What is Juneteenth and why should we celebrate it?

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Whenever I talk about Juneteenth, I often get people who ask, “What is that?” In its simplest form, Juneteenth is a made-up word combining “June” and “nineteenth.” June 19 honors the official, final ending of slavery in the United States. It is also known as Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, and Juneteenth Independence Day.

Many people mistakenly believe slavery in the United States ended with President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863. Since the U.S. was in the middle of the Civil War, the states that had seceded did not follow that declaration. Even after the Civil War ended in April 1865, still not everyone received the message that the slaves had been freed.

Word of President Lincoln’s freeing of all enslaved people didn’t get to the town of Galveston, Texas, until two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation and over two months after the end of the Civil War. On June 19, 1865, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger from the Union Army arrived with “General Orders No. 3,” which delivered the news that the Civil War was over and all slaves were to be freed.

No one really knows why it took so long for the news of the war’s end and emancipation to reach Galveston. One
explanation is that the messenger sent to deliver the news was killed along the way. Another belief is that word was deliberately kept from the enslaved people by the slaveholders in order to maintain the labor force provided by slaves. Yet another theory is that the Texas government purposefully held off on spreading the word around to get in one final cotton harvest before announcing the emancipation. However, no one knows the actual truth; it could be one, all, or none of these accounts.

From 1865 forward, Juneteenth became a day of celebration in African American communities to commemorate their freedom. Then, during the 1870s, a group of former slaves led by Reverend Jack Yates were able to raise close to $1,000 to purchase a patch of land to create Emancipation Park in what is now Houston, Texas. The park became the location for hosting annual Juneteenth celebrations. Texas was the first state to recognize Juneteenth as a state holiday, Emancipation Day, in 1979. By 2014, 43 of the 50 U.S. states and Washington D.C. recognize Juneteenth as either a ceremonial day of observance or a state holiday.

Juneteenth celebrations continued to grow throughout Texas and other predominantly African American communities well into the late 1890s. Traditionally, these celebrations focused on African American education and self-improvement. However, these celebrations began to decline in the early 1900s, especially after the stock market crashed in 1929. During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s, Juneteenth celebrations made a comeback. Today, Juneteenth celebrations are held throughout the country commemorating this event and celebrating African American freedom with a continued focus on black education and achievement. Juneteenth is often marked with celebrations, festivals, and picnics that focus on bringing people from all walks of life together to honestly recognize our shared history while embracing the African American experience, regardless of race, nationality, religion, socioeconomic status, or other differences.
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall uprising in Greenwich Village. The Stonewall uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the United States the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as “Gay Pride Day,” but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the nation the “day” soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBT Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

In 1994, a coalition of education-based organizations in the United States designated October as LGBT History Month. In 1995, a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the National Education Association included LGBT History Month within a list of commemorative months.

LGBT History Month is also celebrated with annual month-long observances of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, along with the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. National Coming Out Day (Oct. 11), as well as the first “March on Washington” in 1979, are commemorated in the LGBT community during LGBT History Month.

Many libraries have displays for Pride month, some have been welcomed by the community, some have not. As public Librarians, it is important that we understand that we serve EVERYONE in our community, no matter what our own feelings or beliefs. The LBGTQA+ needs our help in providing accurate materials, not only for adults, but teens, children, and families. Books are mirrors – our patrons need to see themselves and their lives reflected in them. Youth who are questioning who they are need accurate information based on science fact, not science fiction. Our libraries need to provide mirrors for EVERYONE in the community. Show PRIDE in your community.

Most large cities have some kind of PRIDE celebration. Check out what might be available near you. These are usually promoted by organizations that prove support LBGTQA+ information to those with need.

