

## June 2022 Spokane Diversity/Cultural Events

### LGBT Pride Month

June was selected as Gay and Lesbian Pride month due to the three-day protest in 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in New York City. This event marked the first time that the gay community joined together to fight for their rights, thereby gaining national attention. The anniversary of this event was one of the reasons June was chosen as the national proclaimed month to celebrate GLBT pride. For more information visit <https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/>.

### National Caribbean American Heritage Month

A celebration of the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the U.S. In June 2005, the House of Representatives unanimously adopted H. Con. Res. 71, sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, recognizing the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. On February 14, 2006, the resolution similarly passed the Senate, since the declaration, the White House has issued an annual proclamation recognizing June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.caribbeanamericanmonth.org/>.

### National Indigenous History Month (Canada)

Indigenous History Month is an opportunity not only to recognize the historic contributions of Indigenous peoples to the development of Canada, but also the strength of present-day Indigenous communities and their promise for the future. For more information visit <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1466616436543/1534874922512>.

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### 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](http://www.kyrs.org) or [www.democracynow.org](http://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>.

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Spanish language station. Oz 95.7.

**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>.

**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>.

**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>.

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**Nominations are being accepted for the Eva Lassman Take Action Against Hate Awards – Gonzaga University**

For more than 10 years, in honor of the life and memory of Holocaust survivor and educator Eva Lassman, GIHS has presented the annual Eva Lassman ‘Take Action Against Hate’ Awards to one individual and one organization – whether local or global - for their work to counter hatred in any of its manifestations.

**Deadline: July 31, 2022**

You are invited to nominate an **individual** or an **organization** working to counter hatred in the local, national, or global community.

Nomination forms can be found at <https://www.gonzaga.edu/academics/centers-institutes/institute-for-hate-studies/eva-lassman-award/eva-lassman-take-action-against-hate>

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**What I Learned from My #MeTooJourney**

As long as there have been men in positions of political power, there have been young women working for them who face harassment in the workplace. While we know sexual harassment happens in many industries and professions, there seems to be a preponderance of such stories around elected officials. And in the days and weeks that follow a new story breaking, part of the narrative often includes victim blaming, both by the elected officials and their supporters.

Looking back 30 years after working for Senator Bob Packwood from Oregon, Lauri Hennessey recounts what she learned in the halls of the nation’s capital and asks why there are still so many stories about politicians and the women who work for them.

Lauri Hennessey (she/her) has over 30 years of experience in communications, politics, and nonprofits. She is the CEO of the League of Education Voters and board member for the state chapter of the National Women’s Political Caucus. Hennessey lives in Vashon.

**Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022**

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-what-i-learned-from-my-metoo-journey-2/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Walla Walla Community College’s “Outloud” in the library series.

### **Hidden in Plain Sight: A Visual Anthology on the Complexities of Asian Identities**

Artists Margaret Albaugh and Frances Grace Mortel share visual narratives that amplify Asian American community stories. Open May 13-June 5, with opening reception May 13, 6-8 p.m., with closing reception June 5, 6-8 p.m. Hours are Thursdays-Saturdays, 6-8 p.m.

**Dates: Thursday-Saturday, June 2-5, 2022 with closing reception on June 5, 2022**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Terrain Gallery 628 N Monroe St

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.terrainspokane.com/contact-us> or email [team@terrainspokane.com](mailto:team@terrainspokane.com).

In partnership with APIC Spokane, with the support of the Amplifying Community Stories grant,

### **First Friday at the Hive Art Show with Odyssey Students**

For all ages

**Date: Friday, June 3, 2022**

Time: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: The Hive, (Spokane Library) 2904 E Sprague Ave

Cost: Free

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

### **Annual ArtFest**

The MAC's ArtFest is a three-day celebration of art and fine craft, and an Inland Northwest tradition for the entire family. Our goal is to present the premiere juried art fair in Spokane and to provide a marketplace for artists to showcase handmade art and fine craft to art lovers throughout the Inland Northwest and beyond. You will find painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics, jewelry and much more. All sales go directly to the artists.

**Dates: Friday, June 3 – Sunday, June 5, 2022**

Time: Friday and Saturday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: MAC Campus, 2316 W 1st Ave, enter the festival grounds from First Ave

Cost: Free

For more information, visit their website at <https://www.northwestmuseum.org/programs/special-events/artfest/>.

### **The Ancient Art of Madhubani Painting**

For generations, women of a small region in Northeast India have been using Madhubani painting to tell the stories of their lives. Depicting mythological and social scenes, every painting reflects the belief systems, cultural practices, and social arrangements of a specific era in history. After centuries of being limited to its region of origin, the art form is now being discovered by the urban populace worldwide and is fast emerging as a commercial art and form.

