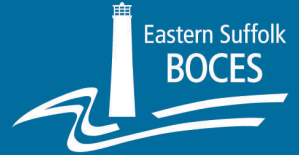


# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity

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## April Cultural Heritage Highlights



### Autism Acceptance Month

April is Autism Acceptance Month, established to raise awareness about and acceptance of the developmental disability that impacts an individual's experience of the world around them. Autism is a complex developmental condition affecting the patient's ability to interact, communicate, and progress, has not one but many subtypes. First held in the year 1972 by the Autism Society, Autism Acceptance Month emphasizes the need for public awareness to promote acceptance, celebrate the differences, and be more inclusive towards autistic individuals around us.

### To celebrate and learn more about Autism Acceptance Month

[World Autism Acceptance Week](#)

[World Autism Awareness Day- April 2](#)

[Autism Speaks](#)

[Autism Sensory Experience](#)

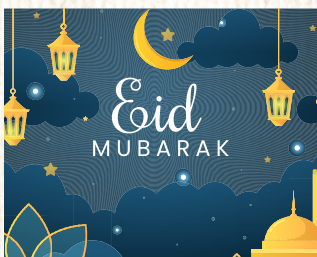


### Arab American Heritage Month

National Arab American Heritage Month (NAAHM) is a time for celebrating the history, contributions, and culture of the diverse population of Arab Americans.

To learn more about [The Arab American Community](#)

For teaching resources about [Arab American Heritage](#)



### Eid Mubarak 2023

Eid 2023 is on the Evening of Friday April 21, 2023 - Evening of Saturday April 22, 2023. Eid al Fitr is a three-day holiday that ends the Islamic month of Ramadan. Known as the "Festival of breaking fast," Muslims will celebrate with family and food after the end of a long fast, joining with one another for prayer and other traditions.

To learn more about [Eid al Fitr | All About the Holidays](#)





### Passover 2023

Passover celebrates the biblical story of Exodus. Find out more about the story of Exodus and how Jews today honor the story with family and friends.

[To learn more about Passover | All About the Holidays](#)



### Easter 2023

Easter is widely considered the most important Christian holiday. The holiday celebrates the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion.

[To learn more about Easter | All About the Holidays](#)



### Earth Day 2023

In 2023 we must come together again in partnership for the planet. We must join together in our fight for the green revolution, and for the health of future generations. The time is now to "Invest In Our Planet".

[To celebrate Earth Day on Long Island](#)

Watch a video about [8 ways to Celebrate Earth Day](#)

[Earth Day Anthem](#)

To Learn more about [Earth Day 2023](#)



### Month of the Military Child 2023

Although it is celebrated throughout the month of April, Wednesday, April 19, 2023 is known as "Purple Up!" day. Please note that states, districts and schools may select a different date(s).

[To download letter templates and resources to promote your support](#)

Read a memo from Betty A. Rosa, Commissioner [April-Month of the Military Child or Purple! For Military Kids](#)

[Programs Sponsored by Veterans' Services](#)



### National Poetry Month - April 2023

Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month is a special occasion that celebrates poets' integral role in our culture and that poetry matters.

Share a #PocketPoem on [Poem in Your Pocket Day](#)

To learn more about [National Poetry Month](#)

Listen to [Dear Poet 2023: Marilyn Chin Reads "ADVICE \(For E\)"](#)



### National Library Week 2023, April 23-29

The first theme ever in 1958 was "Wake up and Read!". The theme for 2023 national library week is "There's More to the Story."

[Celebration Days During National Library Week](#)

[To learn tips for reading more](#)

[Long Island Event Calendar: Bridging the Long Island Library Community](#)

