio.org/kpbx-91-1-radio-schedule#weekly>.

Out and About**Day: Tuesday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 4:55 pm

Consists of a variety of LGBTQ, local news, locally produced, music and public Affairs. Host and producer Maeve Griffith. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Queens of Noise**Day: Wednesday**

Time: 8:00 pm-10:00 pm

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

The Science of Poverty**Day: Saturday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Explores the topic of poverty. Hosted by Jesse Quintana, official Facebook site. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

The Spanish Hour**Day: Monday**

Time: 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Candice Agree invites everyone who has an interest in, a fascination of, and a love for the cultural life of Spain and the Spanish-speaking world to tune in to this unique classical music program. Listen on KPBX at 91.1, visit website <https://www.spokanepublicradio.org/kpbx-91-1-radio-schedule#weekly>.

Sounds of Science

Day: Sunday

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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

Welcome Home

Day: Thursday

Time: 10:00 am – noon

A multi-genre roots based folk show. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Women's Media Center Live

Day: Wednesday

Time: noon – 1:00 pm

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

Workin' Woman Blues

Day: Sunday

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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

Americans and the Holocaust Exhibit

Americans and the Holocaust, originally scheduled at Gonzaga in March of 2020, and postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s.

This exhibition challenges the commonly held assumptions that Americans knew little and did nothing about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded. Drawing on a remarkable collection of primary sources from the 1930s and '40s, the exhibition focuses on the stories of individuals and groups of Americans who took action in response to Nazism.

Dates: August 23, 2022- October 7, 2022

Time: Please check this link for hours as they vary during the exhibit's dates <https://www.gonzaga.edu/foley-library/about/news-events/americans-and-the-holocaust/exhibit-hours-and-tours>.

Location: Foley Library, Cowles Rare Reading Room, 3rd Floor

For more information, visit <https://www.gonzaga.edu/foley-library/about/news-events/americans-and-the-holocaust/exhibit-location-and-parking>. A series of related special events will be presented by the Gonzaga Center for the Study of Hate, the Seattle Holocaust Center for Humanity, and supported by the Gonzaga University Jewish Bulldogs and the Spokane County Human Rights Task Force.

Voices, Vibrance, Vision

Local artists Shantell Jackson and Tracy Poindexter-Canton have joined creative forces once again to offer an exhibition of new works inspired by contemporary Black literature.

Dates: September 2-October 29, 2022

Time: Sunday 11:00 am – 6:00 pm; Monday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Tuesday-Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm; and Friday-Saturday 10:00 am – 9:00 pm.

Location: Liberty Gallery, above Aunties Bookstore at 402 W. Main Ave

For more information visit <https://www.potteryplaceplus.com/liberty-gallery>.

Dancing with Life: Mexican Masks

These masks are a fascinating window into Mexican culture, they are saintly, colorful, grotesque, and humorous looking. With a regional focus in Michoacan, Mexico, this exhibit features more than 50 dance masks with roots in the celebration of religious holidays, as well as dance costumes and videos featuring the artists and dancers. Across Mexico, mask-making is a vibrant and playful art form, depicting everything from animals, devils and holy figures, to celebrities from contemporary politics and culture.

Dates: September 3, 2022 – April 16, 2023

Time: Tuesday- Sunday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm, 3rd Thursday, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Location: NW Museum of Arts and Culture, 2316 West First Avenue

Cost: \$7.00 - \$12.00

For more information visit <https://www.northwestmuseum.org/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/>.

Help the YWCA Celebrate Amazing Women in Spokane. YWCA Spokane is asking for 2023 Women of Achievement Award Nominations.

YWCA Spokane's Woman of Achievement awards luncheon to be held March 2023, provides an opportunity to honor and celebrate the outstanding contributions of women in our community who demonstrate leadership through their professional work or service to the community.

We encourage submissions in the following categories:

Arts & Culture

Carl Maxey Racial & Social Justice

Education

Science, Technology, and Environment

Business & Industry

Community Enhancement

Government and Public Service

Young Woman of Achievement

The nomination form and details about each category may be found at ywcaspokane.org/woaform and may be completed and submitted online, via email to woa@ywcaspokane.org, or by mail to 930 N Monroe St, Spokane, WA 99201, Attention: Women of Achievement Awards. The deadline for submissions is October 31, 2022. Visit <https://ywcaspokane.org/how-to-help/events/women-of-achievement/woaform/> for more information.

Pig Out in the Park

Featuring music with three stages both with a fee attached and free. More than 40 food booths from savory to sweet, from foodie to picky eater, there's something for everyone and 35 public market booths with four adult beverage gardens.