A typical Pride Month library book display

For kids

**PRIDE, The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag;** Sanders, Rob; 978-0399555312

*I Am Jazz;* Herthel, Jessica; 978-0803741072

*Julian is a Mermaid;* Love, Jessica; 978-0763690458

**Stonewall;** Sanders, Rob; 978-1524719524

For tweens & teens

**The 57 Bus;** Slater, Dashka; 978-0374303235

*Gay America: The Struggle for Equality;* Alsenas, Linas: 978-0810994874

*Real Queer America: LGBT Stories from Red States;* Allen, Samantha; 978-0316516037

**There Goes Sunday School;** Eberhart, Alexander C.; 978-1642556544

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**COOL DATES TO REMEMBER**

**JUNE IS:**
- LGBTQ+ Pride Month
- LGBTQ+ Book Month
- National Fresh Fruit & Veggie Month
- National Zoo & Aquarium Month
- National Candy Month
- Black Music Month
- National Oceans Month

**JULY IS:**
- National Parks and Recreation Month
- Family Reunion Month
- National Anti-Boredom Month
- National Hot Dog Month
- National Wheelchair Beautification Month
- National Picnic Month

**HOT JULY BRING A SENSE OF THIS SUMMER**

**JUNE 1** - Say Something Nice Day / National Prairie Day / National Trails Day

**JUNE 2** - National Repeat Day / National Cancer Survivor’s Day

**JUNE 3** - National Egg Day

**JUNE 5** - National Gingerbread Day / Global Running Day

**JUNE 6** - National Yo-Yo Day / National Drive-In Movie Day

**JUNE 7** - National Doughnut Day

**JUNE 8** - National Best Friends Day

**JUNE 9** - National Triangle Day / Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day

**JUNE 10** - National Ballpoint Pen Day

**JUNE 12** - National Red Rose Day / National Peanut Butter Cookie Day

**JUNE 13** - National Weed Your Garden Day

**JUNE 14** - Flag Day

**JUNE 15** - National Smile Power Day / National Photography Day

**JUNE 16** - Father’s Day

**JUNE 18** - National Go Fishing Day

**JUNE 19** - Juneteenth

**JUNE 20** - National Hike with a Geek Day / World Refugee Day

**JUNE 21** - National Selfie Day / Go Skateboarding Day / Take Back the Lunch Break Day / Summer Solstice

**JUNE 23** - National Pink Day / Pink Flamingo Day

**JUNE 27** - National PTSD Awareness Day / National Sunglasses Day

**JUNE 28** - Paul Bunyan Day

**JUNE 29** - National Waffle Iron Day / National Camera Day

**JULY 1** - National U.S. Postage Stamp Day / International Joke Day

**JULY 2** - National Anisette Day / World UFO Day

**JULY 3** - National Fried Clam Day / Compliment Your Mirror Day / National Eat Your Beans Day

**JULY 4** - Independence Day / National Country Music Day

**JULY 5** - National Graham Cracker Day / National Hawaii Day

**JULY 7** - Chocolate Day / National Macaroni Day

**JULY 8** - National Blueberry Day / Video Games Day

**JULY 9** - National Sugar Cookie Day

**JULY 10** - National Clerihew Day / Don’t Step on a Bee Day

**JUNE 11** - National Cheer Up the Lonely Day / All American Pet Photo Day

**JULY 12** - National Simplicity Day / Paper Bag Day / National Pecan Pie Day

**JULY 13** - National French Fry Day / Embrace Your GEEKINESS Day

**JULY 14** - National Tape Measure Day / Shark Awareness Day

**JULY 15** - National Give Something Away Day / Be a Dork Day

**JULY 17** - National Peach Ice Cream Day / World Emoji Day

**JULY 18** - National Sour Candy Day

**JULY 19** - National Stick Out Your Tongue Day

**JULY 20** - National Moon Day / National Lollipop Day

**JULY 21** - National Junk Food Day / National Be Someone Day

**JULY 22** - National Hammock Day

**JULY 24** - National Cousins Day

**JULY 25** - National Hire a Veteran Day / National Chili Dog Day

**JULY 27** - National Love is Kind Day / National Dance Day

**JULY 29** - International Tiger Day

**JULY 31** - Harry Potter’s Birthday / J.K. Rowling’s Birthday

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Snow White with the Red Hair, Vol. 1
written by Sorata Akiduki
Release date: May 7, 2019

Despite all of Shirayuki’s years studying to be a great herbalist, she’s known more in her hometown for her brilliant red hair than her skills. Still, it’s never caused a problem for her until a man representing the prince informed her that the prince wanted her to come to the palace and serve as his concubine.

