

About



Native American Heritage Month is a recognition of the significant contributions of Native peoples past and present and the influence they have had on the advancement of the United States. In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month") have been issued each year since 1994.

Native Expulsion & Manifest Destiny

(Online)

Presenter: Dr. Richard Bell
Professor of History, UMD

This talk explores westward expansion and its impact upon Native communities.

Even though the phrase 'manifest destiny' was not used in print until 1845, the spirit of American expansionism that it referred to was very apparent long before the 1840s. Americans had been talking about pushing westward as if it was their manifest destiny ever since folks in Jamestown in the 1600s had started eyeing the land that Natives were settled on.

University of Maryland historian Richard Bell will begin by tracking the story of Native expulsion and westward expansion from the Revolution era up through the 1850s, paying particular attention in the second half to the ways in which the West and Westward Expansion came to be romanticized in the American imagination.



Smithsonian



The National Museum of the American Indian's Native Knowledge 360° provides educational materials, virtual student programs, and teacher training that incorporate Native narratives, more comprehensive histories, and accurate information to enlighten and inform teaching and learning about Native America.



**American Indians
Indigenous Peoples
Native Nations
BOOK LIST**

HAPPY Diwali

Day 1: Dhanteras - People clean their house and shop for gold or kitchen utensils to help bring in good luck

Day 2: Chhoti Diwali, Kalichaudas - People decorate their home with clay lamps for diyas and create colorful design patterns called rangoli on the floor with color powder or sand

Day 3: Diwali - The main day of the festival, families gather for prayer to the Goddess Lakshmi, the celebrate with food and fireworks

Day 4: Annakut, Padwa, Govardhan Puja - First day of the new year and when families, friends visit with gifts and wishes for the new year

Day 5: Bhai Duj, Bhai Bheej - Brothers visit their married sisters, who welcome them with festive meals

Diwali Toolkit

HCLS Presents:

Craft Pop-Up Shop: Diwali Edition

[ages 4 & up]

Tuesday, November 14th

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Miller Branch Library

9421 Frederick Rd

Ellicott City, MD 21042



What is Diwali?

Diwali is the most important festival of the year in India — and for Hindus in particular. It is celebrated across faiths by more than a billion people in the world's most populous nation and the diaspora. Over five days, people take part in festive gatherings, fireworks displays, feasts and prayer.

Over the centuries, Diwali has become a national festival that's also enjoyed by non-Hindu communities. For instance, in Jainism, Diwali marks the nirvana, or spiritual awakening, of Lord Mahavira on October 15, 527 B.C.; in Sikhism, it honors the day that Guru Hargobind Ji, the Sixth Sikh Guru, was freed from imprisonment. Buddhists in India celebrate Diwali as well.

Diwali is derived from the word "Deepavali," which means "a row of lights." Celebrants light rows of traditional clay oil lamps outside their homes to symbolize the victory of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.

When is Diwali?

The dates of the festival are based on the Hindu lunar calendar, typically falling in late October or early November.

This year, Diwali begins Nov. 10 and the festival will be observed on Nov. 12. The festival brings with it a number of unique traditions, which also vary by the region. What all celebrations have in common are the lights, fireworks, feasting, new clothes and praying.



Guru Nanak Devji Gurpurab

The holy festival of Guru Nanak Jayanti, which is commonly referred to as Gurpurab, commemorates the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the first guru of Sikhism. This year, it will celebrate Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 554th birthday and will place on Monday, November 27.

Sikhism, the world's fifth most popular religion, is a monotheistic faith that believes in equality and service to others. The founder of the Sikh tradition, Guru Nanak, was born in the region of Punjab, South Asia, in 1469 CE. He lived a life of spirituality, service, and honesty, and the disciples who began to follow his teachings came to be known as Sikhs. The Sikh community grew under the guidance of ten religious leaders — gurus — the last of whom passed away in 1708 CE. The authority of the community today rests with two entities — the Sikh scriptural text known as the Guru Granth Sahib, and the community of initiated Sikhs, known as the Guru Khalsa Panth.



RECAP: HATE HAS NO PLACE



On November 8th, the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion participated in a public forum on hate crimes and hate bias incidents (HBIs) in Howard County. This event provided an opportunity for community members to ask questions about reporting hate crimes and HBIs and learn how these reports are investigated by law enforcement. ODEI had an opportunity to share how these incidents are handled in HCPSS.



For more information about Hate Bias Incidents in Howard County and Maryland, check out the [State of Maryland 2022 Hate Bias Report](#).



Howard County Literacy Association (HCLA) is Hosting:

Book Tastings Around the World

3rd STOP!
Royal Taj

SPECIAL HCLA Event

Date: Monday November 27, 2023

Time: 4:45-7:00

Location: Royal Taj


8335 Benson Dr Columbia, MD 21045

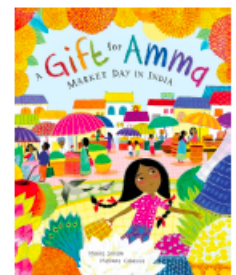
Cost: SoMLA Member fee \$25.00 Non-member fee \$50.00

[Join](#) HCLA for \$30 and get the special member rate!

