

Juneteenth 2021 Resources

Juneteenth ("June" plus "nineteenth", observed on June 19) is definitely one of the most significant celebrations in Black culture. It is the most popular annual celebration of emancipation from slavery in the United States, filled with the dualities of both pain and joy.

Please learn, explore, and enjoy, these [resources](#) to learn more about the history and importance of Juneteenth:

EVENTS

- [New York Public Library Events](#) | <https://www.nypl.org/events/juneteenth>

Explore this list of adult and kids events happening all week!

- [Weeksville Heritage Center Event | Meals as Collective Memory:](#)
<https://www.weeksvillesociety.org/new-events-1/2021/6/19/meals-as-collective-memory>

Saturday, June 19, 2021

12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Weeksville Heritage Center ([map](#))

Celebrate Juneteenth and Black foodways in Brooklyn with Weeksville Heritage Center! *Meals as Collective Memory* is a free, interactive event celebrates Brooklyn's Black food culture; looks into the role of community fridges during the pandemic; and examines past year's events through the lens of the kitchen. The event includes lively food demonstrations, a conversation about community fridges and food insecurity, and a thought-provoking discussion about the comfort Black foodways and the concept of the kitchen as a refuge.

THE HISTORY OF JUNETEENTH | RESOURCES

- <https://www.theroot.com/what-is-juneteenth-1790896900>
- <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/juneteenth-our-other-independence-day-16340952/>
- <http://www.us-organization.org/position/documents/MaintainingtheMeaningofJuneteenth.pdf>
- <https://www.juneteenth.com/history.htm>
- <https://austinpbs.org/juneteenth/>
- <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/african-americans-many-rivers-to-cross/history/what-is-juneteenth/>

Educate. Reeducate. Learn.

- [Racial Equity Resources for Educators](#)
Navigate difficult conversations, challenge bias, and create an inclusive space for your students to process current events.
- [Researching Historic Juneteenth Celebrations](#)
A look back at some memorable past Juneteenth celebrations and events as reported in many of the popular African-American newspapers of the time, all available through The New York Public Library's electronic resources.

Juneteenth in Historical Brooklyn:

- <https://lefferts.brooklynhistory.org/slavery-in-brooklyn/>
 - <http://pursuitoffreedom.org/abolitionist-brooklyn/>
 - <https://patch.com/new-york/fortgreene/juneteenth-and-slavery-in-brooklyn>
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VIDEOS TO WATCH

- *The Root* | Juneteenth: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iu6ntwHws5g>
 - A Juneteenth Celebration: <https://vimeo.com/158752851>
 - [Watch Again: Juneteenth Storytimes](#)
Enjoy eight special storytime videos, including readings by authors Mahogany L. Browne, Ibi Zoboi, Carole Boston Weatherford, Kim Johnson, and Kelly Starling Lyons, and elected officials Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson and State Senator Jamaal T. Bailey.
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BOOKS

Juneteenth Reads for All Ages | [NY Public Library Book Resource List](#)

SOME FAVORITES**

- [Juneteenth by Ralph Ellison](#)
 - [Freedom's Child: a Juneteenth story by Valerie Wilson Wesley](#)
 - [All Different Now: Juneteenth, the first day of freedom by Angela Johnson](#)
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MUSIC

June is Black Music Month! When it comes to music, the Black community stands unique in defining the sound of the times and influencing society. Black artists have inspired music for generations across all genres, from hip-hop, R&B, soul, pop, rock, country, jazz, and more.

- [Apple Music | Juneteenth: Freedom Songs](#)

This year, Apple Music announced their new original playlist titled *Juneteenth 2021 Freedom Songs* featuring artists such as Black Thought, D Smoke, H.E.R., Kirk Franklin, Chloe x Halle, Tobe Nwigwe and more.

- [Spotify | Black History is Now](#)

Check out the ever-updating *Black History Is Now* hub featuring a deep well of notable Black curators, celebrities, creatives, and more.

To commemorate, celebrate, and recognize the day that slavery ended in the United States, Spotify has made Juneteenth a permanent company holiday for all U.S. employees. To underscore the importance of Juneteenth this year, Spotify's flagship playlist *New Music Friday* will exclusively feature Black artists from Friday, June 19, through June 26. Additionally, Spotify's New Music Friday billboards in Times Square will be dedicated only to Black artists on June 19.

PODCASTS

[The "Grandmother of Juneteenth" on the Holiday's Past, Present and Future](#)