Determined not to waste her life serving a prince as his amusement, Shirayuki cuts off her hair and runs away to find her fortune somewhere else. She soon meets Zen, who initially dismisses her, but quickly finds himself captivated by her attempts to help treat his injury. She ends up staying with Zen and his two friends, however the scorned prince isn’t going to give up on her so easily.

Snow White with the Red Hair is a manga series being published in America for the first time, though its anime adaptation premiered in America on Hulu some time ago. One reason I picked it for my first manga review is because it is different from most of the popular action/adventure manga right now. It has been awhile since I’ve seen one with a more romantic inclination and with storylines and characters that felt fresh and new.

I love the main characters and their relationship. Shirayuki isn’t a fighter, but when she finds herself in tough situations, she doesn’t give up. When she ends up in trouble, her first thought isn’t, “Who will rescue me?!” Instead, she chooses to rescue herself. And her solutions are often pretty clever while still being realistic. Zen (who happens to be the prince of a neighboring kingdom) is also not your typical hero. He’s a good guy without being a caricature, and he doesn’t treat Shirayuki like a damsel in distress. If she needs help, he helps. More importantly, he consistently trusts and supports Shirayuki. Despite it taking quite a while to get to anything romantic, the start their relationship is one of trust, and I enjoyed watching their friendship build. Instead of a drama-fest with love at first sight, constant betrayals, doubts, and misunderstandings, the two work together to deal with outside conflicts that come from a prince and a commoner being friends.

With that said, the beginning is rough. Manga typically has author notes scattered in the story, and you soon find out that this was meant to be a stand-alone take on the Snow White story. It was well-received and spawned an entire series, but I think that this story would have been better served to be fleshed out as a volume on its own before continuing on. The following chapters are, likewise, a bit rough. You can sense that the author was still figuring out her characters and plot to fit the simple short story she crafted. Also, due to it originally being published as a serial, the backstory is repeated more than once for new readers. In my opinion, this should have been cut for the collected volume. Yet, despite the rough beginning, her characters —especially Shirayuki— shine through. Speaking as someone who has ‘read ahead’, this is a good manga which I definitely recommend to balance all the other titles where action, fights, and superhuman abilities are the main attraction.

Recommended for: Manga fans, especially those who like romance and a medieval setting.

Things to watch out for: About the worst thing in this first volume was the prince saying he wanted her for a concubine. Besides that one of the characters gets poisoned, and later Shirayuki gets abducted by a man planning on making money off her looks by selling her to a noble. Very mild, non-graphic violence, no swearing or nudity, just a clean romance manga.
STEAMing along

01 Gather Supplies
- Ice blocks
- Spray bottles
- Warm water
- Colored salt and shakers
- Large tub

02 Melt the Ice
Place large blocks of ice in a large tub or tray outside. Fill spray bottles with warm water and drop in food coloring, if desired. Fill salt shakers with colored salt, and have kids spray the ice and shake the salt on the cubes to their heart’s content. That’s it!

STEAM factor

What’s happening?
Obviously, salt and warm water helps melts the ice, but how? Observing the ice, salt will stipple the ice block’s surface as it begins to melt. If you spray water in the same spot repeatedly, you can also make a hole in the ice. Salt will recrystallize to form a crust on the surface that you can actually peel off.

Water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit (0 degrees Celsius). Salt reduces the freezing point of ice, allowing it to melt at cooler temperatures. A 20 percent solution of salt and water can make ice melt at 2°F, which is a huge difference in temperature. Scientifically, this phenomenon is known as freezing point depression. When salt is dissolved in water, it breaks into sodium and chloride ions. Those ions make it much harder for the water molecules to bond together at typical freezing temperatures.