Having practiced this style of art since childhood, artist Deepti Agrawal explores the changing forms, trends, and mediums of Madhubani painting over time, while also exploring the hidden tales behind some of its most popular artworks from the early 1900s. Agrawal provides a demo and a work-along session where participants practice the Madhubani style and learn more about its rich heritage.

Deepti Agrawal (she/her) currently runs her signature art label, Deepti Designs, under which she designs and creates unique and experimental art pieces. She also provides art education and has been instrumental in the Indian art movement in Washington State. Agrawal lives in Bothell.

**Date: Saturday, June 4, 2022**

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, visit their website below.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-the-ancient-art-of-madhubani-painting-2/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by King County Library.

### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Lilac City Comicon**

Featured Special Guests: Booker T, Daniel Cudmore, Tab Murphy, Kellen Goff, Ricco Fajardo and many more.

**Date: Saturday/Sunday, June 4-5, 2022**

Time: Saturday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Spokane Convention Center, 322 N Spokane Falls Ct

Cost: Saturday - Adult \$12.00, Child \$5.00, VIP \$32.00 (Saturday/Sunday), Sunday - Adult \$17.00, Child \$5.00,

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.lilaccitycon.com/>.

### **Fire 9 Annual Demo Day and Wellness Fair**

Family-oriented event will feature live fire and rescue demos, see and tour fire trucks and the Life Flight helicopter; try the Kids Jr. Challenge Course; visit with over 50 local business and organizations with displays, info and samples; learn Hands-Only CPR, get your picture with Smokey Bear and Otto from the Spokane Indians Baseball Club and more!

**Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022**

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Fire Station 92, 3801 E. Farwell RD, Mead at the corner of Farwell and Market

Cost: Free

For more information, visit their website at <https://www.northwestmuseum.org/programs/special-events/artfest/>.

### **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: Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

Time: 5:30pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-what-laughter-tells-us-asian-americans-comedy-and-belonging-3/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>.

Hosted by Tenino Timberland Library.

### **SCC Hagan Center – Jad Abumrad**

Abumrad is the creator and host of Radiolab, a public radio broadcast on nearly 600 stations across the nation and downloaded more than 12 million times.

**Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: On-line-virtually

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, visit <https://scc.spokane.edu/News-Events/Live-Events>.

### **Hispanic Business Professional Association Monthly Meeting**

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**Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm: networking, meeting & speaker presentation, RSVP

Location: TBA

Cost:

For more information visit their website at [www.hbpaofspokane.org](http://www.hbpaofspokane.org) or email [hbpaofspokane@gmail.com](mailto:hbpaofspokane@gmail.com) for RSVP.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Big Gay Dance Party**

**Date: Friday, June 10, 2022**

Time: 9:00 pm

Location: NYNE Bar and Bistro, 232 W Sprague Ave

Cost: Free

For more information, visit <https://www.sannw.org/>. Event by Spokane Aids network (SAN).

### **2022 Spokane Pride Parade and Festival – Reimagine Pride – 30<sup>th</sup> Spokane Pride Parade and Festival**

**Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022**

Time: Parade at noon, festival from noon – 6:00 pm

Location: Spokane downtown and Riverfront Park

Cost: Free

For more information visit [www.spokanepride.com](http://www.spokanepride.com).

### **Manito Park Art Festival**

Shop for art from local vendors, music, children's activities and music from Kyle Richard.

**Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022**

Time: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Location: Lawn just east of Duncan Garden.

Cost: Free. Must register

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

### **The Significance of Juneteenth – from Slavery to Emancipation**

Dr. Roberta and Mr. James Wilburn discuss the importance of Juneteenth and its historical context.

**Date: Sunday, June 12, 2022**

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Liberty Park Library, 402 S. Pittsburg St

Cost: Free

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

### **Juneteenth at Spark Central**

Join Spark Central and KSPS to celebrate Juneteenth with food, conversation and art! We'll enjoy dinner from Fresh Soul, watch and share our thoughts on *PBS KIDS Talk About: Race & Racism*, and express what freedom means to us through art. Families with children between ages 2 and 8 will get the most out of the movie and activity offered in this program.

**Date: Friday, June 17, 2022**

Time: 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm. Dinner served at 4:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free, open to the public

For more information, visit <https://spark-central.org/events/juneteenth-family-night>. This program is provided in partnership with KSPS PBS and is made possible by generous community support.

### **Juneteenth Celebration – Community Pillar Awards**

Honoring those who have impacted and uplifted the Spokane African American Community.

