

## Free Virtual Library & Cultural Center Events to Celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month with virtual author & book talks, info panels, food talks & more. Here's a list of free events from APALA members across the United States (and one Canadian event) to celebrate & learn something new.



Flyer created by Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) member Michelle Lee

**Saturday, May 1 - Tuesday, May 31, Ongoing online program**

**Fighting for the American Dream: APIA WWII Gold Medalists**, San Francisco State University, San Francisco Public Library, Square and Circle Club and The Association of Chinese Teachers

Access online activities, slide shows, videos, and resources to commemorate the accomplishments of Asian Pacific Islander American WWII war veterans. For all ages.

<https://apiabiography.sfsu.edu>

**Thursday, April 28, 3-5 p.m. PST**

**Oceans of Solidarity: Movement Building and Art Across the Pacific**, San Jose State University APIDA Center

A dark history of imperialism and colonization are vibrant genealogies of solidarity between Asians, Pacific Islanders, and Desis in America and abroad. Learn about our shared stories and how we can use art as a means to reflect on and process past and contemporary struggles. With Zoom closed captioning.

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2022  
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ASIAN AMERICAN  
PACIFIC ISLANDER  
HERITAGE MONTH

## Monday, May 2, 6:30-8 p.m. EST

**Memory, Experience & Imagination in Works of Lao & Hmong American Authors**, U.S. Library of Congress

This event provides a forum for Lao and Hmong American authors to discuss their work and intellectual endeavors. Writers Kao Kalia Yang, Bryan Thao Worra and Thavisouk Phrasavath will reflect on their work, then join an audience conversation.

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## Tuesday, May 3, 1 p.m. EST

**AAPI Communities in Conversation: Jai Chakrabarti**, The University of South Carolina's Augusta Baker Endowed Chair, Publishers Weekly, and Penguin Random House Library Marketing

Jai Chakrabarti, author of *A Play at the End of the World*, in conversation with Jenay Solomon of University of Iowa Libraries. This series of live online conversations between writers, creators, and librarians will center Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) voices, books, cultures, and experiences.

<https://bit.ly/3EKdPM3>



## Wednesday, May 4, 12 p.m. EST

**Homegrown: Herb Ohta Jr.**, U.S. Library of Congress

International recording artist Herb Ohta, Jr., is one of today's most prolific ukulele masters. Influenced by Jazz, R&B, Latin and Brazilian music, as well as traditional Hawaiian sounds. Request ADA accommodations five business days in advance at (202) 707-6362 or [ADA@loc.gov](mailto:ADA@loc.gov).

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## Wed., May 4, 12:30 p.m. EST

**Patsy Takemoto Mink: First Woman of Color in Congress**, U.S. Library of Congress

In honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month, Judy Tzu-Chun Wu and Gwendolyn Mink join us to discuss their new kid's biography of Rep. Patsy Takemoto Mink, *Fierce and Fearless: Patsy Takemoto Mink, First Woman of Color in Congress*.

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## Saturday, May 7, 1 p.m. PST

**Anti-Asian Hate in the Time of Covid**, San Francisco Public Library

Author and San Francisco State University Professor Russell Jeung, co-founder of Stop AAPI Hate, discusses the shifting media landscape amidst anti-Asian hate incidents during the COVID-19 pandemic. For accessible services email [accessibility@sfpl.org](mailto:accessibility@sfpl.org) or call (415) 557-4400.

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## Saturday, May 7, 1 p.m. PST

**Art and Healing After Genocide: A Conversation With Boreth Ly and Phung X. Huynh**, Los Angeles Public Library

Join an inter-generational panel discussion on the conflict in Cambodia, how it affected Cambodians and refugees, and the role of arts and culture in the healing process with Boreth Ly & Phung X. Huynh. Ly is University of California Santa Cruz Associate Professor of Southeast Asian Art History and Visual Culture. Huynh is a Los Angeles-based artist and educator whose practice includes drawing, painting, public art, and com.

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## Saturday, May 7, 4 p.m. PST

**A Conversation With Chef T**, Los Angeles Public Library

Explore Cambodian cooking with Chef "T" Tarak Visoth Ouk, co-organizer/executive Chef at Gladstone's in Long Beach. Chef T will discuss his journey to becoming a chef and demonstrate how to make a Cambodian dish. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 3 days before the event.