Because salt on its own takes some time to begin melting the ice, we add the accompaniment of warm water. It hastens the melting process and also gives kids a chance to explore the topic of erosion.

Erosion is the process that wears away land by wind, water, or ice. In this case, we are eroding the ice itself with salt and warm water. Running water can create channels, crevices, and holes in the surface of an object over time.

Don’t forget the “A” for ART!
Sculpture is a work of 3-dimensional art created by shaping a material in an additive or subtractive way. Additive sculptures are created by building up a material, like clay, to form a 3D piece. Subtractive sculpture is created by carving a block of a material. In classical art, marble was a common medium for artists to create subtractive sculptures. In this project, kids are creating a type of subtractive art by using water and salt to melt ice to form their sculptures. Challenge them to plan out an area they would like to shape and see if they can do it using warm water.

Ephemeral art is meant to only last for a short time. This activity is a great opportunity to show that not all art is meant to be preserved for eternity, but still has value. Performance art also falls into this category as well as several forms of environmental art, which fades away over a period of time.

EASY COLORED SALT RECIPE

1. Add the desired amount of salt you wish to colorize to a Ziploc bag.
2. Add food coloring to the bag. The more food coloring to add, the more saturated your colors will be.
3. This is the most important step! Press out all the air from the bag and securely close it. The last thing you want is a bag of exploded food coloring and salt!
4. Knead the salt and coloring until it is all mixed together. I’ve found that waiting to mix everything a minute or so after adding the food coloring makes for less clumping and an overall easier mixing process.

STEAM reads

Look, Look, Look at Sculpture
Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth; 978-0761461326

The Solid Truth About States of Matter with Max Axiom Super Scientist
Biskup, Agnieszka; 978-1429634519

Splat: Wile E. Coyote Experiments with States of Matter
Slade, Suzanne; 978-1476552156

Ice Sculptures courtesy of babbledabbledo.com

IF YOU CAN’T FIND A LOCAL ICE COMPANY SELLING LARGE BLOCKS OF ICE, YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN BY FREEZING WATER IN OLD GALLON MILK CONTAINERS. JUST CUT AND PEEL AWAY THE CARTONS WHEN READY TO USE.
Rainbow City: Library staff invite the kids to color the CSLP Universe of Stories banner to entice them to get ready for summer!

Southside: Great homemade planetary décor for a solar system “fly-by”.

Cullman: Cardboard Neil wanted to play in the splash pad at Sportsman’s Lake Park, but he isn’t sure about getting in the water. Cardboard problem No. 168. #cardboardneil #cullmancountypubliclibrary

Oneonta and Cullman had a friendly competition with #CardboardNeil. Where will Neil be next? Lawrence County and Gadsden will also be getting in on the #CardboardNeil fun. Check out the Facebook hashtag to see where Neil ends up!

Oneonta: Cardboard Neil tried to get insurance today. It turns out the deductible is way too high because cardboard isn’t very sturdy. #oneontapubliclibrary #oneontaalabama #cardboardneil #getinsuredunlessyouaremadeofcardboard

Glencoe: Which way do I go? This sign points the way!
June 3

Engaging Young Readers: Practical Tools and Strategies
In this edWebinar, Dr. Rob Furman will give insight into how to engage young readers using the tech of today. He will draw from his new book, Engaging Young Readers: Practical Tools and Strategies to Reach All Learners. The book is a beginner-level guide focusing on developmental reading strategies for elementary students at all stages and exploring how technology can be used to improve the skills of a wide range of readers, including beginning readers, struggling readers, reluctant readers, enriched readers, and English Language Learners (ELLs). (edWeb) https://home.edweb.net/upcoming-webinars/

June 4

Income & Poverty Related Statistics
In this webinar you will learn the basics of the Income & Poverty topic and receive an illustration of various easy-to-use data tools to retrieve data on this topic. You will also see maps that examine some key statistics related to income & poverty. (U.S. Census Bureau) https://www.census.gov/data/academy/html