Dates: Wednesday – Monday, August 31 – September 5, 2022

Time: Saturday, 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Sunday, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Location: Riverfront Park

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their website at <https://pigoutinthepark.com/>.

106th Spokane Tribe Labor Day Pow Wow

Celebration featuring a variety of events and contests at the Spokane Tribal Powwow Grounds.

Dates: Thursday – Monday, September 1 – September 5, 2022

Time: 5:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: BIA Highway 183, Wellpinit

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information and complete list of events visit: bit.ly/3R6KRep.

Conscious Conservation

Conversations about spiritual and cultural matters.

Date: Thursday, September 1, 15, 21, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Unity Spiritual Center, 2900 S. Bernard St

Cost: Free.

For more information contact Jeff Tawney at justbetheblessing@gmail.com. Website <http://www.unityspokane.org/>.

Kalápcs Studio (Ildikó Kalápcs) New Studio Opening

Mix media sculptures and paintings available for purchase.

Date: September 2, 2022

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, also live streaming

Location: 804 W 12th Ave, back yard behind her house

Cost: Free

For more information visit ildiko@ildart.com

Greek Cooking Class

Learn to make baklava, pastitsio, souvlaki skewers with tzatziki.

Date: Friday, September 2, 2022

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Wanderlust Delicato, 421 W Main Ave, Ste 103

Cost: \$85.00

For more information visit <https://wanderlustdelicato.com/>.

Spokane Symphony Labor Day Weekend Concert

Music director James Lowe conducts their lineup of popular classics and favorites from the worlds of Hollywood and Broadway.

Date: Saturday, September 3, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm (runs about 90 minutes with one 20-minute intermission)

Location: Liberty Lake Pavilion Park, 727 N Molter Rd, Liberty Lake

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.spokanesymphony.org/>. No alcohol or glass bottles. No remote-controlled flying devices or drones allowed. Animals are prohibited unless they are service animals.

Spokane Symphony Labor Day Weekend Concert

Music director James Lowe conducts their lineup of popular classics and favorites from the worlds of Hollywood and Broadway.

Come early and enjoy some danceable grooves from local band, Funky Unkle.

Date: Monday, September 5, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Comstock Park

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.spokanesymphony.org/>. No alcohol or glass bottles.

Youth v Gov Documentary Screening

The story of the Juliana v. The United States of America constitutional lawsuit and the 21 American youth, ages 14 to 25, who are taking on the world's most powerful government.

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Hemmingson Auditorium, Gonzaga University

Cost: Free

For more information visit <http://www.gonzaga.edu/>.

Shakespeare in the Park

Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet) is a comedy and revisioning of Shakespeare's Othello and Romeo and Juliet. You'll travel from a dusty office in Queen's University, into the fraught and furious worlds of two of Shakespeare's best-known tragedies. This show will have you laughing at how upside-down their worlds become when an outsider tries to "fix" it.

Dates: Thursday-Sunday, September 8 & 9, 10, 11 and September 15, 16, 17 & 18, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Riverfront Park, Pavilion except for Sept. 15 & 16 will be at the Lilac Bowl.

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, visit <http://www.spokaneriverfrontpark.com/>.

What Laughter Tells Us: Asian Americans, Comedy, and Belonging

Laughter shapes the way we listen to each other, and can be a signal of who belongs—and who doesn't.

While everyone finds different things funny, we all have experienced laughter. And what we find funny shapes how we interconnect. Through clips of Asian American stand-up comedians, Professor Michelle Liu explores how humor can change the patterns of belonging that everyone in the United States has inherited.

When we want to learn about the past, we turn to history books. When we want to learn about how the past continues to live within us, we can turn to humor. Join Liu for a conversation about why laughing matters.

Michelle Liu (she/her) is a professor of English and the associate director of writing programs at the University of Washington. She specializes in writing and exploring ideas about identity, history, emotion, and storytelling. She earned her PhD in American Studies from Yale University. Liu lives in Seattle.

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register at <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-what-laughter-tells-us-asian-americans-comedy-and-belonging-5/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Scarecrow Video.

Guys & Dolls Jr.

Adult actors with special needs are featured in a fully produced presentation of *GUYS and DOLLS Jr* by My Turn Theater, a unique new theater company that gives actors with disabilities the opportunity to entertain the community with fabulous performances and untapped talent. Their actors range in age from 16 to 100 and bring with them inspiring spirit, talent and a desire to perform on stage.

Dates: September 9-11, 2022

Time: Sept 9-10, 2022, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm with ASL interpreter

Location: Bing Theater, 901 W. Sprague Ave, Spokane, WA

Cost: by donation, need to reserve a ticket

For more information visit <https://bingcrosbytheater.com/>.

