

## January 2021 Spokane Area Diversity/Cultural Events

### National Mentoring Month

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

### National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Beginning in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation, each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Following the start of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, with the help of non-government organizations, National Human Trafficking Day began and is observed annually on January 11<sup>th</sup>, <https://nationaltoday.com/national-human-trafficking-awareness-day/>.

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

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#### **Art Hour**

##### **Day: Tuesday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

program includes in-depth interviews with local artists, cultural commentary, and announcements for the creative community and their fans. Hosted by Mike and Eric. On KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

#### **Can You Queer Me Now?**

##### **Day: Tuesday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Hear voices directly from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, and Questioning community right here in the Inland Northwest. You will hear more about current events, local groups, and perspectives directly from the queer youth community. Hosted by Ian Sullivan on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

#### **Democracy Now**

##### **Day: Monday-Friday**

Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am & 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

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

#### **Democracy Now! Headlines in Spanish**

##### **Date: Saturday**

Time: 7:00 am – 8:00 am

*Democracy Now!* is a national, daily, independent, award winning news program hosted by journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: [www.kyrs.org](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>.

**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>.

**Layali Arabia****Day: Monday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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

**Queens of Noise****Day: Wednesday**

Time: 8:00 pm-10:00 pm

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

**QueerSounds****Day: Thursday**

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

QueerSounds is radio show dedicated to playing music by and for LGBTQ people. Music, interviews, community events and forums. KYRS FM 92.3 or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**The Persian Hour****Day: Saturday**

Time: noon – 1:00 pm

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

**Raise Your Voice****Day: Friday**

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

A teenage-run music and current events program. 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>.

**SOS-Spokane**

**Day: Thursday**

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

The show addresses critical issues facing the Inland Northwest via research, in-depth news, information, analysis, and reasoned opinion. Hosted by Paul Potocky. 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>,

**Two Brown Ladies and a Microphone**

**Day: Sunday**

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Soul conversations. Life advice. Things that make us think, reflect, cope and ultimately stay the course. Hosted by Duncan & Brown. 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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Have a library card, check out **Spokane County District Library at ([www.sclld.org](http://www.sclld.org))**. They have large digital resources including eBooks/audio books with Overdrive/Libby. With Flipster browse, download and read digital magazines and with hoopla stream popular movies, music, audiobooks, eBooks, comics and tv shows along, with many other online services. They offer curbside pickup and yes, you can still request a library card.

If you have a library card to **Spokane Public Library** (<http://www.spokanepubliclibrary.org/>), they also have a large digital Library resources including eBooks/audio books with Overdrive/Libby. Along with hoopla, Kanopy (movies and tv) and RBDigital (magazines) and other online resources. They also offer curbside pickup and yes, you can still request a library card.

### **Winterfest: Lighted Holiday**

Winter Wonderland includes a Dragon, lots of Panda's, Kung Fu Panda, Reindeer, Rudolph, and lots of hand painted cultural trees, along with a few lighted lantern trees.

**Date: Friday, November 14, 2020 – Saturday, March 20, 2021.**

Location: Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center, 1100 N Sullivan Rd, Spokane Valley, WA

Cost: Free

For more information to visit this event, go to <https://northwestwinterfest.com/>.

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### **Spokane Buddhist Temple Services**

The weekly Shin Buddhist Service, hosted by Reverend Melissa Opel and Minister Assistant Chad Donoho is followed by either a Sangha hangout or a Dharma discussion breakout room.

**Dates: Sundays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2021**

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Virtual, email [SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com](mailto:SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://spokanebuddhisttemple.org>

### **Peace & Justice Action Committee**

**Date: Thursday, January 7, 2021**

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual

Cost: Free

For more information and videoconferencing info email Shar at [slichty@pjals.org](mailto:slichty@pjals.org).