Family Literacy on the Wild, Wild e-Frontier: Strategies for Raising Digitally Savvy Families
This webinar examines perspectives and strategies adult learners can use to raise savvy digital natives. (Infopeople) https://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar

The Art of Crafting
Summer is the perfect time for starting a new project or finally getting to that DIY fix. Whether they’re expert makers or looking for a new hobby, your patrons will be delighted by the new crafts books highlighted in this free, hour-long webinar. Panelsists from Tuttle, Search Press, and Skyhorse Publishing are sure to inspire some fresh, new ideas for you and your patrons. (Booklist) https://www.booklistonline.com/GeneralInfo.aspx?id=63

June 5

So You Want to Start a Library Podcast?
Dr. Curtis Rogers, Communications Director for the South Carolina State Library, will share his experience with SCSSL’s podcast, LibraryVoicesSC, and provide tips for starting your own library podcast. Attendees will learn about the podcasting process from what equipment can be used, selecting topics, editing recordings, and using a podcasting service such as Podbean. (Indiana State Library) https://continuinged.isl.in.gov/find-training/online-training-series/

Supporting Young Children’s Creative Thinking Using Problems They Care About: Engineering Design in ECE
Learn how to support design thinking for children ages 3 through 8 in this dynamic webinar. The goal of this webinar is to help you provide opportunities for children in your program to develop engineering habits of mind: ask questions about a situation they want to change, make observations to understand how one part of a solution affects the others, identify problems and seek solutions, and collaborate with others. Using developmentally appropriate practice, you will learn how to guide children to approach problems with a positive attitude that recognizes failure and trying again as part of a learning process. (Early Childhood Investigations) https://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/presentations/

June 6

Ten Hacks for Better Slides in Five Minutes
You’re spending too much time on your slides! And they’re looking boring. Get 10 quick slide hacks that will turn meh into marvelous. They’re quick makeovers that you can use again and again. In this webinar, you’ll learn 10 quick techniques for creating clear, professional slides in PowerPoint. (Training Magazine Network) https://www.trainingsmagazine.com/calendar

Database Tutorial-Summer Under the Stars
Resources from Gale, Novelist, NASA, StarNet, and PBS Books to support your summer reading programming. Join Chris Van Burgh as we explore vendor (Gale, EBSCO) produced content, as well as organizations, such as NASA and PBS, who have created sites and sources for this Summer of Space. (Wyoming State Library) https://attendee.goteowebinar.com/register/771598250850288667

Reaching Into the Community: Tools to Bring Your Library to the People
In this webinar, you’ll hear from a diverse group of enterprising librarians who will discuss some of their strategies for reaching community members outside the library, including populations who are often disadvantaged and underserved. From programs at county jails, to housing offices and local businesses, learn from our panel of librarians about how they are collaborating with nontraditional community partners to bring access to all. (Library Journal) https://www.libraryjournal.com/?subpage=Events&eventtype=webcasts

June 7

Caring for LGBTQ+ Youth
This presentation will detail foundational terms and definitions imperative for respectful interactions with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) persons. There will be a specific focus on health care needs specific to LGBTQ youth. (National Network of Libraries of Medicine) https://nnlm.gov/into/schedule

Three Steps to Thriving in Chaos
The turbulence of current events increases stress, drains energy and reduces productivity. In this webinar you’ll learn three essential steps for not only surviving but thriving in the chaos. (Effectiveness Institute) https://effectivenessinstitute.com/register-for-events/

June 10

What Is a Program, Anyway? Findings from NILPPA, ALA’s National Study of Library Public Programs
The ALA Public Programs Office and a team of researchers conducted the National Impact of Library Public Programs Assessment (NILPPA), an intensive two-year research study that asked: how can we characterize and categorize public programs offered by libraries today? In this free 60-minute webinar—the first in a two-part series—NILPPA research team members will share how this research sheds a light on what libraries are doing in terms of programming and how we should think about it. (NILPPA/ALA) http://ow.ly/FWtS30ov2ZD