How Audio Technology Changes the World

Although we live in a visual world, audio still has the power to create intimacy and spark the imagination like no other medium can. Veteran broadcaster Ross Reynolds explores the impact that audio transmission has had on society and storytelling, beginning with the first century of radio up to the modern age of audiobooks, internet streaming, podcasts, and smart speakers. How has audio transmission changed society, and what makes it such a still powerful form of communication? Attendees will be encouraged to share stories of their formative audio experiences, and local radio broadcasters and podcasters will be invited to share their stories. Ross Reynolds (he/him) is KUOW's executive producer for community engagement, before which he was a program host for 16 years. Reynolds lives in Seattle.

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2022

Time: 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-how-audio-technology-changed-the-world-10/> | <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-how-audio-technology-changed-the-world-7/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/> Hosted by Stanwood Area Historical Society | SILG.

Hispanic Business / Professional Association (HBPA) monthly membership meeting

President Reports and Updates

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: TBA

Cost: Free

For more information, visit their Facebook/website www.facebook.com/HBPASPOKANE | www.hbpaofspokane.org for updates.

***The Many Daughters of Afong Moy* by Jamie Ford**

Ford discusses his new book.

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Montvale Event Center, 1017 W First Ave

Cost: \$7.00 general, \$45.00 VIP. Doors open at 6:15, seating is first come first serve.

For more information, and purchase tickets visit <https://spokane7tickets.com/>. Presented by NW Passages Book Club and The Spokesman-Review.

The Moving Wall

"The Moving Wall" is the half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located in Washington, DC. It has been touring the country for thirty plus years. It went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas in October of 1984. Two structures of The Moving Wall now travel the USA from April through November, spending about a week at each site.

Date: Thursday, September 15 - 19, 2022

Location: Pavilion Park, 727 N Molter Rd, Liberty Lake

Cost: Free

For more information email JohnDV8@aol.com.

8th Annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival

This year's film list celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act of 1972 with environmental films that feature nature's beauty, cutting-edge environmental issues, heart-warming stories, and more. Spokane Riverkeeper staff and other special guests will be introducing the films and providing updates about important work happening in our watershed.

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Gonzaga University, Hemmingson Center basement, 702 E Desmet Ave. This event is being held in-person, with a live virtual viewing option.

Cost: \$5.00 - \$15.00

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

Drag Culture: Beyond Entertainment

Typically held at bars and nightclubs, drag is a form of entertainment in which a performer uses clothing and makeup to impersonate a particular gender identity, usually of the opposite sex. Yet drag is so much more than nightclub entertainment—it provides community, instills self-confidence, and can even save lives.

Join drag king performer Ceasar Hart and explore the history of drag culture and why it is so important for many in the LGBTQ+ community. Discover the impact of this art form, and how it can be used not only to raise awareness and advocate for LGBTQ+ acceptance, but also as a powerful vehicle for individual self-expression.

Ceasar Hart (he/him) has been a drag king performer in the Pacific Northwest for over a decade. He has produced his own drag shows in Grays Harbor and co-hosted stages for both Seattle Pride and Seattle PrideFest. Hart lives in Grays Harbor.

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-drag-culture-beyond-entertainment-5/>.

Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Scarecrow Video.

Holistic Festival

Fifty booths providing Organic & Natural Products & Remedies, Body Care, and Pain Relief. The goal is to acquaint the public with the healing modalities, products, and practitioners that are available locally. The festival features a variety of products and healing technologies.

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2022

Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: CenterPlace Event Center

Cost: \$6.00

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

SPR/KPBX Kid's Concert

Local musicians Jen Edgren and Jim Jones will play a fun batch of kids' songs in this Family Favorites Sing-Along concert filled with family favorite songs including Old McDonald, Supercalifragilistic, Bingo and more.

Craft supplies will be available for children to create colorful paper shakers and jam along with the tunes.

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: River Park Square, 808 W Main St

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.spokanepublicradio.org/2022-08-12/kpbx-kids-concert-familiar-favorites-family-sing-along>.

Author Chris Crutcher

Chris Crutcher discusses his experience with having his books banned. Q & A will follow his talk, so bring you questions.

Date: Monday, September 19, 2022

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Hillyard Library, 4110 N Cook St

Cost: Free

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

NAACP Monthly Membership Meeting

Date: Monday, September 19, 2022

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/>. Note that this meeting may be virtual, please visit their Facebook for updates.