### **The Navajo Nation and the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Presenter Jennifer Nez Denetdale, PhD (Diné/Navajo). University of New Mexico Professor Jennifer Nez Denetdale examines the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic upon the Navajo Nation. Dr. Denetdale is a strong advocate for Native peoples and strives to foster academic excellence in the next generation of students interested in Indigenous Studies. Dr. Denetdale is a Professor of American Studies and teaches courses in Critical Indigenous Studies, Indigenous gender and sexuality, Indigenous feminisms and gender, and Navajo Studies.

**Date: Saturday, January 9, 2021**

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Virtual

Cost: Free, space is limited. To register visit: <https://bit.ly/AmerindOnline010921>

For more information visit their website at <https://www.amerind.org/events/free-online-lecture-the-navajo-nation-and-the-covid-19-pandemic-with-jennifer-nez-denetdale-phd-dine/>. Sponsored by Amerind Foundation.

### **Hispanic Business / Professional Association (HBPA) Monthly Meeting**

Speaker (Sabes Que): TBA

**Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88658332436?pwd=YXU1T2NkWXAzYVU3RERpQzhvVTBsZz09>,

Meeting ID: 886 5833 2436, Passcode: 886593, Dial by your location - 1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma))

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at [www.hbpspokane.net](http://www.hbpspokane.net).

### **Showing Up or Racial Justice-book study**

Book discussion on *How to be an Anti-Racist*

**Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021**

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual

Cost: Free

For more information and videoconferencing info email Shar at [slichty@pjals.org](mailto:slichty@pjals.org).

### **Let It Not Happen Again: Lessons of the Japanese American Exclusion**

In March of 1942, 227 Japanese Americans were forcibly removed from their homes on Bainbridge Island by the US Army. Starting with this small community, a national strategy began, with more than 120,000 Japanese American men, women, and children forcibly removed and incarcerated during World War II.

Clarence Moriwaki shares the story of Bainbridge Island—the origin point of the Japanese American exclusion—to provide a human, historical account of this national tragedy, and to ask the question: Are there parallels to what's happening in America now? Moriwaki is the president of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community and a founder and former president of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial Association.

**Date: Friday, January 15, 2021**

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/let-it-not-happen-again-lessons-of-the-japanese-american-exclusion-37/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>.

Hosted by Enlighten: Kitsap Community Forum

### **KPBX Kids Concert – An American Celebration**

Low brass ensemble SPARC performs a celebration of American music from Sousa to Big Band, Broadway, and more. SPARC is a 4-piece low brass ensemble. Performers include John Church, Leonard Byrne, Jerry Olson, and Kit Cutler. They've been performing in the Inland Northwest for many years on tubas and euphoniums.

**Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021**

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Streamed on-line at [www.spokanepublicradio.org](http://www.spokanepublicradio.org).

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanepublicradio.org/post/kpbx-kids-concert-american-celebration-jan-16-1-pm>. Sponsored by the Spokane Piston & Rotary Club.

### **NAACP Monthly Membership Meeting**

**Date: Monday, January 18, 2021**

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

On-line

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone

For more information contact [spkncpbr@gmail.com](mailto:spkncpbr@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook at

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

### **From Crime to the Classroom: How Education Changes Lives**

According to statistics, Omari Amili's story should have turned out much differently. His parents suffered from addiction which led to him growing up in poverty and struggling in school. Eventually, he ended up serving prison time. Though Amili was a product of what's often referred to as the "school-to-prison pipeline," it was ultimately education that changed Amili's life. Blending his personal story and scholarship, Amili leads a discussion on the benefits of another path: the "prison-to-college pipeline," where incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people can take college courses and receive a degree. Studies have shown that education is one of the best ways to reduce the chance of returning to prison, and Omari explores how we all benefit—as individuals and a society—from the new perspective, sense of direction, and confidence education provides.

Omari Amili earned a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Washington Tacoma, where his research focused on the benefits of college education for formerly incarcerated people.

**Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021**

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-from-crime-to-the-classroom-how-education-changes-lives-2/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Wenatchee Valley College.