**Date: Friday, June 17, 2022**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Martin Luther King Family Outreach Center, 500 S Stone St

Cost: \$25.00 or \$185 for a table that seat 8

For more information contact <http://www.inwjc.org/>. In Collaboration with MLK Community Center, and The Carl Maxey Center.

**World Refugee Day**

Annual community-wide celebration of local refugees for the annual United Nations world Refugee Day. There will be traditional foods, hand-made crafts, customary song and dance, and citizenship ceremony.

**Date: June 18, 2022**

Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Nevada Playfield

For more information, visit <http://refugeeconnectionsspokane.org>.

**Terrain Bazaar**

95+ booths of art and handcrafted goods (visual art, clothing, jewelry, ceramics, home goods, paper goods, and more. Family-friendly activities with music, food, and photo booth.

**Date: Saturday, June 18, 2022**

Time: 11:00 am – 8:00 pm

Location: Main Ave. (between Lincoln St. & Wall St.)

For more information, visit <https://www.terrainspokane.com/bazaar/>. Event sponsored by Terrain.

**Juneteenth Celebration at MLK Community Center**

Music, food, vendors, fun.

**Date: Saturday, June 18, 2022**

Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: MLK Family Outreach Center, 500 S Stone St.

Cost: Free

For more information contact <http://www.inwjc.org/>. In Collaboration with MLK Community Center, and The Carl Maxey Center.

**Juneteenth Celebration – Movie in the Park**

**Showing** *TBA*. Promoting family while enjoying a movie in the park.

**Date: Saturday, June 18, 2021**

Time: 8:30 pm – 10:30 pm

Location: Underhill Park

Cost: Free

For more information contact <http://www.inwjc.org/>. In Collaboration with MLK Community Center, and The Carl Maxey Center.

**Kalayaan Day 2022! – Filipino American Northwest Association**

Potluck! Bring your own chair, sand volleyball, basketball, skate park, splash pad, and kids play ground.

**Date: Saturday, June 18, 2022**

Time: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Browns Park, 3101 S. Pines, Spokane Valley

Cost: Free

For more information contact Jacqueline at 509.590.6613, Vangie at 509.991.8380 or Loida at 509.747.6924.

**Juneteenth Celebration – Praise in the Park**

Giving thanks and glory with a collaborative praise and worship service.

**Date: Sunday, June 19, 2022**

Time: 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Liberty Park

Cost: Free

For more information contact <http://www.inwjc.org/>. In Collaboration with MLK Community Center, and The Carl Maxey Center.

### **Juneteenth Celebration – Father’s Day Brunch**

Celebrating fathers, male role / father figures, and how Spokane plays a role in the foundation of this special day.

**Date: Sunday June 19, 2022**

Time: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Emmanuel Family Life Center

Cost: Free

For more information contact <http://www.inwjc.org/>. In Collaboration with MLK Community Center, and The Carl Maxey Center.

### **NAACP General Membership Meeting**

**Date: Monday, June 20, 2022**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: On-line via Zoom

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone.

For more information visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/spokane.naacp/> or visit their website at <http://spokanenaacp.com/>.

### **Pride Breakfast and Fundraiser**

Keynote speaker will be Maeve Griffith, an avid hiker and runner, retired City of Spokane Fire Captain and paramedic. Maeve hosts the weekly KYRS radio program Out and About.

**Date: Monday, June 20, 2022**

Time: Doors open 7:30 am, program 8:00 am-9:00 am

Location: Montvale Event Center

Cost: \$25.00

For more information visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Outreachfoundationspokane/posts/>.

### **Northeast Washington Educational Service District (NEWESD) 101’s Regional Equity Summit**

Featuring Dr. Adeyemi Stenbridge, author of *Culturally Responsive Education in the Classroom*.

**Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

Time: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Cheney High School Auditorium, 460 North 6<sup>th</sup>, Cheney

Cost: \$75.00, registration ends June 17, 2022

For more information and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/3l1XMQl>.

### **Pride in Perry**

A celebration of LGBTQ+ community in the South Perry district. Features Odyssey’s open house, vendors and community resources. In addition, games, food specials, a COVID vaccine clinic and free COVID test kits and more.

**Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022**

Time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: South Perry District

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.odysseyyouth.org/pride-in-perry> or email [events@odsseyyouth.org](mailto:events@odsseyyouth.org).

### **Hoop Fest**

The largest 3on3 outdoor basketball tournament with over 6,000 teams, 3,000 volunteers, 225,000 fans, and 450 courts spanning 45 city blocks! Beyond basketball, it is an outdoor festival with shopping, food, and interactive entertainment.