Whitworth's President's Leadership Forum

Speaker: Retired U.S. Navy Admiral James Stavridis, NATO's 16th Supreme Allied Commander Europe and 15th Commander of the U.S. European Command.

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Spokane Convention Center

Cost: \$60.00 individual; \$600 corporate table, lunch included. Registration closes 5:00 pm, September 14, 2022.

Tickets available at <https://connect.whitworth.edu/s/1619/index.aspx?sid=1619&gid=1&pgid=3435&cid=7392&ecid=7392>.

Humanity in Print: Literature and Human Rights

We don't extend human rights to people we don't see as fully human. So how do we develop empathy for those we view as alien or inhuman? One way is through literature, which takes us inside the lives and actions of others. By instilling empathy, and by giving voice to cries for justice, literature forms the foundation for human rights.

Professor Richard Middleton-Kaplan shares stories about human rights activists he has encountered throughout his academic career. What these activists endured was shocking, yet they found meaning and beauty in literature, and so can we.

In this talk, audiences will discuss literary works that illuminate how to respond to those around us who have suffered human rights violations, and those who have committed incomprehensible acts. These works can even help us to make sense of the wrongs that we ourselves have endured.

Richard Middleton-Kaplan (he/him) is the dean of arts and sciences at Walla Community College. In 2011, he spent a sabbatical at the Centre for Applied Human Rights at University of York, helping to develop a course on literature and human rights. Middleton-Kaplan lives in Walla Walla.

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/in-person-humanity-in-print-literature-and-human-rights-4/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by KSLC.

Redefining Protest Through Music

Acts of protest tap into layers of our heritage and identity that strengthen the foundations of what we are fighting for. So how can we root ourselves more deeply in our heritage and identity, thereby strengthening our fight against injustice? Using roots music as a lens, Ben Hunter and Joe Seamons draw on stories, songs, and the people behind protest movements from around the world, connecting them with layered conceptions of heritage. By redefining the terms “protest” and “heritage,” Hunter and Seamons invite audiences to explore and reimagine our shared humanity.

Ben Hunter (he/him) and Joe Seamons (he/him) are nationally touring, acclaimed roots musicians and award-winning acoustic blues songsters. Rooted in the Pacific Northwest, they are founders of The Rhapsody Project, they celebrate the power of American music to help people connect more deeply with their heritage. Their projects are based in Seattle.

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-redefining-protest-through-music-3/>.

Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Seattle Parks and Recreation – Lifelong Recreation.

86th Annual Greek Festival

They are firing up the grill with delicious gyros and baked-from-scratch-dripping-with-honey baklava, as well as plenty more.

Dates: Thursday, Friday & Saturday, September 22, 23, & 24, 2022

Times: 11:00 am – 8:00 pm

Location: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox church, 1703 N Washington St.

Cost: Free and open to the public.

For more information visit <http://www.holytrinityspokane.org/> or call 509.328.9310.

The Samurai Code: How Bushido changes Lives

Bushido—the way of the warrior—is the code of ethics practiced by the samurai warriors of ancient Japan, a code which includes courage, integrity, benevolence, respect, honesty, honor, and loyalty.

Through her own story of using Bushido to overcome a traumatic brain injury, Lori Tsugawa Whaley shows how the code can help people find hope, resilience, and fulfillment in our rapidly changing world. She explores examples of ancient warriors like Tomoe Gozen and Saigo Takamori, as well as modern-day samurai warriors like the Japanese Americans who survived incarceration during World War II. She shows how Bushido instilled a determination and perseverance in Japanese society that remains evident to this day.

Lori Tsugawa Whaley (she/her) is a third-generation Japanese American and descendant of a samurai warrior. She is an author, speaker, life coach, and storyteller, and is passionate about sharing the code of Bushido. Whaley lives near Gig Harbor.

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022

Time: 7:00

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below: For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-the-samurai-code-how-bushido-changes-lives-9/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Scarecrow Video.

Valleyfest

Valleyfest Multicultural Event is designed to celebrate share our diverse rich cultures and heritages with our neighbors through dance, art, music, fashion, food, and business.

Date: Friday-Sunday, September 23-25, 2022

Time: Friday 7:30 parade, Saturday 10:30 am – 6:00 pm, Sunday/Multicultural Day 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Location: Mirabeau Point Park, 13500 Mirabeau Parkway

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://valleyfest.org/>.

How Stories Unite Our Community

Join Dr. Melissa Bedford to learn a brief history of the Banned Book movement and current trends, followed by an interactive reading activity and a Q & A.

