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Asian American and Pacific Islander HERITAGE MONTH

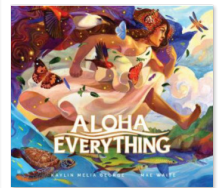
In May, we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a special time to pay tribute to and acknowledge the Asian American and Pacific Islander community's historical and ongoing contributions across the United States. They have made lasting contributions to American culture and society, including science, medicine, art, sports, government, and so much more. This month-long celebration serves as a gateway to recognize, learn, and celebrate. We've created a list of events for you to attend, books to read, and other resources to explore!

Reading Material

Browse the Library and check out our monthly displays! Many are featuring works by Asian American or Pacific Islander authors to honor their contributions to history.

Keep an eye out for our AAPI Heritage Month booklist, which you can find on our website at StarkLibrary.org.

Looking for a good read this month? Try out a story from an Asian American or Pacific Islander author.



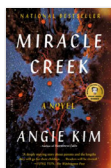
Explore AAPI Inspired Book Clubs Find more book clubs at StarkLibrary.org

LAKE COMMUNITY

Mystery Book Club

MAY 5 | 2:00pm–3:00pm

Miracle Creek
by Angie Kim



JACKSON COMMUNITY

Book Club

MAY 7 | 2:00pm–3:00pm

Interior Chinatown
by Charles Yu



Booked on Tuesday

MAY 26 | 6:00pm–7:00pm

Our Missing Hearts
by Celeste Ng

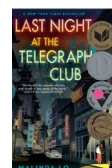


NORTH BRANCH

Banned Books

MAY 18 | 11:00am–12:00pm

Last Night at the Telegraph Club
by Malinda Lo



LEARN MORE AT STARKLIBRARY.ORG/AAPI

AAPI HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS

Stark Library is hosting a variety of AAPI-themed events across our locations. From crafts to cultural education programs, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Scan the QR Code to register or visit StarkLibrary.org/AAPI-Events-2026 ▶



E Early Learners | **L** Elementary | **W** Tweens | **T** Teens | **A** Adults

EAST CANTON

Kids Art Club

Paper Flower Bouquets

MAY 11 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Become an artist and let your creativity flow. Artwork will be displayed in the Library for the community to enjoy. **EL**

MADGE YOUTZ

Candy Sushi

MAY 12 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Prepare sushi using candy. Learn about the origins of sushi, which started to become popular in Tokyo in the 1800s. **WT**

MAIN LIBRARY

Wabi-Sabi Collages

MAY 2 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

The Canton Museum of Art will teach you how to embrace that imperfection by making collages. **LWTA**



Kumu Hina & The Meaning of Māhū

MAY 14 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm

KUMU HINA is the story of Hina Wong-Kalu, a Hawaiian teacher and cultural icon who brings to life Hawaii's long-held embrace of mahu to create a 'place in the middle' where every student is accepted. Rated PG. **A**

NORTH BRANCH

Create a Past

Continuous Tense Forest

MAY 13 | 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Celebrate the work of artist Lam Tung Pang by creating your own Past Continuous Tense forest. **LW**

Colorful Traditions:

Exploring Rangoli Art

MAY 19 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Learn the significance and tradition of rangoli, the vibrant art form from India. Afterwards, create a design of your own. **A**

Me, Myself, and Why?

MAY 23 | 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Explore personal identity through writing, collage, and doodles, then fold your work into a unique, accordion-style zine to share or keep. Inspired by artwork created by Filipino American artist Carlos Villa. **WT**

PERRY SIPPO

Paper Art: Japanese Origami

MAY 13 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Learn traditional Japanese origami. All material provided. **LW**

PLAIN COMMUNITY

Let's Fly a Koinobori; a Carp Wind Catcher!

MAY 9 | 10:30am - 12:00pm

Create your own Koinobori to celebrate Japan's Children's Day! **LW**

Meet Local Author Jin Stearns

MAY 12 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Hear the true story of a young boy lost in a crowded Seoul, South Korea train station and his lifelong search to find his family. **A**

SOUTHGATE

AAPI Storytime & More

Preschool

MAY 7 | 10:00am - 10:30pm

Celebrate Asian- American picture book creators! **E**

Want More?

If you feel there is something that Stark Library could do to create a more inclusive space for you to learn, we appreciate you letting us know. It is our goal to make sure every patron of Stark Library feels safe, welcome, and represented from the time they step through the door. If there is an author, book, or any other material that you had hoped we would have but do not, let us know! Our collection is always evolving to best suit our community's needs and we would be happy to look into adding the materials you love.

REGISTER NOW AT [STARKLIBRARY.ORG/AAPI-EVENTS-2026](https://StarkLibrary.org/AAPI-Events-2026)