

APRIL NEWSLETTER

This Month's Celebrations

Arab American Heritage Month,
Autism Acceptance Month

2nd World Autism Awareness Day

6th Laylat al-Qadr (Islamic)

Vishu Festival (Malayali New Year) -
April 14/15

10th Eid Al-Fitr (Islamic: End of
Ramadan)

13th Vaisakhi (Sikh)

14th- 16th Cambodian New Year

22nd Passover/Pesach (April 22 -
April 30)

22nd Earth Day

21st Festival of Ridvan (Baha'i) (April
21 - May 3)

24th Theravada New Year (Buddhist)

24th-30th Holy Week (Christian)

Spring is in the air!

There are days in the PNW
when spring feels like this:

Spring air
— woven moon
and plum scent. Basho
(Poetry Foundation)

At other days, it is - yes! - more
like this:

It was cold and windy, scarcely
the day
to take a walk on that
long beach. Elizabeth
Bishop (Poetry
Foundation)

Whatever the weather, spring
speaks of life emerging after
darkness - so do this month's
celebrations. We hope you can
join us in learning together!

Spotlight on:

Autism Acceptance Month

Autism Acceptance Month invites us to learn more about Autism and act to support the community. Learning invites us to deeper reflection on our biases, perceptions, and use of language. In 2020, Autism Awareness Month was replaced by Autism Acceptance Month, after a decade of advocacy.*

Words matter: the change from awareness to acceptance destigmatizes Autism and highlights the importance of “accepting autism as natural part of the human experience to foster meaningful dialogue.”* Acceptance goes further in the road to inclusion: it celebrates our uniqueness and the strength in our diversity. We are, indeed, stronger together!

Check out the resources section to learn about the “road to acceptance,” what it means to live with Autism, and ways to act.

*Autism Acceptance vs Awareness: Is There a Difference? - Autism Parenting Magazine

Acceptance, not just awareness: Changing the conversation around Autism - UW Combined Fund Drive

At the D&E Center:

Documentary Screening (rescheduled):

Taking Roots, April 23, 1-3PM CC1-002

A Conversation on Immigration: DACA and Know Your Rights with Professor Rivera.

Tuesday, April 11, CC1-010

The immigration issues around us are pressing, impacting our community directly and indirectly. The current political rhetoric on immigration often prevents meaningful understanding and dialogue. Professor Rivera is an immigration attorney and the Director of the Immigration Justice Clinic at Seattle University School of Law. Join us to learn about immigration. You can submit your questions ahead of time by accessing this

Forms link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Y6t9S58GMX>

Creative Corner with the Library Community Reads.

Wednesday, April 10, 11am-12pm, CC1-002.

From the Community Reads Team: "Drop into a casual session with the Campus Library's Community Reads team to enjoy snacks, share space with community members, and read and/or write climate fiction.

Learn how to submit your work to the Climate Fiction Awards for a chance to win a prize of up to \$500!"

River Defenders: Fighting for the Amazon and Duwamish Rivers and Communities.

Tuesday, April 9, 1-3pm, CC1-010

This year's Global Education Committee theme is "Rivers." In partnership with Cascadia/UWB Sustainability, join us in learning with these river defenders: Jamie Hearn, Director of Environmental Law and Climate Policy at the Duwamish River Community Coalition, will talk about her work in a contaminated area in our own backyard. Johny Giffoni, Public Defender in the Brazilian Amazon region state of Pará, will talk about approaches to protecting the river and the communities in the area. The state of Pará will host the 30th meeting of the parties to the UN Conference on Climate Change (COP 30).

(FREE) COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

[Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival](https://seattlecenter.com)
(seattlecenter.com)

[Skagit Valley Tulip Festival](#)
[Skagit Valley Tulip Festival: Washington's Largest Tulip Gardens](#)

[Discover Free Pass Day](#)
[Discover Pass, WA - Official Website | Official Website](#)

[Volunteer at the Seattle Arboretum Earth Day - Arboretum Foundation](#)

[Earth-A-Ton Celebration](#)
[Earth-a-thon 2024 | DemocracyLab](#)

[King County Earth Day Earth Week 2024 - King County, Washington](#)

[Earth Day City of Bothell Earth Day | Bothell WA](#)

[Snohomish County Earth Day Earth Day 2024 | Snohomish County, WA - Official Website](#)
(snohomishcountywa.gov)

[Living with Autism. I have autism. That's not something I... | by Kern Wallace | Medium](#)

[Identity-First Language - Autistic Self Advocacy Network](#)
(autisticadvocacy.org)

[Action Center \(votervoice.net\)](#)

[Resource Library - Autistic Self Advocacy Network](#)
(autisticadvocacy.org)

[About Us | The Color of Autism Foundation](#)

[Resources - UW Autism](#)
(washington.edu)

[Road to Acceptance | Autism Society](#)

[Organizations - UW Autism](#)
(washington.edu)

[TEA-Rex Tea Party for Autism Tickets, Sat, Apr 20, 2024 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)