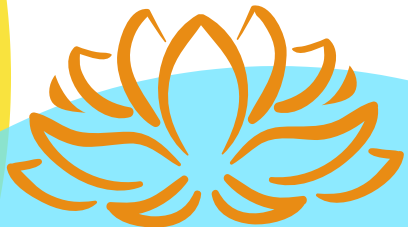
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## Monday, May 9, 11:30 a.m. EST

**Making Scallion Pancakes with Ms. Nicole**, Hoboken Public Library, New Jersey

Learn how to make delicious scallion pancakes for AAPI month with Ms. Nicole. Ms. Nicole will be demonstrating how to make scallion pancakes on Facebook Live.

<https://bccls.libcal.com/event/9045976>  
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## Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m. EST

**Virtual Panel Discussion: Make Us Visible NJ**, various New Jersey libraries and groups

Make Us Visible NJ is a coalition of students, parents, educators and community members who advocated for the inclusion of AAPI history in the K-12 curriculum of New Jersey public schools. This event is for teens, adults and senior citizens.

Make Us Visible NJ Board Members will discuss how they led a statewide coalition that advocated for the passage of the AAPI Curriculum Bill, which mandates the inclusion of AAPI history in NJ public schools, and established the NJ Department of Education Commission on Asian American Heritage.

Moderated by Jennie Pu, Hoboken Public Library director, and Shanshan Ming, Trenton Public Library supervising librarian.

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## Wednesday, May 11, 3 p.m. EST

**Virtual Teen Comics Chat**, The New York Public Library Riverside, 53rd St & Pelham Parkway-Van Nest Branches

Join us as three young adult librarians talk about our favorite comics that we hope you'll check out for Asian American Pacific Islander & Jewish American Heritage Month. With Google Meet closed captioning.

[tinyurl.com/May2022comicschat](https://tinyurl.com/May2022comicschat)

## Saturday, May 14, 1 & 4 p.m. PST

**The Big Read: Andrea Nguyen (1 p.m.) and Nguyen Tran (Starry Kitchen - 4 p.m.)**, Los Angeles Public Library

Explore Vietnamese cooking and make nuoc chấm with cookbook author Andrea Nguyen. Then enjoy an action-packed variety show from chef/author Nguyen Tran. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 3 days prior to the event.

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**Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m. PST**



**Chinatown Rising Screening & Filmmaker Discussion**, San Francisco Public Library

*Chinatown Rising* is a documentary film about the Asian American movement from the perspective of the young residents on the front lines of their historic neighborhood in transition. A discussion with producer and co-director Joshua Chuck follows the screening. For accessible services email [accessibility@sfpl.org](mailto:accessibility@sfpl.org) or call (415) 557-4400.

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**Wed., May 18, 6 p.m. CST**

**Virtual Book Club: *Troublemaker* by John Cho**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign School of Information Sciences Center for Children's Books and the Indiana State University Library

Join our virtual book club to discuss the middle grade novel *Troublemaker* by John Cho. We welcome special guest Alvina Ling, Vice President and Editor-in-Chief at LITTLE, BROWN AND COMPANY Books for Young Readers, who edited the book.

<https://ccb.ischool.illinois.edu>

**Thursday, May 19, 6 p.m. EST**

**Asian American Writers in Conversation**, Queens Public Library

The writers on the panel include Patricia Park, Tashie Bhuiyan, and Amy Dong. Park, author of *Re Jane*, is an Assistant Professor of Creative Writing at American University. Bhuiyan is the author of the YA novels *Counting Down With You* and upcoming book *A Show for Two*. Dong is the author of *Twenty-One Years Young: Essays*. For teens and adults.

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**Saturday, May 21, 1 p.m. PST**

**The Big Read: Cynthia Thai**, Los Angeles Public Library

Come listen to Cynthia Thai (Thái Doanh Doanh) talk about her experiences as a second-generation Vietnamese American singing in Vietnamese and her family's experiences publishing Sài Gòn Times and the creation of the Boat People memorial. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 3 days prior to the event.

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**Saturday, May 21, 4 p.m. PST**

**The Big Read: Meet Laos Angeles**, Los Angeles Public Library

Learn about Lao culture and listen to stories from the diaspora. Laos Angeles is a Los Angeles-based, progressive and inclusive community organization highlighting the diaspora of Laos. We seek to advocate and advance our identity and representation in entertainment and mainstream media.

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**Sat., May 28, 2-3:30 p.m. PST**

**All or Nothing: From the Page to the Stage**, Vancouver Asian Canadian Theatre (VACT), and Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society (VAHMS)

Join us for this virtual event as we hear from three young talented Asian Canadian playwrights: Carolyn Nakagawa, Davey Calderon, and Derek Chan - who are working in the cross-intersections of genres, identities, and communities - about their own creative process of going from page to stage.

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