



CELEBRATIONS **CALENDAR**

Expectations for Staff **2023**



Welcome to Timberland Regional Library 2023 Celebrations Calendar!

The 2023 Celebrations Calendar Guidelines objectives are for:

- Learning about and understanding culturally significant events throughout the year.
- Celebrating a diversity of perspectives, groups that have been historically resilient and underrepresented, and intersecting identities throughout TRL service areas and the world at large.
- Connecting, celebrating, and honoring our communities during days, months, and whole year through.

This calendar includes and involves diverse voices, cultures, intersecting identities, and experiences in tandem with local, regional, and national celebrations and observances the whole year for programming, outreach, and displays.

Please use this guide with attached calendars to plan during the year!

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Resources for Branch Staff

Youth & Family Services

Libraries providing programming to the greatest number of community members gives everyone the ability to broaden their understanding of the world, build connections, enriching their lives and those of fellow community members. When planning programs or booking presenters, please use the guiding documents and resources located (on the internal) [Programs page](#).

Collection Services

Highlighted books by diverse authors will be featured throughout the year on the web carousel to align with observances and celebrations at TRL.org. Note that the TRL catalog web links often include additional items by noted authors as well as “read-a-likes”. Additionally, the American Library Association Book and Media awards, publications such as School Library Journal, organizations such as [We Need Diverse Books](#), “No Name BookClubs” and readers advisory tools such as Novelist feature titles that can assist with display ideas.

Creative Services

Creative Services posts a monthly thematic web page banner for the TRL website and for newsletter distribution. Staff may utilize these in conjunction with any local displays, programs, or community engagement in tandem with local events and outreach. Follow the [Publicity and Graphics Team Site](#) for file drops and updates. Be sure to upload photos of how your branch celebrated each month to the EDI Celebrations Campaign Folder.



Tools

Universal Celebrations Word File – Crowdsourcing

A Universal Celebrations word file containing TRL resources, local events, state and national resources, will be posted internally for staff to utilize in conjunction with displays, events, promotion, programs, and outreach. [Universal Celebrations Word File](#)

Canva

Canva is great for creating display posters, social media, and sharing with colleagues. Ready to go graphics and elements are located in the [TRL EDI Celebrations Folder](#).

Program Planning

When planning programs or booking presenters, please check for the latest guideline updates and resources located on the [Program Planning SharePoint page](#).

Check in with your supervisor or building manager if you have questions regarding programming guidelines or any Performer Presenter Booking Procedures.

Book Groups

Planning a book discussion group?

- Check out TRL PageTurners Collection for title discussions and kit availability.
- [No Name Book Club \(virtual\)](#)

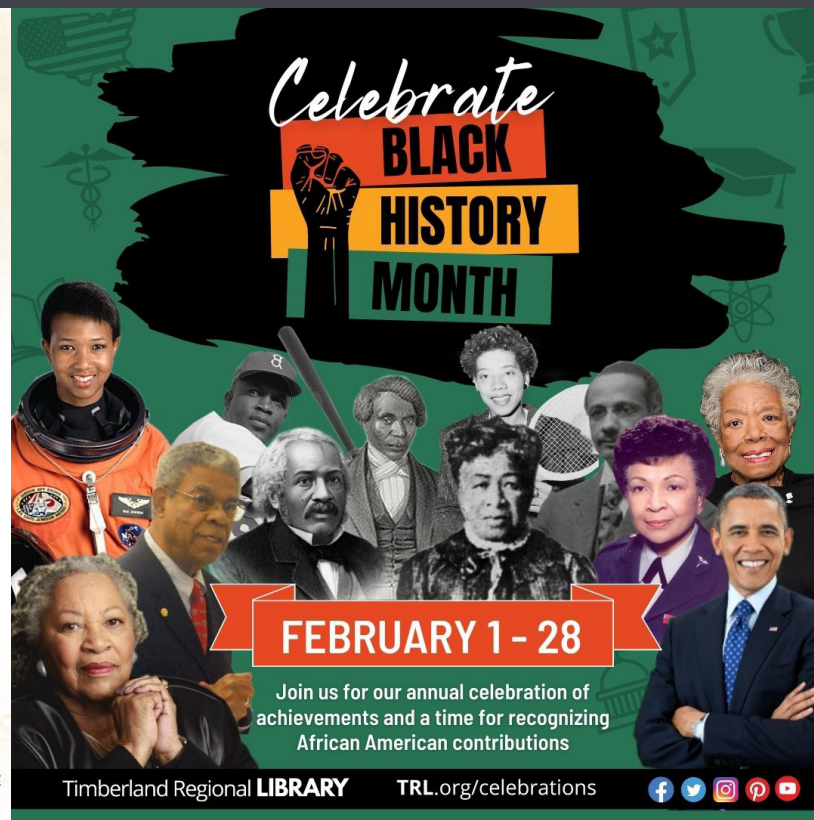
Events Calendar

Use event calendar to list and schedule events whether in a library or off-site or virtually.