### **Civil Conversation in an Angry Age**

At what point does a conversation become a battle? Why do some opinions inflame our emotions, leading to anger, fights, and even the end of relationships with family and friends? Philosopher David E. Smith takes a deep look at those moments when civility breaks down. Smith explores how we can have meaningful, respectful conversations on notoriously difficult topics like politics, religion, and morality. In our increasingly polarized political environment, Smith provides participants with the tools needed to embark upon more thoughtful, fruitful discussions. David Smith holds a PhD in religious studies from Temple University. He currently teaches at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Washington.

**Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021**

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free

Visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-civil-conversation-in-an-angry-age-5/> for more information and to register. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Whatcom Museum.

### **Heating Up: The Ethics of Climate Change**

Ethicist Brian G. Henning discusses how global warming itself is not the only problem—it's a symptom of a larger issue concerning how we conceive of ourselves and our relationship to the natural world. Brian G. Henning is a professor of Philosophy and Environmental Studies at Gonzaga University and has earned a PhD in philosophy.

**Dates: Thursday, January 21, 2021**

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-heating-up-the-ethics-of-climate-change-8/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Everett Public Library.

### **Robert Burns Night**

Enjoy an evening of Scottish culture to include Traditional Haggis Ceremony, Pipe Band Performance, Highland Dane Performance, Burns Poetry Reading and Cellidh Band.

**Date: Saturday, January 23, 2021**

Time: More information to come, visit their website below.

Location: Virtual Event

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

### **She Traveled Solo: Strong Women in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

During a 5,000-mile solo bicycle ride from southern California to Maine, Tessa Hulls heard the same thing daily: that a woman can't travel alone. She began researching other women who traveled solo in different ways, and became fascinated with many in stories from the early 20th century: explorers, mountaineers, and even a circus performer—women who defied expectations and embarked on unprecedented journeys, but whose stories have remained largely untold.

Using historical photographs, primary documents, and hand-drawn illustrations, Hulls takes participants into the lives of intrepid female adventurers who lived through the turn of the 20th century—before the right to vote or the right to own property. In sharing these stories and her own, Hulls illuminates the power of history in today's world and demonstrates why female role models are vital in affecting social change.

Tessa Hulls is a multidisciplinary artist, writer, and outdoorswoman who focuses on women's stories, and her writing has appeared in the Washington Post and Atlas Obscura's Kickass Women series.

**Dates: Saturday, January 23, 2021**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-heating-up-the-ethics-of-climate-change-8/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Southwest King County School Retirees' Association.

### **Let's Talk about Race**

Racism thrives in silence. It's when we stop talking to one another about our beliefs that prejudices go unchallenged, and the gap between us widens.

Yet race is one of the most difficult topics to discuss in American society. If we are to heal many of our country's social, economic, and political divides, we can't afford to avoid the conversation.

Renowned author and professor Clyde Ford leads a discussion on race in modern-day America with a heavy emphasis on audience participation. Meant for people of all races, participants will come away with tools for engaging in conversations about race in an honest, transparent, and meaningful way. Though ambitious, this talk aims to make a difference in bridging and healing the racial divide.

Ford was an instructor at Western Washington University where he taught "The Introduction to the African American Experience." His books include *We CAN All Get Along: 50 Steps You Can Take To Help End Racism* and *The Long Mile*, for which he received the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Award.

**Date: Monday, January 25, 2021**

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-lets-talk-about-race/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Whatcom Reads.

### **From Mexican to Mexican-American: A Family Immigration Story**

As immigration has become more hotly debated in the United States, the arguments have become cartoonish, with one side often painted as naïve and another as xenophobic. What has become lost is the human story of immigration to America, with all its complexity, heartache, and hope.

Professor Carlos Gil sought to understand immigration by tracing his family's history from the 1920s to the 1970s.

In the process, he discovered the excitement, culture shock, inter-family conflict, and questions of identity that many immigrants face when seeking a better life in another country. Based on his book, *We Became Mexican-American: How Our Immigrant Family Survived to Pursue the American Dream*, this talk explores Mexican immigration by spotlighting his own family's experience in southern California, including parallels with Washington State. Carlos Gil is an Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Washington, where he has taught the history of Latin America for over thirty years.

**Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: On-line – this presentation will be in English and in Spanish

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-from-mexican-to-mexican-american-a-family-immigration-story-3/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>.

Hosted by Tacoma Public Library.

### **Is Truth Really Dead in America**

As immigration has become more hotly debated in the United States, the arguments have become cartoonish, with one side often painted as naïve and another as xenophobic. What has become lost is the human story of immigration to America, with all its complexity, heartache, and hope.

Alternative facts, fake news, post-truth—these phrases have flooded the American conversation over the past several years. But how bad is it really, and what can we, as a society and as individuals, do to be better informed? WSU professor Steven Stehr investigates the roots and consequences of the erosion of truth, with a focus on politics and science. From the rise of conspiracy theories to the echo chamber of social media, Stehr leads a conversation that asks to what extent are we living in a post-truth world? Have both political parties used deception to their advantage? How does the use of knowledge and facts vary in different policy debates? Taking us through real-world examples of conspiracy theories, junk science, and fake news, Stehr shows audiences how to find facts in a world of misinformation.

Steven Stehr is the Sam Reed Distinguished Professor in Civic Education and Public Civility. He earned his PhD in political science from the University of California, Berkeley.

**Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-is-truth-really-dead-in-america-3/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Spokane Public Library.

### **Who Speaks for the Trees? The Movement of the Rights of Nature**

Host Thomas Linzey, an environmental lawyer with the Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights, for a presentation and discussion around a new movement for environmental protection: one that recognizes enforceable legal rights for nature and ecosystems.

**Date: Friday, January 29, 2021**

Time: noon

Location: Virtual, Zoom meeting

Cost: Free and open to the public, must register at <https://gonzaga.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAkd-GtpzorEtwl9dTbBlATMd2MrlbCSzuM>

For more information, visit <https://www.gonzaga.edu/college-of-arts-sciences/departments/environmental-studies/events>. Sponsored by Gonzaga University, College of Arts and Science. Environmental Studies.

### **Eastern Washington Legislative Conference**

Keynote speaker: Walter Kendricks, pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church. Will speak on “Beyond Words: Doing Justice”. Four panelists moderated by Gen Heywood, pastor of Veradale United Church of Christ will respond to his presentation and offer reflections. Panelist are Kantha Duncan, president of NAACP, Phil Misner, assistant to bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Northwest Intermountain Synod, Charlo Martinez, a Catholic Deacon, and Margo Hill, an attorney and leader in the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women movement. Various workshops will also be held.

**Date: Saturday, January 30, 2021**

Time: 8:50 AM – 1:00 pm

Location: Virtual, must register in advance.

Cost: Basic donation of \$20.00

To register call 535.1813 or email [event@thefigtree.org](mailto:event@thefigtree.org). For more information and/or to RSVP, call 509.535.1813, 509.535.4112, or email [event@thefigtree.org](mailto:event@thefigtree.org).



**Batik Art Workshop**

An introduction to the origin of Batik art and how to apply the techniques in other artforms, with Nicholas Sironka.

**Date: Saturday, January 30, 2021**

Time: 10:30 AM – 2:00 pm

Location: Museum of Arts & Culture, 2316 W First Ave.

Cost: \$36/members, \$40/non-members

For more information visit <http://www.northwestmuseum.org/> or call 509.456.3931.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Bilingual Prime Time Family Reading**

A family reading program for children in grades 1–5 and their families. With books, games, and discussions, we celebrate the joy of reading together as a family in Spanish. Families who participate receive free children’s books in Spanish. Participants will also receive a grocery gift certificate so that they can prepare a special meal on Prime-Time nights. This program is geared towards families who already speak Spanish.