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2022

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: Shadle Park Library Studio, 2111 W Wellesley Ave

Cost: Free

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

Gracias Christmas Cantata

Three music-filled acts, Gracias Christmas Cantata illustrates the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of love in our hearts. Act one, The Opera “For Unto Us”, Act two - The Musical “The Gift of the Magi”, Act three- Choir & Orchestra “Christmas Carol”.

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Location: First Interstate Center for the Arts, 334 W Spokane Falls Blvd

Cost: Free

For more information visit <http://www.inbpac.com/>.

Save the Date

20th Annual Transitions People Who Care Fundraiser – Growth and Wholeness

Date: Thursday, October 6, 2022

Times: noon – 1:00 pm

Location: The Centennial Hotel, 303 West River Drive

Cost: Free with lunch provided, you will be asked to donate to the fundraiser.

For more information and to register visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/people-who-care-2022-tickets-387213073727>.

***According to Coyote* by John Kauffman**

A vibrant and entertaining anthology of tales featuring the legendary hero of American Indian mythology, *According to Coyote* is an encounter with the richness and vitality of Native American culture using age-old traditions of music, dance, and theatre. Directed by Kauffman's niece Josephine Keefe and performed by Nez Perce actor, Kellen Lewis.

Date: Monday, October 10, 2022

Times: 11:00 am and 6:30 pm

Location: Riverfront Park Pavilion

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://my.spokanecity.org/riverfrontspokane/calendar/2022/10/10/according-to-coyote/>. In partnership with One Heart Native Art and Film Festival and Red Eagle Soaring.

Bedtime Stories – Humanities WA Fundraiser

Northwest writers unveil original short stories created exclusively for the event proceeds go toward Humanities Washington's mission to open minds and bridge divides by creating spaces to explore different perspectives.

This year, join *New York Times*-bestselling author Jess Walter, PEN/Hemingway Award finalist S.M. Hulse, and Washington State Poet Laureate Rena Priest for an evening of celebration and community.

Date: Friday, October 21, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Riverside Place, 1110 W Riverside Ave

Cost: \$150 individual ticket, \$1,500 table sponsorship. Nightstand Book Package - \$50.00 - A special package of three books: a selection from our featured authors--S.M. Hulse, Rena Priest, and Jess Walter--plus a mystery book!

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If you know of diversity/cultural event open to the public that you would like added to the monthly calendar, please e-mail Yvonne C. Montoya Zamora at yvonnecmz04@gmail.com event details.

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September 2022 International/National Diversity/Cultural Celebrations

September 1 Independence Day – Vietnam

Dashalakshani – Parva – Jain

Celebrated by the Digambara sect and lasts 10 days, each day dedicated to a virtue: humility, honesty, purity, forgiveness, truthfulness, self-restraint, asceticism, study, celibacy, and detachment.

Samvatsari–Jain

This day is dedicated to introspection, confession and pence, especially for the Shvetambra sect.

September 3 Red Earth Native American Fair – Indigenous, USA

Culture Festival takes place in Oklahoma City for 3-days. Over 150 Native tribes from the U.S. and Canada gather in downtown Oklahoma City to share and participate in their rich and diverse heritage through the highest quality of original art, drum and dance juries competitions.

September 4 Father's Day – Australia, New Zealand

September 5 International Day of Charity – UN

Since 2012, the International Day of Charity is to raise awareness for charity related activities all over the world for individuals, charitable, philanthropic and volunteer organizations.

Labor Day – USA, Canada

On June 29, 1894, the U.S. Congress voted Labor Day as a national holiday to honor working people's contribution of labor.

September 6 Defence Day – Pakistan

National day in memory of how Pakistan defended itself against the Indian army in the Indo-Pakistan war of 1965.

September 7 Independence Day – Brazil

Declaration of independence from Portugal in 1822.

