

JUNETEENTH

2021 Events & Resources Guide



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2021 marks the first time that Juneteenth will be an official holiday in New Jersey. Organizations across our region are marking the occasion with programs that commemorate the end of slavery by connecting it to the ongoing struggles for racial equality and civil rights. The team at API will be joining others in honoring this living history by attending events that center Black voices and examining how we can further our personal and organizational commitments to equality and intersectionality. We invite you to stand with us as we face the past and look to a more equitable future.



THURSDAY, JUNE 17

Juneteenth Celebration | William Still at 200

Join the Blockson Collection in celebrating Juneteenth and commemorating the bicentennial of William Still's birth (b. 1821). In this program, Charles L. Blockson and Valerie Still discuss the importance of William Still, the Underground Railroad, and its relevance today. They will also discuss connections between the Still family, the Blockson family, Harriet Tubman, and the fight for freedom.

2:00 PM - [CLICK HERE](#)

They Were Her Property

The Library Company of Philadelphia's Juneteenth Freedom Program will explore Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers book "They Were Her Property: White Women as Slave Owners in the American South." It will also feature poet David Mills, who will be reading poems about slavery in New York City and Massachusetts.

5:30 PM - [CLICK HERE](#)

Is Progress A Slow Process? A Celebration of Juneteenth

Join the NJYD Black Caucus and special guests for a discussion on the history of Juneteenth and how increased attention to it over the past few years has helped shed light on recent developments on race in America.

6:00 PM - [CLICK HERE](#)

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

On Juneteenth — A Virtual Discussion with Annette Gordon-Reed

Join the American Philosophical Society for a virtual discussion with Annette Gordon-Reed (APS Class of 2019) on her new book, "On Juneteenth." Dr. Gordon-Reed combines her own scholarship with a personal and intimate reflection of an overlooked holiday that has suddenly taken on new significance in a post-George Floyd world.

2:00 - 3:00 PM - [CLICK HERE](#)

Tour of Civil War and Reconstruction Exhibit

Join the Constitution Center for a live guided tour of the exhibition "Civil War and Reconstruction: The Battle for Freedom and Equality." Learn how constitutional clashes over slavery set the stage for the Civil War, and how the nation transformed the Constitution during the Reconstruction period by taking a close look at the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments.

12:30 PM - [CLICK HERE](#)

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Thee Phantom & The Illharmonic Orchestra: Juneteenth Celebration

Thee Phantom & The Illharmonic Orchestra present a special Juneteenth online performance showcasing lyrics, rhythm, and music which have historically been a source of healing and empowerment for African Americans. Thee Phantom & The Illharmonic Orchestra use music to shine a spotlight on the importance of representation.

6:00 PM - [CLICK HERE](#)

The Newark Museum of Art Community Day: Juneteenth

Explore the significance of Juneteenth with the Newark Museum of Art as they take you on a deep dive into history, discussing how to better equip ourselves with the tools necessary to bring reform and activate change in the present and future.

10:30 AM - [CLICK HERE](#)

Freedom Stories: Juneteenth Family Online Event

Presented by Young Audiences of PA and NJ, the New Jersey State Museum will feature gifted storyteller TAHIRA as she shares tales of freedom fighters in a dramatic performance. A compelling look at the people who took extraordinary risks for freedom, this program emphasizes the importance of having courage in the face of inequality and injustice.

10:00 AM - [CLICK HERE](#)

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 CONT.

Mother Bethel Virtual Walking Tour

Discover the story of Richard Allen, a minister who founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the first independent Black denomination in the United States. Allen was co-founder of the Free African Society, a mutual aid organization founded the same year as the formation of the United States Constitution in 1787, and opened his first AME church, Mother Bethel, in Philadelphia in 1794. Join The Museum of the American Revolution for a virtual exploration of Mother Bethel, including its story-rich stained-glass windows and burial ground, where people from the Revolutionary-era are interred.

10:00 AM - [CLICK HERE](#)

Freedom Stories: Juneteenth Family Online Event

Join Philadelphia's ARTrageous in a free virtual Paint & Sip as they celebrate Juneteenth and their studio's 4th anniversary. This event is great for a girl's night out, a fun date, or just a way to wrap up your week! Experience painting your canvas along with some great music, games, giveaways, and good vibes while having fun.

6:00 PM - [CLICK HERE](#)

SOUTHERN NJ/PHILLY REGION

Juneteenth Candle Light Vigil & Memorial Event

230 Wilmer St, Glassboro, NJ

Join the Black & Brilliant Events Team and community for the 2nd Annual Juneteenth Candle Light Vigil & Memorial Event, a time for culture and unity in remembrance of Juneteenth.

June 19, 2021 @ 1:00 – 6:00 PM - [CLICK HERE](#)

Juneteenth Celebration at AAMP

701 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA

AAMP partners with Wawa Welcome America and Visit Philadelphia to host a full day of family-friendly outdoor festivities to commemorate the Juneteenth holiday. The Museum's Juneteenth celebration will include educational activities for youth and families, tasty bites and handmade wares sold by local vendors, and a live stage featuring performances by Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble, Nina "Lyrispect" Ball, Aijee, Drum Like a Lady, Warren Oree and the Arpeggio Jazz Ensemble, and V. Shayne Frederick.

June 19, 2021 @ 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM - [CLICK HERE](#)

Juneteenth Arts Festival

405 S. Main Street Williamstown, NJ

Join the Grand Theatre: Home of The Road Company for their very first Juneteenth arts festival. Through the art of vocal performances, dance, poetry, artistry, workshops, play readings, and more, The Road Company is excited to educate the community, inspire artists, and uplift the culture as they focus on unity and celebration.

June 19, 2021 @ 10:00 AM - [CLICK HERE](#)

The Role of the Artist in the Journey Toward Freedom with Caroline Williams

Cheyney University Of Pennsylvania, 1837 University Circle, Thornbury Township, PA

Caroline Randall Williams, acclaimed writer and public intellectual will give a lecture on the role of the artist in the journey towards freedom. The program will also feature performances from the winners of the inaugural “I Matter” Poetry competition, as they share their powerful poems and art on why Black Lives Matter.

June 19, 2021 @ 5:00 - 8:00 PM - [CLICK HERE](#)

Perkins Center for the Arts Juneteenth Celebration

395 Kings Highway, Moorestown, NJ

Join the Perkins Center for the Arts for their outside celebration of freedom for Juneteenth. Enjoy live music, vendors, and artists, as well as live speakers and historians discussing the meaning behind Juneteenth.

June 19, 2021 @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - [CLICK HERE](#)

LEARN MORE ABOUT JUNETEENTH

- [#WEAREJUNETEENTH – Emancipation Park Conservancy \(epconservancy.org\)](#)
- [Who We Are – Juneteenth Foundation \(thejuneteenthfoundation.com\)](#)
- [Juneteenth World Wide Celebration](#)
- [What Is Juneteenth? - HISTORY](#)
- [Juneteenth | National Museum of African American History and Culture \(si.edu\)](#)
- [Why all Americans should honor Juneteenth - YouTube](#)
- [This Is Why Juneteenth Is Important for America - YouTube](#)

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