**Dates: February 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, and 18, 2021**

Location: On-line

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Cost: Free, register for this program at [bit.ly/bilingual-prime-time-signup](http://bit.ly/bilingual-prime-time-signup). Participants also receive a grocery gift certificate to prepare a special meal on Prime-Time nights.

For more information visit <https://www.sclld.org/>. This program is offered in partnership with Spokane County Library District, Humanities Washington, Latinos en Spokane, and Eastern Washington University.

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

Food provided by De Leon’s, music, silent and live auction to be followed by dancing,

**Date: Saturday, April 17, 2021**

Location: Shriner’s Event Center, 7217 W Westbow Blvd (Geiger Exit off I-90)

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$45.00 HBPA member, \$50.00 non-member

For more information email [vvb.hbpa@gmail.com](mailto:vvb.hbpa@gmail.com). Visit website for sponsor or purchase table at [www.hbpspokane.net](http://www.hbpspokane.net).

If you know of diversity/cultural events open to the public that you would like added to the monthly calendar, please e-mail Yvonne C. Montoya Zamora at [yvonnecmz04@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnecmz04@gmail.com) with event details. For general events visit [www.visitspokane.com](http://www.visitspokane.com) or [www.spokane7.com/](http://www.spokane7.com/).

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**January 2021 International/National Cultural Celebrations Calendar**

**January 1 New Year’s Day – International**

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

**Gantan-Sai – Japan, Shinto**

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

- January 1**      **St. Basil's Day - Greece**  
The Greeks call New Year, St. Basil's Day. Traditionally, gifts are exchanged.
- January 1**      **Independence Day- Haiti**  
Haiti gained its independence from France in 1804. Haiti made history by being the first Black Country to gain its independence. According to Haitian custom, whatever happens to someone on New Year's Day is indicative of what will happen during the coming year, thereby motivating people to put on new clothes, visit friends, and exchange gifts in the hope that these efforts will be rewarded.
- Independence Day – Sudan**  
Egypt and Britain signed a treaty guaranteeing Sudanese independence in 1956.
- January 2**      **Berchtold's Day - Switzerland**  
This day honors Duke Berchtold V, who founded Bern, the capital of Switzerland. He promised to name the city after the first animal he killed on a hunt. The bear (bern in German) then provided the city's name.
- January 4**      **Independence Day – Myanmar (Burma)**  
Commemorates independence from Great Britain in 1948.
- January 5**      **Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday – Sikh**  
He was the 10<sup>th</sup> and last living Guru of the Sikh faith. He founded the "Khalsa" brotherhood where the initiated adopted the five 'K's: Kangha (wooden comb), Kara (steel bracelets), Kipan (sword), Kaccha (pair of shorts), and Keah (long hair).
- January 6**      **Christmas - Armenia Christian**  
Armenian Christmas is celebrated on January 6th around the world (except in Jerusalem) placing more emphasis on the Epiphany.
- Epiphany - Christian**  
In the Western church, this day celebrates the journey of the three Wise Men to Bethlehem to offer gifts to the infant Jesus. In the Eastern Church it is associated with the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. On this day as well, the Armenians celebrate Christmas.
- Three Kings' Day - Christian**  
In South America, Latin America and parts of Europe, the end of the Christmas season is a traditional time for gift giving.
- January 7**      **Christmas - Christian- Coptic and Eastern Orthodox**  
On this day, some Eastern churches celebrate the birth of Jesus according to the Julian calendar, which is currently 13 days behind the Gregorian and Western calendar.
- January 11**      **Seijin No Hi - Japan**  
This day celebrates Coming-of-Age of the youth of Japan who are twenty years old. They wear traditional clothes and visit the shrines where the family announces their adulthood to the spirits. This is a national holiday.
- January 11**      **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day**  
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- January 13**      **Lohri – Hindu - Sikh**  
Bonfires are lit to mark the change from the decrease to the increase of the sun.
- St. Knut's Day- Finland, Sweden**  
King Knut who ruled Sweden from 1080-1086 is honored as a saint for his virtue and generosity. He had declared that Christmas should be celebrated for twenty days, officially ending the season on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The days between Christmas and Saint Knut's Day are filled with parties for children and adults. After this day, trees are taken down to mark the official close of the season.
- January 14**      **New Year - Eastern Orthodox Christian-Coptic and Eastern Orthodox**  
The Eastern Orthodox Christians include Bulgarian Orthodox, Georgian Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Macedonian Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Romanian Orthodox, and Serbian Orthodox.
- January 14**      **Makar Sankranti - India, Hindu**  
The transition of the Sun from Sagittarius to Capricorn during the winter solstice in the northern hemisphere is known as Makar Sankranti. The days gradually lengthen in the northern hemisphere.
- Pongol - India**  
A three-day rice harvest festival in South India is celebrated with a cultural evening of song and dance.
- January 18**      **Martin Luther King Jr. Day - USA**  
This day commemorates the leader of the 'Civil Rights' movement in USA. People of all races and religions have benefited from the sacrifices and accomplishments made by this great man. He was a Nobel Prize winner (Peace Prize 1964) and a prominent advocate of nonviolent protest. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968.
- January 19**      **Sultan (17<sup>th</sup> Month) - Baha'i**  
Sunset - The first day of the seventeenth Baha'i month. The English translation of Sultan (Arabic) is Sovereignty.
- January 20**      **Martyrs' Memorial Day- Azerbaijan**  
Honors the citizens killed by Soviet troops on this day in 1990 as they fought for independence. Also called Black January. As the date falls on a weekend, it will be celebrated on January 22, 2018.
- January 20**      **Timkat/Theophany - Christian- Coptic & Eastern Orthodox**  
The Eastern Orthodox Church Associates' Theophany with the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.
- Anniversary Day- Wellington, New Zealand**  
Celebrate the founding of the province of Wellington in New Zealand.
- January 25**      **Robert Burns' Night - Scotland**  
Robert Burns Night honors Scotland's national poet, born in 1759. The night is celebrated by the Scots with a sit down 'Burns Supper' and with speeches, poetry and song.
- January 26**      **Australia Day - Australia**  
Commemorates the anniversary of the first Britain settlement in 1788, which was a penal colony established to help relieve overcrowding in British prisons.