**Date: Saturday/Sunday, June 25-26, 2022**

Time:

Location: Downtown Spokane

Cost

For more information, visit <https://www.spokanehoopfest.net/>.



**Northwest Passages presents Jess Walter – *The Angel of Rome***

Jess Walter is the author of seven novels, one book of short stories and one nonfiction book. Walter began his writing career in 1987 as a reporter for his hometown newspaper, The Spokesman-Review. He was a finalist for the 1992 Pulitzer Prize as part of a team covering the shootout and standoff at Ruby Ridge, in Northern Idaho. This became the subject of Walter's first book, *Every Knee Shall Bow*, in 1995. *The Angel of Rome* is a collection about those moments when everything changes--for the better, for the worse, for the outrageous--as a diverse cast of characters bounces from Italy to Idaho, questioning their roles in life and finding inspiration in the unlikeliest places.

**Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Bing Crosby Theatre

Cost; \$7.00 general admission, \$50.00 includes copy of book, reserved seating and author reception ahead of event

For more information and to purchase ticket(s), visit <https://www.bingcrosbytheater.com/events/1967/northwest-passages-presents-jess-walter?return=%2Fevents%3Fd%3D1654066800>.

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**Save the Date**

**6th Annual Salish Immersion Symposium**

2021 Focus – Running an Immersion School: Curriculum (ages 1-5, grades K-5<sup>th</sup>); training new fluent teachers; and funding and management.

**Date: Friday/Saturday, July 22/23, 2022**

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Salish School of Spokane, 4125 N Maple

Cost: Early-bird Registration Fee (paid by July 1, 2022): \$400 US / \$500 Canadian per person. Regular Registration Fee (paid after July 1, 2022): \$450 US / \$560 Canadian per person

For more information and to register, visit <http://salishschoolofspokane.org/immersionsymposium2022.html> or email [info@salishschoolofspokane.org](mailto:info@salishschoolofspokane.org).

**Unity in the Community (UIC) – Celebrating 28 Years**

UIC consists of five key vendors areas: Youth Fair, Career and Education Fair, Health Fair, Early Learning Fair, and general vendors. Along with our vendors we also have a Cultural Village and a stage consisting of a diverse group of performers and acts to keep you entertained all day. Whatever your age, you will find something to do at UIC.

**Date: Saturday, August 20, 2022**

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Riverfront Park

Cost: Free

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tacos & Tequila Festival**

**Dates: Saturday/Sunday August 27/28, 2022**

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

Location: Riverfront Park

Cost: Free

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

For general Spokane events visit [www.visitspokane.com](http://www.visitspokane.com) or <http://www.spokane7.com/>.

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## June 2022 National/International Diversity/Cultural Celebrations

**June 1**

### **Gawai Dayak – Malaysia**

This is a festival marking the traditional rice harvest. Rituals performed to express thanks to the spirits of the paddy with requests for better harvest during the next planting season. It is an open house for friends and relatives with celebrations usually lasting three days.

### **Children’s Day – Laos**

Guided by the belief that the children of today are the future of tomorrow, the celebration of Children’s Day is celebrated every first of June every year.

### **Global Day of Parents – UN**

This day was proclaimed by the UN in 2012 to honor parents throughout the world.

### **Independence Day – Samoa**

### **Labor Day - Bahamas**

**June 2**

### **Republic Day – Italy**

Known as the Festival of The Republic, it is celebrated on the day that Italians voted to abolish the monarch in 1946.

### **Ascension – Christian, Coptic & Eastern Orthodox**

This day commemorates the ascension of Jesus into heaven.

### **Trooping the Color – UK, England**

Part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The official birthday of the Queen is marked each year by a colorful and historic military parade and march-past, known as Trooping the Colour.

**June 3**

### **Dragon Boat Festival – China, Hong Kong**

This day honors the patriot poet Chu Yuan who drowned himself in the Milo River, south of China in protest of the political injustice in 277 B.C. The villagers raced to the river and jumped into dragon boats but never found him. As they searched, they beat drums to scare off fish and dragons that might attack his mortal remains. It is a holiday celebrated by boat races in the shape of dragons.

**June 4**

### **International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression – UN**

Acknowledges the pain suffered by children throughout the world who are victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse.

### **Núr (5<sup>th</sup> Month) – Bahú’í**

The first day of the fifth Baha’í month. The English translation of Núr (Arabic) is Light.

**June 5**

### **Constitution Day- Denmark**

Honors as both the first constitution of 1849 which established Denmark as a constitutional monarchy” and the current constitution of 1953, which were signed on this date of their respective years.