Local, State, and National Library Advocacy: A Grassstop Approach
Library Trustees, advocates, Friends, Foundations, directors, and staff are invited to hear from experts about the difference between grassroots and grasstop advocates, how to identify them in their communities, and how to engage them in their efforts. Attendees will learn how to build key library advocates to cultivate allies and develop constituencies in support of their positions at every level of government. (American Library Association/United for Libraries) http://www.ala.org/advocacy/webinar

June 11

Storytime Starters
Whether you’re a seasoned veteran looking to refresh your offerings or a rookie not sure where to start, you’ll find something to love in this webinar packed full of storytime outlines, plans, booklists, and resources to pump fresh air into one of the longest running programs in Children’s services. (Utah State Library) https://www.eventbrite.com/o/usl-training-208

Big-Picture Reading
Who needs the beach this summer when we have new picture books? In this free, one-hour webinar we’ll chat about unique, upcoming summer and fall picture books designed to spark imagination and inspire reading! Featuring representatives from Simon & Schuster, Boyds Mills & Kane, Minedition, Greystone, and Holiday House and moderated by Booklist’s Books for Youth Associate Editor Maggie Reagan. (Booklist) https://www.booklistonline.com/GeneralInfo.aspx?id=63

Welcoming Transgender Customers at Your Library
Join us to learn how to provide excellent internal and external customer service to transgender individuals at your library. This session will help participants re-frame ideas around gender, give them best practices for serving trans customers, and end with developing strategies to make their libraries trans-inclusive. (Colorado State Library) https://cslsession.cvlsites.org/
**Webinars**

**What's Up?**

**June 12**

**Skip, Turn, & Hop into Teaching ECE Math and Language Arts Through Movement**

Many teachers are unfamiliar with teaching structured movement activities, but they will be surprised at how straightforward a process it can be. In this webinar, Connie will show how dance can be an accessible and useful tool for teachers, while making learning fun for young children. She also will demonstrate a wealth of ideas for presenting age-appropriate kinesthetic learning opportunities to young children, with an emphasis on math and language arts concepts. (Early Childhood Investigations) [https://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/presentations](https://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/presentations)

**SciGirls Strategies Live Stream!**

Come and learn about the latest research on best practices for engaging girls in STEM! The new SciGirls Strategies, based on a comprehensive literature review and extensive feedback from SciGirls educators and trainers, will debut on June 12th via a special one-hour SciGirls/National Girls Collaborative Live Stream starting at 1pm CT. This work is funded by the National Science Foundation. (National Girls Collaborative Project) [https://ngcproject.org/events](https://ngcproject.org/events)

**Equity is Education**

Equity in our educational system and closing opportunity gaps in education are epic topics throughout the nation. We recognize the issues and feel a sense of urgency. Dr. Perez-Isiah will highlight effective approaches that will help merge the topics of equity and gaps in teaching and learning. Let’s move from achievement “gap-gazing” to achievement gap-closing in our school communities. (Future Ready Schools/Alliance for Excellent Education) [https://all4ed.org/webinars-events/](https://all4ed.org/webinars-events/)

**Summer Fun with Digital Citizenship: An International Perspective**

In this edWebinar, join Heather Barnard, Digital Learning Leader and Common Sense Ambassador, who will provide an international perspective on continuing the digital citizenship discussion through the summer. She’ll have key talking points and practical strategies for preparing students to have a fun, #digcit summer! [edWeb] [https://home.edweb.net/upcoming-webinars/](https://home.edweb.net/upcoming-webinars/)

**June 14**

**The Nine Competencies of Programming Librarians: Findings from NILPPA, ALA’s National Study of Library Public Programs**

The ALA Public Programs Office and a team of researchers conducted the National Impact of Library Public Programs Assessment (NILPPA), an intensive two-year research study that asked: what competencies and training are required for professionals working with library programming today? In this free 60-minute webinar—the second in a two-part series—NILPPA research team members will share the nine core library programming competency areas unearthed by the research and how they can help us prepare the library workers of tomorrow and today, along with some surprising findings about how and where we learn to plan library programs. (NILPPA/ALA) [http://ow.ly/FWTs30ohZD](http://ow.ly/FWTs30ohZD)