- January 26 Republic Day - India**  
Marks India's severed ties from Great Britain in 1950.
- January 28 Thaipoosam Cavadee-India, Mauritius**  
Celebrated by Hindus of Tamil origin in honor of Kartikeya, Granter of Wishes, and the second son of Shiva Devotees with their tongues, cheeks and body pierced with needles, hooks and skewers, dance their way trance-like to the temple carrying the 'Cavadee' – a wooden arch covered with flowers with a pot of milk at each end of its base.
- January 28 Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day) – Jewish**  
This day celebrates Judaism's roots in the natural world. It is a holiday and known as the New Year for Trees. Special meals include eating the seven fruits of the land – wheat, barley, figs, grapes, pomegranates, olives and dates. Trees are also planted.
- January 30 Sadeh – Iran, Zoroastrian**  
Sadeh in Persian means "hundred" and refers to one hundred days and nights past the end of summer in ancient Persia/Iran. Sadeh is a mid-winter festival where bonfires are lit to honor fire and to defeat the forces of darkness, frost, and cold. People gather and pray, and then they will hold each other's hands, form a circle and dance around the fire.

Source: The majority of the Diversity/Cultural Celebrations with permission are from Creative Cultural Communications 2021 Diversity Calendar.

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**Below is the best selection of multicultural and social justice books for children, young adults, and educators. Note that due to the length of the list, many categories (i.e. Africa, Animals, Art, Criminal Justice, Death and Dying and many more, etc.) were left out. To see the complete list, go to <https://socialjusticebooks.org/reviews-by-theme/>.**

#### **See What We See: Children's and Young Adult Book Reviews**

This collection of reviews is coordinated by the See What We See (SWWS) coalition. The reviews, from a [variety of children's literature websites](#), are introduced here and linked to their respective sources to read in full. Many of the books are cross-listed. This See What We See database can provide vital guidance for teachers, parents, and librarians in their selection of books for children.