RSVP to Kelly Davis to confirm @ kelly_davis@hcpss.org



Participants will receive at least two books. THANK YOU 



Event Description: Indian Culture Overview and Food Tasting with Book Pairings

ABOUT THE EVENT

Join us for an evening of great food combined with a sampling of children's books related to the culture of India. We lead with the expectation that our classroom libraries represent all learners and fully embrace various cultures. Guest speaker, **Razia Kosi**, will speak on the importance of different characters and perspectives in books. **Diane Garavaglia**, from Booksource, will showcase several titles aligned to the culture of India. The books featured will be for elementary and middle school students but can also be used to engage our older students. Participants will receive an authentic dinner, a sampling of books aligned to the theme to add to their classroom library, and receive tips for inclusion of diverse literature. A cash bar will be available.

ABOUT ROYAL TAJ

ULTIMATE DINING EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER!

This fine dining 'experience' at Royal Taj is a gift. Come together for the enjoyment of great Indian cuisine in an atmosphere that will make you feel fulfilled both physically and intellectually.

Supported by generous donations from: Royal Taj, Booksource, Heinemann, Perfection Learning, and Scholastic Education.

Support our literacy organization. Join Today!

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[Link](https://app.joinit.com/o/somla) to Join HCLA/SoMLA <https://app.joinit.com/o/somla>



Read the Rainbow Book Club

Tuesday, December 5th
7:00 pm

You'll get to MEET Darcie during our virtual book club.

Recommended for students in grades 8-12, parents, educators, librarians, community members, and supportive allies. This book club is open to all, but please note that students drive our discussion with the author.



Registration opens October 1st
[Click here](#) for more information.

Do you want to make your voice heard? Do you have something to share about your experience as an LGBTQIA+ teen or ally? We want to hear from YOU! Submit to our Rainbow Vision 2024 literary magazine! We are now OPEN for submissions for the 2023-24 School Year!

SUBMIT HERE

Submission deadline: March 1, 2024

Submission genres: Short story, poetry, art work, song lyrics, personal narrative, essay, film/video, music/audio, photography, script/play/manuscript, drawing, etc.

We are specifically looking for material for our literary magazine that has an LGBTQIA+ theme, is written by LGBTQIA+ authors and their allies, and/or is written for an LGBTQIA+ audience.

LGBTQIA+ Themes can include, but are not limited to the following; Romance, Family, Coming Out, Discovery (self) or "when did you know," Finding Community, Transitioning, Religion, Politics/Societal Norms, Exploration, Intersectionality, Shifting Identity.



In recognition and honor of
Trans Awareness Month and
National Homeless Youth Awareness Month



is sponsoring a collection for



Baltimore Safe Haven

GOAL

To collect items that will fill 30 laundry baskets to provide health and welfare kits for trans and queer folx with housing insecurities.

Collecting items from
**NOVEMBER 1 –
NOVEMBER 22, 2023**

DETAILS

Each kit will contain the following items;

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|----------------|--------------|
| Laundry Basket | Floss |
| 2 bath towels | Band-aids |
| 2 hand towels | Toiletry Bag |
| 4 washcloths | Laundry |
| bath mat | Detergent |
| Soap | Manicure set |
| Hand Soap | Hand Lotion |
| Toothbrush | Body Lotion |
| Toothpaste | Lip Balm |
| Snack Bags | |

WHAT YOU CAN DONATE

SNACKS

Individually wrapped snacks to fill 30 snack bags are also needed.

Granola bars, apple sauce, trail mix, etc.

NEW ITEMS FROM THE WISHLIST

Scan or click for wishlist access
<https://a.co/32os6k2>



QUESTIONS?

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HUMANITY MATTERS 2024 CONFERENCE

ENVISIONING SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH AN EQUITY LENS

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**CALL FOR
STUDENT
POSTERS**
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The Howard County Office of Human Rights and Equity invites high school students (11th and 12th grades) and HCC students to exhibit a research poster related to the conference theme, “Humanity Matters: Envisioning Social Justice Through and Equity Lens” on May 6, 2024. Poster presentations are an opportunity for students to bring forward their ideas and important input to the conference. **All submissions should be emailed to Dr. Denise Boston at equity@howardcountymd.gov. Please place: 2024 Humanity Matters Conference Poster Submission in the Subject Line.**

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15, 2023

PROPOSAL TOPICS:

We are looking for students to submit posters that are eye-catching, visual representations of the topics below. An effective poster presentation highlights, with a visual display, main points or components of a project. Text and images should be large enough to be seen from a distance at several feet.

- Gender inequality
- Racial equity
- Environmental Justice
- Children's rights
- Community advocacy
- Disability rights
- LGBTQIA rights
- Labor
- Disinformation and misinformation

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES:

- Title of Presentation
- Presenter Bio(s) - 75 words max
- Description of Poster - 100 words max
- Contact Information

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- A maximum of three presenters is allowed. Presenters should provide short summaries of the project and be prepared to answer questions.
- Each poster will be assigned a space within the exhibit hall.
- Presenters should bring their own easels.
- Presenters are encouraged to bring handouts or supplemental materials.



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