### **World Environment Day – UN**

Message to reject single-use plastic, Refuse what you can't re-use.

- June 5**      **Shavuot (June 5-6) – Jewish**  
Begins previous sundown at 6pm. Called the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost which means 50 and therefore celebrated on the 50<sup>th</sup> day at the end of Passover. Shavuot celebrates the time when the Ten Commandments were given to Moses on the Mount Sinai. This feast lasts 2-days.
- Pentecost – Christian**  
The Holy Spirit was felt amongst the 12 apostles after Jesus’ death. New members of the church are baptized on this day. It is called white Sunday because white clothes are worn for baptism.
- June 6**      **National Day – Sweden**
- June Bank Holiday - Ireland**
- June 8**      **World Oceans Day - UN**  
Reminds every one of the major roles the oceans have in everyday life.
- June 10**     **Portugal Day – Portugal**  
Observes the anniversary of the death in 1580 of national poet, Luiz Vaz de Camões, with parades, writing contests and dances.
- June 12**     **Russia Day – Russia**  
Russian parliament formally declared Russian sovereignty from the USSR which declared complete state independence.
- Independence Day – Philippines**  
The Philippine Declaration of Independence was proclaimed this date in present day Kawit, Cavite.
- World Day Against Child Labor – UN**
- Pentecost -Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox**  
The holy Spirit was felt amongst the 12 apostles after Jesus’ death. New members of the church are baptized on this day. It is call White Sunday because white clothes are worn for baptism.
- June 14**     **Flag Day – USA**  
A day chosen by the Continental Congress in 1777 to honor the flag as a symbol of patriotism. Its 13 red and white stripes represent the original colonies, while the 50 stars stand for the separate but united states of the Union. Flags are flown over all schools, statehouses, courtrooms and churches.
- June 16**     **Matariki – Aboriginal/Maori, New Zealand**  
When the star cluster Matariki (Pleiades) appears in the dawn sky, Maori New Year starts. Festivities begins with the new moon after the first appearance of Matariki and last for a month. It is time for connecting with, and giving thanks to the land, sea, and sky for the community to come together to farewell the dead and to begin planning ahead for the coming year.
- Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev – Sikh**  
Commemorates the death of the fifth guru of the Sikhs and the first Sikh martyr executed by the Mughai emperor Jehangir. He built the Golden Temple in Amritsar with doors facing all four directions to emphasize the Sikh way was open to all, regardless of caste.

- June 17**      **Independence Day – Iceland**  
Icelandic National Day celebrating Iceland’s independence from Denmark on June 17, 1944.
- World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought – UN**  
To promote public awareness of land degradation and to draw attention to the implementation of the UNCCD in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa.
- June 19**      **Juneteenth – African-American, USA**  
June 19, 1865, also known as National Freedom Day, is considered the official end of slavery in the United States. Slaves in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas were not told about their freedom until this day, even though the Emancipation Proclamation took place in April of 1863. Made into a USA holiday in 2021.
- Father’s Day – USA, Canada, UK**  
This day we honor all fathers in the world. Louise Dodd of Spokane, WA, began the tradition in 1910. Her own father was a veteran who raised his six children alone after his wife died in childbirth. Interest in the day grew, and in 1966 a presidential proclamation established Father’s Day as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June.
- Labor Day – Trinidad & Tobago**
- June 20**      **World Refugee Day- UN**
- Summer Solstice**  
In the Northern Hemisphere, where it is the longest day of the year in terms of daylight, the June solstice is also called the summer solstice.
- Litha - Wicca**  
Falls on the summer solstice. The Latin word solstice means the sun stood still. Wiccans celebrate the Sun at the height of its power for providing good harvests.
- World Refugee Day - UN**
- June 21**      **National Indigenous Peoples Day – Aboriginal/Native Canadian**  
In 1996, a former Governor General of Canada proclaimed June 21 to be known as National Aboriginal Day. This is an event growing in importance in Canada when the outstanding contributions of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples, collectively known as Aboriginal peoples, are being recognized.
- National Day – Greenland**  
Celebrations consist of speeches, hoisting of the flag, church services and local entertainment.
- International Day of Yoga - UN**
- June 23**      **Public Service Day – UN**  
On December 20, 2002, the UN designated this date to celebrate the value and virtue of public service, and the contribution of public service in the development process.
- National Day – Luxembourg**