- September 7 Onam – India**
Onam is a Hindu festival celebrated by the people of Kerala in India. Lasting for four to ten days, it is a harvest festival commemorating the homecoming of the legendary Emperor Mahabali from Patala (the underworld) who visits every Malayali home and during this time.
- September 8 Izzat – Baha’i**
The 10th month in the Baha’i calendar. “Izzat” means Might.
- International Literacy Day – U.N.**
A day to focus on worldwide literacy issues. More than 780 million of the world’s adults (nearly two-thirds of whom are women) do not know how to read or write, and between 94 and 115 million children do not have access to education.
- September 9 Ananta-Chaturdasi – Jain**
“Festival of Ten Virtues” is a 10-day fast and meditation for the Jains.
- September 10 Harvest Moon Festival – China, Hong Kong, Taiwan**
The festival is celebrated with family, reunions, moon gazing and eating of moon cakes.
- Chuseok – Korea**
- Trung Thu - Vietnam**
On this night, children form a procession and travel through streets with bright lanterns, singing and dancing to the beat of drums.
- Ksamavani – Jain**
This is the ‘day of universal forgiveness’ for wrongs committed by them and to them.
- September 11 Day of Remembrance – USA**
The effects of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in 2001 impacted Americans and most other nations. It has brought us to focus on the devastation terrorism has caused in the world. We also honor those whose lives were lost that day – including their surviving families.
- Meskerem (New Year) - Ethiopia**
Coptic Orthodox Christians are found in all of Africa. They include Egypt, Libya, Sudan and Ethiopia. The end of the rainy season is known as the New Year.
- September 12 Gahambar Paitishahem(Sept 12-16) – Zoroastrian**
This day celebrates the creation of the Earth.
- September 15 Hispanic Heritage Month – U.S.**
Initiated in 1968, as “National Hispanic Heritage Week” but was established in 1988 by Congress and includes the days between September 15 to October 15. HHM begins on September 15 as this day marks the anniversary of independence for five Hispanic countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico achieved independence on September 16 and Chile on September 18. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a full 31-day period from September 15 through October 15. Latinos from across the nation take a moment to reflect upon their history, customs and culture, as well as the contributions made to the U.S.
- Independence Day – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua**
Independence from Spain in 1821.
- September 16 Dia de la Independencia – Mexico**
Declares independence from Spain on this date in 1820. Celebrations begin 11 p.m. the previous day to honor the time in 1810 when Father Miguel Hidalgo made the call to freedom that began the rebellion.

- September 16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer – U.N.**
Commemorates the date the Montreal Protocol on Substances that depletes the Ozone Layer was signed in 1987.
- September 17 Constitution Day – U.S.**
Honors those from other countries who become U.S. citizens each year and also the anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787.
- Oktoberfest – Germany**
Originally it was meant to be just a simple horse race event but the Bavarian character took over and it became a happy gathering of cheerful beer drinkers. Attracts approximately 7-million visitors each year and lasts 3-weeks.
- September 18 Independence Day - Chile**
Independence from Spain in 1810.
- September 19 Independence Day – Saint Kitts/Nevis**
- Keiro No Hi – Japan**
Respect of the Aged Day, established as a national holiday in 1966 to express respect for the elders and to recognize and thank them for their contributions to society and celebrate long lives.
- September 21 Independence Day – Armenia, Malta**
Armenia gained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. Malta gained independence from Britain in 1964.
- International Day of Peace – U.N.**
A day of global ceasefire and nonviolence, and an invitation to all nations and people to honor cessation of hostilities and to otherwise commemorate the day through education and public awareness on issues related to peace.
- September 22` Independence Day – Bulgaria, Mali**
Bulgaria gained independence from Ottoman rule in 1908. Mali gained independence from France in 1960.
- September 23 Autumn Equinox - International**
- Unification Day – Saudi Arabia**
In 1932, King Abdulaziz proclaimed the unification of the country as a kingdom.
- Chichen Itza Festival - Mexico**
During the Autumn Equinox, thousands gather at the Mayan Temple of Kukulkan to see the interplay of sun and shadow as it forms the impression of a long-tailed serpent leading down to the stone head of the serpent Kukulkan.
- Shuki sorei sai – Japan, Shinto**
Autumnal Equinox Day. The Japanese honor family ancestry, visiting ancestral graves and having family reunions.
- Mabon – Wiccan**
This day celebrates the fall equinox and the end of the harvest season.
- September 24 Our Lady of Las Mercedes Day – Dominican Republic, Peru**
In Carhuaz, Peru celebrations are held in honor of the virgin, with traditional processions, bands of musicians, bullfights and fireworks.

Heritage Day – South Africa

A recently created holiday in which everyone is encouraged to celebrate their culture and the diversity of their beliefs and traditions.

Republic Day – Trinidad & Tobago

Became independent from Britain in 1976.

September 26 Rosh Hashanah |New Year (Sept 26-27) – Jewish

Begins the previous sundown at 6:00 pm and observed for two days. Literally 'Head of the Year' marks the first and second day of the Jewish New Year and the anniversary of the creation of the world. It ends 10-days later with Yom Kippur. It is celebrated with prayers and religious services.

Naratri - Hindu

Navaratri is and one of the most revered Hindu festivals observed in the honor of goddess Mahadevi. It spans over nine nights and ten days.

September 27 Mashiyat (11th moon) – Baha'i

The first day of the eleventh Baha'i month. The English translation of Mashiyat (Arabic) is Will.

