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June Cultural Heritage Highlights



Pride Month

This month seeks to raise awareness in society from a positive stance on the rights of the LGBTQ community, as well as to promote safe spaces where inclusion prevails and violence and discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people are eradicated.

The month is dedicated to promoting equal rights, as well as increasing LGBTQ visibility as a social group while celebrating sexual diversity and gender variance. Why was June chosen? Because it is when the Stonewall Riots took place in 1969.

[Explore Pride Month on PBS](#)

[NYSED guidance document for transgender and gender-nonconforming students](#)

[GLSEN educator resources](#)



Learn About and Celebrate Juneteenth

[Learn more about Juneteenth on PBS](#)

[Explore Juneteenth programs and videos on PBS](#)

[Resources and information from the New York State Museum Office of State History](#)

[Celebrating Juneteenth on Long Island](#)

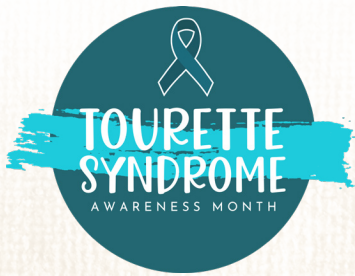
[Join the Town of Brookhaven in celebrating Juneteenth!](#)



National Caribbean American Month

National Caribbean American Month is celebrated every June to honor and celebrate the Caribbean-American population. People from this community have contributed greatly to the development of the nation in areas of science, medicine, architecture and much more. There are also numerous Caribbean Americans whose services the U.S is grateful for. Caribbean immigrants have been contributing to the well-being of American society since its founding. Alexander Hamilton, the First Secretary of the Treasury was from the Caribbean island of Nevis. We count among our famous sons and daughters, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Cicely Tyson, W.E.B Dubois, James Weldon Johnson, Harry Belafonte and Sidney Poitier to name a few. This month aims to recognize the contributions of all Caribbean-American people and to teach people more about their culture and history.

[Explore Caribbean American Heritage Month on PBS](#)



May 15-June 15 is Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month

Tourette Syndrome (TS) is part of a spectrum of hereditary, childhood-onset, neurodevelopmental conditions referred to as Tic Disorders. These conditions affect both children and adults, causing them to make sudden, uncontrollable movements and/or sounds called tics. Teal Tuesdays – Wear Teal on Tuesdays: Cover yourself in teal from head to toe! Get creative and post your pictures on social media – clothes, ties, bracelets, buttons, hair, nail polish, face paint – be all in for Tourette awareness!

[Learn more from the Tourette Association of America](#)



Global Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia, a general term for memory loss and other cognitive abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60-80% of dementia cases. Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging.

[Take action to fight Alzheimer's](#)
[Alzheimer's Association local events](#)