- June 23**      **Rahmat (6<sup>th</sup> Month) – Baha’i**  
 The first day of the sixth Baha’i month. The English translation of Rahmat (Arabic) is Mercy. Starts at sunset on the 23rd.
- June 24**      **St. Jean Baptiste Day (Quebec) - Canada**  
 The patron saint of French Canadians in Quebec. It is a national holiday with parades, bonfires and fireworks to celebrate his birthday.
- Dia de San Juan – Puerto Rico**  
 This day commemorates the island’s patron saint, St. John the Baptist. People gather at beaches in the afternoon. Then at midnight they jump into the ocean backwards three times to symbolize baptism, immersion and new life. Feasts follow.
- Inti Raymi - Peru**  
 Celebrated in Cusco, the second biggest festival in Latin America celebrates the winter solstice Incan Festival where the God of the Sun, Wiracocha, is honored.
- June 26**      **International Day in Support of Victims of Torture – UN**  
 In 1997, the UN General Assembly proclaimed June 26<sup>th</sup> the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture to remind people that human torture is unacceptable and a crime.
- International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - UN**
- Independence Day – Madagascar, Somalia**
- June 27**      **Multiculturalism Day – Canada**  
 The Government of Canada officially recognized June 27<sup>th</sup> as the Canadian Multiculturalism Day on November 13, 2002. This day acknowledges the contributions various communities make to Canadian society and celebrates the country’s richness and diversity.
- June 28**      **Stonewall Rebellion Day - LGBT**  
 This day commemorates the U.S. anniversary of the protest against police harassment in New York City’s Greenwich Village in 1969. Events and Pride Parades are held in many cities throughout the U.S. and Canada.
- June 29**      **St. Peter and Paul Day – Chile**  
 Liturgical feast in honor of Saints Peter and Paul.
- Gahambar Maidyoshem (June 29-July 3)- Zoroastrian**  
 This day celebrates the creation of animals. It is also a time for the equitable sharing of food.
- June 30**      **Independence Day – Congo**

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<http://usa.multiculturalcalendar.com/v/home.html>.

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In June we celebrate/honor LGBTQ+ Pride Month, below is a Glossary of Terms taken from Learning for Justice [www.learningforjustice.org](http://www.learningforjustice.org) (previously known as Teaching for Tolerance) website.

## A Glossary of Terms

From the outside looking in, the ABCs of LGBTQ identities can feel overwhelming, academic and inaccessible. But for students deprived of representation, words matter—and can open a door toward realization. To hear yourself or see yourself described for the first time can be transformational, especially if you’ve been conditioned to see yourself as abnormal. A definition can point to a community. And a community can make a kid feel less alone. Today’s youth, more than ever, have a large vocabulary with which they can articulate their gender expression, gender identities and sexual orientations. That vocabulary can make some feel uncomfortable. These terms often force us to confront our biases or assumptions. They ask us to consider the complexity of gender and attraction. But an understanding of these words opens a door for an educator to become an ally to LGBTQ students—capable of facilitating conversation, and more importantly, capable of listening.

**Affirmed gender** (*noun*): The gender by which one wishes to be known. This term is often used to replace terms like “new gender” or “chosen gender,” which imply that a person’s gender was chosen rather than simply innate. *1*

**Agender** (*adj.*): Describes a person who does not identify with any gender identity.

**Ally** (*noun*): A person who does not identify as LGBTQ, but expresses solidarity with and advocates for LGBTQ people.

**Androgynous** (*adj.*), **Androgyne** (*noun*): Used to describe someone who identifies or presents as neither distinguishably masculine or feminine. *2*

**Aromantic** (*adj.*): A romantic orientation generally characterized by not feeling romantic attraction or a desire for romance. *3*

**Asexual** (*adj.*): Used to describe people who do not experience sexual attraction or do not have a desire for sex *4*. Many experience romantic or emotional attractions across the entire spectrum of sexual orientations. *5* Asexuality differs from celibacy, which refers to abstaining from sex. Also *ace*, or *ace community*. *6*

**Assigned sex** (*noun*): The sex that is assigned to an infant at birth based on the child’s visible sex organs, including genitalia and other physical characteristics. Often corresponds with a child’s *assigned gender* and *assumed gender*. *7*

**Binary system** (*noun*): Something that contains two opposing parts; binary systems are often assumed despite the existence of a spectrum of possibilities. Gender (man/woman) and sex (male/female) are examples of binary systems often perpetuated by our culture. *8*

**Biological sex** (*noun*): A medical classification that refers to anatomical, physiological, genetic or physical attributes that determine if a person is assigned male, female or intersex identity at birth. Biological sex is often confused or interchanged with the term “gender,” which encompasses personal identity and social factors, and is not necessarily determined by biological sex. *9* See *gender*.