September 28 Fiesta San Miguel - Mexico

The festival of the Archangel San Miguel is in honor of the Patron Saint of the city of San Miguel. Cultural, social, artistic and sporting events are held throughout the city, along with bullfights.

September 30 San Geronimo Day – Aboriginal/Native American

Named after St. Jerome, an Apache fighter (1829 – 1909), this day is celebrated by the Native Americans in Taos Pueblo, New Mexico.

World Maritime Day – UN

Created to celebrate international maritime industry's contribution towards the world's economy in shipping.

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – Indigenous, Canada

This is the first time honoring this day for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a Canadian day of remembrance observed annually on September 30 to reflect on the tragic history and ongoing legacy of the Indian residential school system of mandatory boarding schools for Indigenous Peoples.

Residential schools were operated from the 1870s to the mid-1990s. These schools were a network of mandatory boarding schools for Indigenous Peoples funded by the Canadian government's Department of Indian Affairs and administered by Christian churches. The school system was designed to isolate Indigenous children from the influence of their own native cultures, languages, and religions and "assimilate" them into the dominant, Christian Canadian culture. During the system's 100-year-long existence, an estimated 150,000 First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children were removed from their homes and held in residential schools across Canada.

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To honor and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, below is a list of books by Hispanic/Latinx Authors

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter

By Erika L. Sánchez

Julia isn't the ideal daughter – that's her sister Olga's job. But when Olga dies in a tragic bus accident, Julia has to bear the brunt of her mother's grief. But was Olga really as perfect as her mom always thought? This coming-of-age story delves into what it's like growing up in a Mexican household in a way that will have you both laughing and wiping away tears.

Another book by Sánchez: *Crying in the Bathroom: A Memoir*

What Would Frida Do? A Guide to Living Boldly

By Arianna Davis

If all you know about Frida Kahlo is her gorgeous and thought-provoking art, add this book to your list. Kahlo's a feminist icon, an unapologetically independent woman and a powerful inspiration for all of us to persevere no matter what. Through intimate stories from Kahlo's extraordinary life, Davis's book will inspire you to live your truth.

Of Women and Salt

By Gabriela Garcia

This sweeping novel follows one mother's struggle to help her daughter who suffers from drug addiction, who in turn is trying to understand their family's history as immigrants from Cuba. It's a story of migration, love across generations and the way we carry our legacies in our bones.

My Broken Language: A Memoir

By Quiara Alegría Hudes

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *In the Heights* comes a memoir about growing up in a Philadelphia barrio, her Puerto Rican identity and trying to find the language that fits her voice.

Mexican Gothic

By Silvia Moreno-Garcia

A glamorous debutante-turned amateur sleuth, a once-grand home in the Mexican countryside, and a terrified letter from a newlywed looking for escape from a mysterious doom: This gorgeous novel has all of the markers of your new favorite tale of suspense. It will haunt your dreams long after the last page.

Other books by Moreno-Garcia: *Gods of Jade and Shadow*, *The Daughter of Doctor Moreau*, *Signal to Noise*, and *Certain Dark Things*.

The House on Mango Street

By Sandra Cisneros

No reading list is complete without this classic coming-of-age story about Esperanza Cordero, a young girl growing up in Chicago. Anyone who's ever been a child, regardless of their background, will recognize some of themselves in this beautiful, sometimes heart-wrenching book.

Other books by Cisneros: *Caramelo* and *Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories*

Everyone Knows You Go Home

By Natalia Sylvester

After Isabel and Martin get married on Día de los Muertos, the unwelcome spirit of Martin's long-lost father Omar reveals himself to the couple. But he begins to appear only to Isabel, asking her to help him redeem himself, especially to his late wife Elda. This story about grief, forgiveness and love will worm its way into your heart.

Other books by Sylvester: *Breathe and Count Back from Ten*, *Running*, and *Chasing the Sun*.

Afterlife

By Julia Alvarez

Antonia Vega is having a hard time: Just after she retires from her teaching job, her husband dies unexpectedly, her sister mysteriously disappears, and an undocumented, pregnant teen shows up on her doorstep. This is a moving tale of a woman who's always sought solace in stories who has to contend with very real-world problems without any of her usual support. Other books by Alvarez: *In the Time of the Butterflies*, *Before We Were Free*, *Return to Sender*, *Tia Lola Stories*, and *The Woman I Kept to Myself*.