**June 17**

**STEM for Frontline Staff**

STEM programs are a fun way to engage kids and encourage them to learn outside of school. Everyone in the library has a role to play in providing a high-quality STEM experience in your community. During this webinar, frontline library staff and those not directly involved with STEM programming will learn different ways to support STEM programs and initiatives at their libraries. A great fit for circ staff, pages, and libraries that may not have the capacity to provide STEM programs but still want to support STEM learning in their communities. (Idaho Commission for Libraries) [https://libraries.idaho.gov/continuing-education/info2go/](https://libraries.idaho.gov/continuing-education/info2go/)

**June 19**

**NCompass Live: Growing Partnerships Where Least Expected**

Tina Walker, Keene Memorial Library Director, will share the who, what, how, and why of the many community partnerships we have developed. We have spent over 2 years analyzing, planning and implementing outreach in Fremont and the surrounding communities that have helped to increase awareness of our library services and community importance. Some of the partnerships you might look at and say “how does that fit the library” but you can be presently surprised by how well some of these easily fit into our collaboration plans. The main message is “don’t knock it til you try it”. We will share some wonderful success stories and how they are making an impact on the future of the library. (Nebraska Library Commission) [http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL)

**June 26**

**How to Have Critical Conversations**

It’s impossible to avoid difficult conversations at work. How many times have you run into a conflict with a colleague? In a one-on-one meeting with your supervisor? Working as a team with your peers? Or even publicly questioned? Join this webinar to learn from our expert how to have these sometimes-painful conversations. (GovLoop) [https://www.govloop.com/training/](https://www.govloop.com/training/)

**June 27**

**Check It Out! New Books for Ages 0-18**

Join us on the last Thursday of each month for a review of brand new titles published for ages 0-18. You’ll hear short booktalks of new titles (and new entries in ongoing series) from major and Indie publishers and get ideas on how to keep up with the endless flood of what’s new in kidlit and young adult literature. (State Library of Iowa) [https://bit.ly/2W8AmQ](https://bit.ly/2W8AmQ)

**Five Crucial Elements of Relationship Centered Leadership**

In this empowering webinar, early education leadership and organizational effectiveness expert, Rosa Carrillo, will draw on multiple sources from neuroscience, psychology and sociology to provide evidence that relationships form the nucleus of both an emotionally healthy workplace and high-quality programs. (Early Childhood Investigations) [https://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/presentations](https://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/presentations)

**Picture This: Using Instagram to Connect and Engage Your Users**

This session will show you how to make the best use of your Instagram account through mobile photography tips, content ideas, and special projects that bring your online content into your library. We will also look at the best way to connect with your users who use Instagram through social listening, geotagging, and building relationships with influencers. (Georgia Library Association) [https://gila.georgialibraries.org/carterette-series-webinars/](https://gila.georgialibraries.org/carterette-series-webinars/)

**NCompass Live: Growing Partnerships Where Least Expected**

Tina Walker, Keene Memorial Library Director, will share the who, what, how, and why of the many community partnerships we have developed. We have spent over 2 years analyzing, planning and implementing outreach in Fremont and the surrounding communities that have helped to increase awareness of our library services and community importance. Some of the partnerships you might look at and say “how does that fit the library” but you can be presently surprised by how well some of these easily fit into our collaboration plans. The main message is “don’t knock it til you try it”. We will share some wonderful success stories and how they are making an impact on the future of the library. (Nebraska Library Commission) [http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL)

**How to Have Critical Conversations**

It’s impossible to avoid difficult conversations at work. How many times have you run into a conflict with a colleague? In a one-on-one meeting with your supervisor? Working as a team with your peers? Or even publicly questioned? Join this webinar to learn from our expert how to have these sometimes-painful conversations. (GovLoop) [https://www.govloop.com/training/](https://www.govloop.com/training/)