**Bisexual, Bi** (*adj.*): A person emotionally, romantically or sexually attracted to more than one sex, gender or gender identity though not necessarily simultaneously, in the same way or to the same degree. *10*

**Cisgender** (*adj.*): Describes a person whose gender identity (*defined below*) aligns with the sex assigned to them at birth.

**Cissexism** (*noun*): A system of discrimination and exclusion that oppresses people whose gender and/or gender expression falls outside of normative social constructs. This system is founded on the belief that there are, and should be, only two genders—usually tied to assigned sex. *11*

**Coming out** (*verb*): A lifelong process of self-acceptance and revealing one's queer identity to others. This may involve something as private as telling a single confidant or something as public as posting to social media.

**Demisexual** (*adj.*): Used to describe someone who feels sexual attraction only to people with whom they have an emotional bond—often considered to be on the asexual spectrum. 12

**Gay** (*adj.*): Used to describe people (often, but not exclusively, men) whose enduring physical, romantic and/or emotional attractions are to people of the same sex or gender identity. 13

**Gender** (*noun*): A set of social, physical, psychological and emotional traits, often influenced by societal expectations, that classify an individual as feminine, masculine, androgynous or other. Words and qualities ascribed to these traits vary across cultures. 14

**Gender dysphoria** (*noun*): Clinically significant distress caused when a person's assigned birth gender is not the same as the one with which they identify. 15

**Gender expression** (*noun*): External appearance of one's gender identity, usually expressed through behavior, clothing, haircut or voice, and which may or may not conform to socially defined behaviors and characteristics typically associated with being masculine or feminine. 16

**Gender-fluid** (*adj.*): A person who does not identify with a single fixed gender and whose identification and presentation may shift, whether within or outside of the male/female binary. 17, 18

**Gender identity** (*noun*): One's innermost feeling of maleness, femaleness, a blend of both or neither. One's gender identity can be the same or different from their sex assigned at birth. 19

**Gender neutral** (*adj.*): Not gendered, usually operating outside the male/female binary. Can refer to language (e.g., pronouns), spaces (e.g., bathrooms) or identities. 20

**Gender nonconforming** (*adj.*): A broad term referring to people who do not behave in a way that conforms to the traditional expectations of their gender or whose gender expression does not fit neatly into a category. Also, *gender expansive*. 21

**Genderqueer** (*adj.*): Describes a person who rejects static categories of gender (i.e. the gender binary of male/female) and whose gender expression or identity falls outside of the dominant social norms of their assigned sex. 22 They may identify as having aspects of both male and female identities, or neither. 23

**Gender roles** (*noun*): The social behaviors and expression that a culture expects from people based on their assigned sex (e.g., girls wear pink; boys don't cry; women care for home and child; men are more violent), despite a spectrum of various other possibilities.

**Heteronormativity** (*noun*): Coined by social critic Michael Warner, the term refers to a societal assumption of certain norms: 1) that there are two distinct sexes; 2) that male and female functions and characteristics are distinctly different; and 3) that traits such as attraction and sexual behavior correspond to anatomy. Those who do not fit these norms—be it through same-sex attraction, a non-binary gender identity or nontraditional gender expression—are therefore seen as *abnormal*, and often marginalized or pressured to conform to norms as a result. 24

**Heterosexism** (*noun*): The assumption that sexuality between people of different sexes is normal, standard, superior or universal while other sexual orientations are substandard, inferior, abnormal, marginal or invalid. 25

**Heterosexual** (*adj.*): Used to describe people whose enduring physical, romantic and/or emotional attraction is to people of the opposite sex. 26 Also *straight*.

**Heterosexual/cisgender privilege** (*noun*): Refers to societal advantages that heterosexual people and cisgender people have solely because of their dominant identities. This can include things as simple as safely holding hands with a romantic partner in public or having safe access to public bathrooms. This can also include systemic privileges such as the right to legally donate blood, to adopt children without facing possible rejection because of your sexual orientation, or to play organized sports with others of the same gender identity.

**Homophobia\*** (*noun*): A fear or hostility toward lesbian, gay and/or bisexual people, often expressed as discrimination, harassment and violence. 27

**Intersex** (*adj.*): An umbrella term describing people born with reproductive or sexual anatomy and/or a chromosome pattern that can't be classified as typically male or female. 28

**Latinx** (*adj.*): A gender-expansive term for people of Latin American descent used and considered by some to be more inclusive of all genders than the binary terms *Latino* or *Latina*. 29

**Lesbian** (*adj.*): Used to describe a woman whose enduring physical, romantic and/or emotional attraction is to other women. 30

**LGBTQ** (*noun*): An acronym for "lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer." Less often, the Q stands for "questioning." Acronyms like LGBTQIA also include the intersex and asexual communities, while acronyms like LGBTQ attempt to envelop an entire community of people who hold identities that are not cisgender or heterosexual.