#### **Activism**

[13 Colors of the Honduran Resistance](#) by Melissa Cardoza  
[Destiny's Gift](#) by Natasha Anastasia Tarpley  
[8th Grade Superzero](#) by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich  
[Fannie Never Flinched](#) by Mary Cronk Farrell  
[Fred Korematsu Speaks Up](#) by Laura Atkins, Stan Yogi  
[Ghost Boys](#) by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
[Hidden Figures Young Readers' Edition](#) by Margot Lee Shetterly  
[Kent State](#) by Derf Backderf  
[Lift as You Climb](#) by Patricia Hruby Powell  
[Milo's Museum](#) by Zetta Elliott  
[My Night in the Planetarium](#) by Innosanto Nagara  
[One](#) by Kathryn Otoshi

[One of a Kind, Like Me / Unico Como Yo](#) by Laurin Mayeno  
[Poisoned Water](#) by Candy J Cooper, Marc Aronson  
[Rad Women Worldwide](#) by Kate Schatz  
[Side by Side/Lado a lado](#) by Monica Brown  
[Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh](#) by Uma Krishnaswami  
[Take the Mic: Fictional Stories of Everyday Resistance](#) by Bethany C. Morrow  
[Case for Loving, The](#) by Selina Alko  
[Great Kapok Tree, The](#) by Lynne Cherry  
[Hate U Give, The](#) by Angie Thomas  
[Water Walker, The](#) by Joanne Robertson  
[This Promise of Change](#) by Jo Ann Allen Boyce, Debbie Levy  
[Troublemaker for Justice](#) by Jacqueline Houtman, Walter Naegle, Michael G. Long  
[Voice of Freedom](#) by Carole Boston Weatherford  
[Walk with Me](#) by Jairo Buitrago  
[Wangari Maathai](#) by Franck Prévot  
[We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices](#) by Wade Hudson, Cheryl Willis Hudson

### **African American**

[42 Is Not Just a Number](#) by Doreen Rappaport  
[Werewolf Named Oliver James, A](#) by Nicholas John Frith  
[Wish After Midnight, A](#) by Zetta Elliott  
[Africa Is My Home: A Child of the Amistad](#) by Monica Edinger  
[All American Boys](#) by Jason Reynolds  
[Baby's First Words](#) by Stella Blackstone, Sunny Scribens  
[Before She Was Harriet](#) by Lesa Cline-Ransome  
[Belle, the Last Mule at Gee's Bend](#) by Calvin A. Ramsey, Bettye Stroud  
[Biddy Mason Speaks Up](#) by Arisa White, Laura Atkins  
[Bird in a Box](#) by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
[Cause](#) by Tonya Bolden  
[Chains](#) by Laurie Halse Anderson  
[Child of the Civil Rights Movement](#) by Paula Young Shelton  
[Crossing Ebenezer Creek](#) by Tonya Bolden  
[Dactyl Hill Squad](#) by Daniel José Older  
[Dear Martin](#) by Nic Stone  
[Destiny's Gift](#) by Natasha Anastasia Tarpley  
[Dragons in a Bag](#) by Zetta Elliott  
[Dream Builder](#) by Kelly Starling Lyons  
[8th Grade Superzero](#) by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich  
[Ellen's Broom](#) by Kelly Starling Lyons  
[Finding Langston](#) by Lesa Cline-Ransome  
[Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule](#) by Harriette Gillem Robinet  
[Freedom Over Me](#) by Ashley Bryan  
[Ghost Boys](#) by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
[Grandma's Gift](#) by Eric Velasquez  
[Hair Love](#) by Matthew A. Cherry  
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[Honey, I Love](#) by Eloise Greenfield  
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[It Jes' Happened](#) by Don Tate  
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[So Done](#) by Paula Chase  
[Someday Is Now](#) by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich  
[Sometimes We Do](#) by Omowale Moses  
[Spies of Mississippi](#) by Rick Bowers  
[Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You](#) by Jason Reynolds, Ibram X. Kendi  
[Steamboat School](#) by Deborah Hopkinson  
[Stolen Justice: The Struggle for African American Voting Rights \(Scholastic Focus\)](#) by Lawrence Goldstone  
[Take a Seat -- Make a Stand: A Hero in the Family](#) by Amy Nathan  
[Tea Cakes for Tosh](#) by Kelly Starling Lyons  
[Adventures of Sparrowboy, The](#) by Brian Pinkney  
[Case for Loving, The](#) by Selina Alko  
[Door at the Crossroads, The](#) by Zetta Elliott  
[Great Migration, The](#) by Eloise Greenfield  
[Hate U Give, The](#) by Angie Thomas  
[Women Who Caught the Babies, The](#) by Eloise Greenfield  
[Troublemaker for Justice](#) by Jacqueline Houtman, Walter Naegle, Michael G. Long  
[Unbound: A Novel in Verse](#) by Ann E. Burg  
[Unspoken](#) by Henry Cole  
[Voice of Freedom](#) by Carole Boston Weatherford  
[Ways to Make Sunshine](#) by Renée Watson  
[We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices](#) by Wade Hudson, Cheryl Willis Hudson  
[When Rosa Parks Went Fishing](#) by Rachel Ruiz  
[Where's Rodney?](#) by Carmen Bogan