Woman of Light

By Kali Fajardo-Anstine

After Luz's brother is run out of town by a violent white mob, she's left to navigate 1930s Denver by herself. But soon, she begins to have visions of her ancestors and their lives in the nearby Lost Territory, bearing witness to their struggle, perseverance and how important it is to ensure those stories don't die with her. It's a transporting story of the importance of family history told in a luminescent style.

Another book by Fajardo-Anstine: *Sabrina & Corina: Stories*

One of the Good Ones

By Maika and Maritza Moulite

Two sisters tackle the question of who's deemed "worthy" of being missed in this incisive take on police brutality and how we frame victims in its aftermath. It's not a light read, but a necessary one.

Another book by Moulite: *Dear Haiti, Love Elaine*

Fat Chance, Charlie Vega

By Crystal Maldonado

Charlotte "Charlie" Vega struggles with her weight and body image, not least because of her mom's pressure to lose weight. But in this lovely and empowering young adult novel, she learns to embrace her body and who she is, just the way she is.

Another book by Maldonado: *No Filter and Other Lies*

...Y No Se Lo TragóLa Tierra (...And the Earth Did not Devour Home)

By Tomas Rivera

In a series of short, semi-autobiographical chapters, this novel tells the story of a young migrant worker in the '40s who never loses his drive, even through many hardships. Despite having come out in 1971, it still resonates deeply today.

Olga Dies Dreaming

By Xochitl Gonzalez

Olga, a successful wedding planner, and her brother Pietro, a popular Congressman representing their Bronx neighborhood, have it all going on. In public, that is. In private, they're both harboring deep secrets that could unravel their carefully curated lives. Especially once their radical mother blows back into their lives on the winds of a hurricane threatening Puerto Rico.

In The Dream House: A Memoir

Carmen Maria Machado

Chronicling a volatile relationship with her violent partner, this innovative memoir examines that time through motifs like a home, Disney villains, *Star Trek*, the history of abuse in queer relationships and her religious childhood. It makes the reader feel the disorientation that can come with being abused by a loved one, while remaining firmly grounded.

A Long Petal of the Sea

By Isabel Allende

A refugee bands together with the brother of her lost love and they set sail for Chile on a boat chartered by Pablo Neruda to escape the roiling Spanish Civil War. In exile, they face trial after trial, but also discover strength in one another.

Other books by Allende: *The House of the Spirits* and *The Soul of a Woman*

Ordinary Girls: A Memoir

By Jaquira Diaz

Take a painful, illuminating journey through a girlhood marked by sexual violence, substance abuse, and mental illness, to a womanhood that claws its way out of despair and into hope. Diaz's story is raw, honest, and paints a beautiful picture not only of her own life but of Puerto Rico and Miami Beach themselves.

The Hacienda

By Isabel Cañas

When Beatriz arrives at Hacienda San Isidro, she hopes it'll be her salvation. But almost right away, strange and terrifying happenings reveal that there's something very wrong at the home. With her husband away (and that's probably for the best), she relies on a young priest, Padre Andrés, for help. But he's no ordinary priest, and this is nothing a little holy water will fix.

The Worst Best Man

Mia Sosa

Wedding planner Carolina has a sweet career-making opportunity, except there's a hitch: She has to collaborate with the ex-best man from her own failed nuptials. You'll have to read it to find out how *that* goes.

My Time Among the Whites: Notes from an Unfinished Education

By Jennine Capó Crucet

In a collection of essays veined by her wry humor and biting observations on our society, the author examines the ways in which her Cuban-American family has been excluded from the so-called American Dream. From the rodeos of Nebraska to Disney World, her exploration of how people have to adapt to fit the mold reveals a side of America many of us don't let ourselves see.

Dominicana

By Angie Cruz

When Ana Cancion gets a chance to immigrate to New York City as Juan Ruiz's wife, she jumps at the chance, more for her family than herself. But she feels trapped and alone in NYC; that is, until she befriends Juan's younger brother Cesar. When her husband goes back to the Dominican Republic temporarily, she relishes a taste of freedom. But she's got a hard choice to make before he gets back.

One Hundred Years of Solitude

By Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Follow seven generations of Buendías in the growing village of Macondo as its insulated community becomes more and more subject to the politics and corruption of the outside world. This magical book feels like a chronicle of humanity itself, and you'll soon understand why it's a canonical must-read.

River Woman River Demon

By Jennifer Givhan

Chicana artist and bruja Eva Santos Moon was already suffering disorienting blackouts and terrifying hallucinations when her husband is arrested for the murder of their best friend. The circumstances of her death bear eerie similarities to one Eva witnessed when she was a teen, throwing suspicion on herself. As she struggles to understand her fragmented memory, Eva must call upon all of her powers to protect her family from the ghosts of her past.

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