**Misgender** (*verb*): To refer to someone in a way that does not correctly reflect the gender with which they identify, such as refusing to use a person's pronouns or name. 31

**Nonbinary** (*adj.*): An umbrella term that refers to individuals who identify as neither man or woman, or as a combination of man or woman. Instead, nonbinary people exhibit a boundless range of identities that can exist beyond a spectrum between male and female.

**Outing** (*verb*): The inappropriate act of publicly declaring (sometimes based on rumor and/or speculation) or revealing another person's sexual orientation or gender identity without that person's consent. 32

**Pansexual** (*adj.*): Used to describe people who have the potential for emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to people of any gender identity, though not necessarily simultaneously, in the same way or to the same degree. 33 The term *panromantic* may refer to a person who feels these emotional and romantic attractions, but identifies as asexual.

**Preferred pronouns** (*adj.*): The pronoun or set of pronouns that an individual personally uses and would like others to use when talking to or about that individual. Can include variations of he/him/his, she/her/hers, they/their/theirs, among others. 34 This term is being used less and less in LGBTQ circles, as it suggests one's gender identity is a "preference" rather than innate. *Recommended replacement: "Your pronouns, my pronouns, their pronouns, etc."*

**Queer** (*adj.*): Once a pejorative term, a term reclaimed and used by some within academic circles and the LGBTQ community to describe sexual orientations and gender identities that are not exclusively heterosexual or cisgender.

**Questioning** (*adj.*): A term used to describe people who are in the process of exploring their sexual orientation or gender identity. 35



**Same-gender loving** (adj.): A term coined in the early 1990s by activist Cleo Manago, this term was and is used by some members of the black community who feel that terms like gay, lesbian and bisexual (and sometimes the communities therein) are Eurocentric and fail to affirm black culture, history and identity.

**Sexual orientation** (noun): An inherent or immutable emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to other people; oftentimes used to signify the gender identity (or identities) to which a person is most attracted. 36

**Third gender** (noun): A gender identity that is neither male nor female, existing outside the idea that gender represents a linear spectrum between the two. Sometimes a catchall term or category in societies, states or countries that legally recognize genders other than male and female.

**Transgender** (adj.): An umbrella term for people whose gender identity differs from the sex they were assigned at birth. 37 Not all trans people undergo transition. Being transgender does not imply any specific sexual orientation. Therefore, transgender people may identify as straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual or something else. Also, *trans*.

**Transitioning** (verb): A process during which some people strive to more closely align their gender identity with their gender expression. This includes *socially transitioning*, during which a person may change their pronouns, the name they ask to be called or the way they dress to be socially recognized as another gender. This includes *legal transitioning*, which may involve an official name change and modified IDs and birth certificates. And this includes *physically transitioning*, during which a person may undergo medical interventions to more closely align their body to their gender identity. Transgender and nonbinary people transition in various ways to various degrees; self-identification alone is enough to validate gender identity.

**Transphobia\*** (noun): The fear and hatred of, or discomfort with, transgender people. This may manifest into transphobic actions, such as violence, harassment, misrepresentation or exclusion. 38

**Transsexual** (adj.): A less frequently used term (considered by some to be outdated or offensive) which refers to people who use medical interventions such as hormone therapy, gender-affirming surgery (GAS) or sex reassignment surgery (SRS) as part of the process of expressing their gender. 39 Some people who identify as transsexual do not identify as transgender and vice versa. *Only use this term if someone who specifically identifies as such asks you to.*

**Two Spirit** (adj.): An umbrella term in Native culture to describe people who have both a male and female spirit within them. This encompasses many tribe-specific names, roles and traditions, such as the *winkte* of the Lakota and *nadleeh* of the Navajo people. 40 This term often describes Native people who performed roles and gender expression associated with both men and women. This term should be used only in the context of Native culture.

*\*University of California, Davis's LGBTQIA Resource Center offers this note on words like this: We've been intentionally moving away from using words like "transphobic," "homophobic," and "biphobic" because (1) they inaccurately describe systems of oppression as irrational fears and (2) for some people, phobias are a very distressing part of their lived experience and co-opting this language is disrespectful to their experiences and perpetuates ableism.*

#### Words to avoid

Homosexual (n.); homosexual (adj.)  
Sexual preference  
Tranny/transvestite

#### Preferred terms

Gay man/person (n.); gay (adj.)  
Sexual orientation  
Transgender person or trans person (if they so identify)

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