### **Afro-Latino**

[Grandma's Gift](#) by Eric Velasquez  
[Just a Minute](#) by Yuyi Morales  
[Jumbies, The](#) by Tracey Baptiste  
[Yo Soy Muslim](#) by Mark Gonzales

### **American Indians, First Nations, Metis, Inuit**

[Pemmican Wars](#) by Katherena Vermette  
[Ajijaak - Crane](#) by Cecelia LaPointe  
[Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People, An](#) by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, Debbie Reese, Jean Mendoza  
[Apple](#) by Eric Gansworth  
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[Hearts Unbroken](#) by Cynthia Leitich Smith  
[I Am Birch](#) by Scott Kelley  
[I Am Not a Number](#) by Jenny Kay Dupuis, Kathy Kacer  
[I See Me](#) by Margaret Manuel  
[In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse](#) by Joseph Marshall III  
[Indian No More](#) by Charlene Willing McManis, Traci Sorell  
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[Mama, Do You Love Me?](#) by Barbara M. Joesse  
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[My Name is Not Easy](#) by Debby Dahl Edwardson  
[Nipehon / I Wait](#) by Caitlin Nicholson  
[Notyourprincess: Voices of Native American Women](#) by Lisa Charleyboy, Mary Beth Leatherdale  
[Race to the Sun](#) by Rebecca Roanhorse  
[Rock and Roll Highway](#) by Sebastian Robertson  
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[Marrow Thieves, The](#) by Cherie Dimaline  
[Medicine Wheel, The](#) by Teddy Anderson  
[People Shall Continue, The](#) by Simon J. Ortiz  
[Quest for Z, The](#) by Greg Pizzoli  
[Range Eternal, The](#) by Louise Erdrich  
[Secret Project, The](#) by Jonah Winter  
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[Urban Tribes](#) by Lisa Charleyboy  
[We Sang You Home](#) by Richard Van Camp  
[When I was Eight](#) by Christy Jordan-FentonMargaret Pokiak-Fenton  
[When We Were Alone](#) by David Robertson  
[Wild Eggs](#) by Suzie Napayok-Short  
[Wolf Mark](#) by Joseph Bruchac  
[Ziggy, Stardust and Me](#) by James Brandon  
[Zoe and the Fawn](#) by Catherine Jameson

### **Arabic**

[Stepping Stones](#) by Margriet Ruurs

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[Whole Story of Half a Girl, The](#) by Veera Hiranandani

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[Juana and Lucas](#) by Juana Medina  
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