Branch Social Media

When creating your social media, included the Celebrations website, **TRL.org/Celebrations** and in the post copy use **#TRLCelebrations**.

- Creating local posts, content and sharing with others using Canva.
- Share posts from the district page and tag other locations with local posts!
- Book or Kanopy reviews of works about the Celebration.
- Support for local organizations - Reshare local/regional community content from organizations for related or celebratory events. Tag the organization
- Promote events, post pictures, and images relating to the day, week, or month Celebration.



TRL Participation

At a minimum branch staff are required to participate in all district wide “Featured Celebrations”. These were selected as they emphasize groups that have been historically marginalized. You are required to use a minimum of three of the below-listed recommendations for these noteworthy observances. For example, during Black history month, staff may:

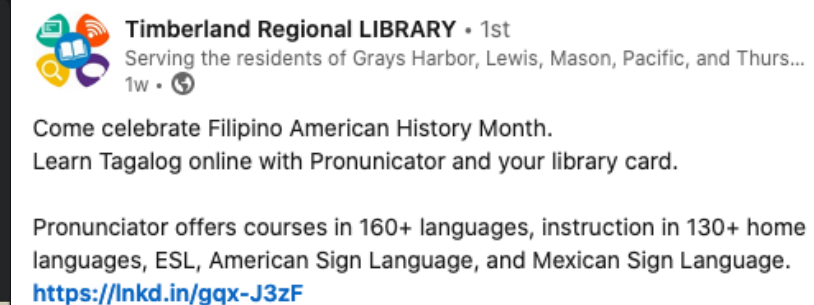
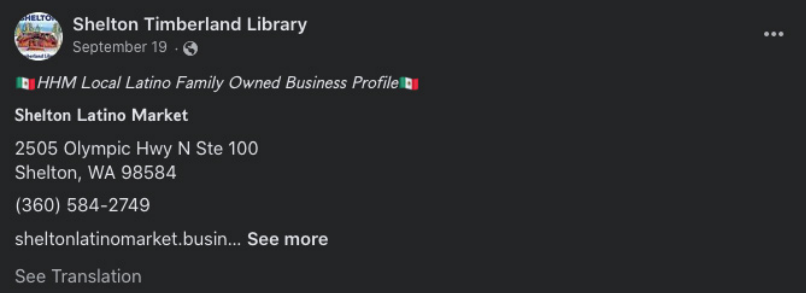
1. Create a book display
2. Feature Black authors or illustrators for story time
3. Feature Black authors for book discussions or book talks
4. Share a few social media posts. Sharing from the district platforms counts!
5. Take and Make Kits

Note: If programming, book talks or Take and Makes are not happening at the branch during the month, creating a book display and sharing two social media posts for example, in lieu of is fine.

Refer to the [Program Planning](#) website for the [Program Manual](#) which contains guiding templates, documents, performer information, and accessibility guidelines including [ASL Request Process](#).

The following are ideas to get started:

- Cultural and historical programs, events, and activities.
- Featured performers and guest speakers, local or regional with subject expertise in relation to a celebratory event/theme.
- Highlighting a local business or organization relational to the Celebration month, week, day.
- Highlight a performer of music or dance.
- Movie or documentary screening.
- Featured book club selections, books by diverse authors and illustrators for story times.
- Curate a book display for monthly celebrations.
- Playaway's or Launchpad Promotion - Relational to Programs and Topics.
- Take and Makes.
- Promotion of Early Learning resources.
- Promotion of research and online learning resources.
- Work with organization or community group to host their community display relational to a celebration. Here are [TRL display guidelines](#) for guidance.
- Highlight local businesses or organizations who support or align with these themes.



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PLANNING MONTH

- 1 New Year's Day *(Closed for Observance)*
- 4 World Braille Day
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day *(Closed for Observance)*
- 27 Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 30 Recovery Acceptance and Support

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FEATURED CELEBRATION

National Women's History Month

THEME: CELEBRATING WOMEN WHO TELL OUR STORIES

Neurodiversity Awareness Week, March 13 – 19

- 8 International Women's Day
- 9 Billy Frank Jr. Day, (WA State)
- 12 Daylight Savings Time
- 30 Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran's Day (WA State)
- 31 César Chavez Day

Helpful Links:

[Nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org](https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org)
[National Women's History Month Presents Series Channel](#)
[Influentia Women from the Pacific Northwest](#)

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FEATURED CELEBRATION

Black History Month

THEME: BLACK RESISTANCE

- 4 Rosa Parks Birthday
- 20 Presidents Day *(Closed for Observance)*
- 20 World Day of Social Justice – U.N

Helpful Links:

[Asalh.org/black-history-themes](https://asalh.org/black-history-themes)
[National Endowment for the Humanities](#)
[Black History is WA History: a History of Hip Hop in Seattle](#)
[Buffalo Soldiers – WA State's 25th Infantry Regiment](#)
[African American Family History Event : A Proud Heritage, Tacoma](#)

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FEATURED CELEBRATION

National Autism Acceptance Month

National Arab American Heritage Month
National Deaf History Month

National Library Week, April 23 – 29
Small Business Week, April 30 – May 6

- 2 World Autism Acceptance Day
- 5 Library Giving Day
- 10 Delores Huerta Day
- 18 National Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 29 Independent Bookstore Day

Helpful Links:

[Autisticadvocacy.org](https://autisticadvocacy.org)
[Neurodiversenw.com](https://neurodiversenw.com)
[Awnnetwork.org](https://awnnetwork.org)
indiebound.org

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FEATURED CELEBRATION

Jewish American Heritage Month

- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Haitian Heritage Month
- Small Business Week, April 30 – May 6
- 19 Malcolm X’s Birthday
- 29 Memorial Day *(Closed for Observance)*

Helpful Links:

Jewishheritagemonth.gov

[Washington State Jewish Historical Society](#)

[Washington Jewish Museum](#)

[Family of Strangers: Building Jewish Community in WA State](#)

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FEATURED CELEBRATION

Summer Library Program

- 4 Independence Day *(Closed for Observance)*
- 26 [Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act \(Passage\)](#)

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FEATURED CELEBRATION

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

- THEME: WE WON’T HIDE OUR PRIDE
- Caribbean American Heritage Month
 - 12 [Loving Day](#)
 - 19 Juneteenth *(Closed for Observance)*
 - 20 World Refugee Day
 - 23 Women in Engineering Day

Helpful Links:

[Pride Pacific Northwest](#)

[PFLAG.org](#)

[GLSEN \(Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Educational Network\)](#)

[GLSEN \(Coloring Book\)](#)

AUGUST						
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FEATURED CELEBRATION

Summer Library Program

- Dog Assistance Week (honoring service dogs), August 6 – 12
- 9 International Day of the World’s Indigenous People
- 20 Senior Citizens Day
- 26 Women’s Equality Day

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FEATURED CELEBRATION

Hispanic American Heritage Month

(Sep 15 – Oct 15)

- Recovery Month
- Library Card Sign-up Month
- 4 Labor Day *(Closed for Observance)*
- 6 Read a Book Day
- 16 Coastal Cleanup Day

Helpful Links:

[Samhsa.gov/recovery-month](https://www.samhsa.gov/recovery-month)

[WA State Commission on Hispanic Affairs](https://www.wa.gov/state-commission-on-hispanic-affairs)

[Hispanic Heritage Month](https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov)

[Cielo](https://www.cielo.org)

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FEATURED CELEBRATION

Native American Heritage Month

- 12-18 [National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness](#)
- 1 Dia de los Muertos
- 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11 Veterans Day *(Closed for Observance)*
- 20 International Transgender Day of Remembrance
- 23 Thanksgiving *(Closed for Observance)*
- 24 Native American Heritage Day *(Closed for Observance)*

Helpful Links:

[Nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov](https://www.nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov)

[Burke Museum](https://www.burkemuseum.org)

[Nations and Tribes of WA State](https://www.nationsandtribesofwa.gov)

[Native Art of the Pacific Northwest – Perspectives](https://www.nativeartofthepacificnorthwest.org)

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FEATURED CELEBRATION

Filipino American History Month

- Mental Health Awareness Month
- National Book Month
- Dyslexia Awareness Month
- Bullying Prevention Month
- Girls Lead STEM Month
- 1 – 7 [Mental Illness Awareness Week](#)

- 10 Indigenous People’s Day

Helpful Links:

[FANHS – Filipino American National History Society](https://www.fanhs.org)

[Pacific Northwest Filipino American Student Alliance](https://www.pacificnorthwestfilipinoamericanstudentalliance.org)

[Pacific Northwest – Pagdiriwang Festival 2023 \(June 3-4\)](https://www.pacificnorthwestpagdiriwangfestival.org)

DECEMBER						
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FEATURED CELEBRATION

Universal Human Rights Month

- THEME: 75TH ANNIVERSARY
- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
 - 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 - 10 [International Human Rights Day 75th Anniversary](#)
 - 24 Christmas Eve *(Closed for Observance)*
 - 25 Christmas Day *(Closed for Observance)*

Helpful Links:

[Human Rights Watch – Inspiring Human Rights Stories](https://www.humanrightswatch.org)

[Civil Rights and Labor History Living Project Washington](https://www.civilrightsandlaborhistorylivingproject.org)

[Civil Rights Organizations – Timeline](https://www.civilrightsorganizations.org)

