

DEIAB DIGEST

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Belonging

VOLUME 3, ISSUE 6

JUNE 2024

PRIDE MONTH



Pride Month, typically June, is dedicated to celebration and commemoration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) pride. It began after the Stonewall riots, a series of gay liberation protests in 1969. Modern-day Pride Month both honors the movement for LGBT(QIA+) rights and celebrates LGBTQIA+ culture.

Rochester celebrates Pride in July!

DEIAB SPOTLIGHT: James Fontanez



Position: Member Services Associate

How long have you worked at WXXI: 1yr and 4 months

Describe your job in 5 words: Showing members kindness and understanding.

Favorite cookie: Peanut butter blossoms

Favorite restaurant: Old Pueblo Grill

What are you reading or watching: Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder

Juneteenth 2024



Juneteenth, officially Juneteenth National Independence Day, is a federal holiday in the United States. It is celebrated annually on June 19 to commemorate the ending of slavery. The holiday's name is a portmanteau of the words "June" and "nineteenth", as it was on June 19, 1865, when Major General Gordon Granger ordered the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas at the end of the American Civil War.

Juneteenth is the oldest-known celebration marking the end of slavery in the United States, first recognized by the state of Texas. It is also known as "Freedom Day," "Juneteenth National Independence Day," or "Emancipation Day."

Being An Ally

The dictionary definition of ally is "a person or organization that cooperates with or helps another in a particular activity." In today's society, the term has taken on a more urgent and active meaning, however it is often misunderstood or misused to imply good intentions, often without action or with action for unproductive reasons.

For this reason, ally or allyship can be triggering terms for those who experience racism, oppression, and discrimination on a regular basis. Informed action is important for those who strive to be allies with marginalized people and communities.

Read: [The Guide to Allyship](#)

Watch: [5 Tips for Being An Ally](#)

DEI BOOK CLUB June Selection

PRIDELAND is a short-form 6-part digital series following host and actor Dyllón Burnside (from FX's "Pose") on a journey across the South. [Prideland](#) highlights authentic personal stories brought to life through Burnside's curious, exploratory lens. As an LGBTQ+ advocate, he guides viewers into the South's various LGBTQ+ communities, connecting with people of different backgrounds, locations, experiences, and points of view.

Watch here [Prideland](#)

Join our discussion on Thursday, June 27 at 10:00 pm.

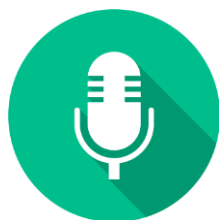
DEI Learning Journal Prompt

Questions for Self-Reflection:

How can you become an informed ally?

What are three concrete ways that you can put this into practice in your daily life?





RADIO

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS ON 91.5

WXXI Classical Daily Hosts

Brenda Tremblay 6:00 – 10:00 am
Steve Johnson 12:00 – 4:00 pm
Mona Seghatoleslami 4:00 – 7:00 pm

WRUR Daily Hosts

9-12 Opening Tunings with Scott Regan
2-4 The Afternoon with Yarms
Full schedule [here](#)

Besure to check our the WXXI Classical website for the Classical radio schedule, to listen live and read Classical music news from all over
<https://www.wxxiclassical.org/>

African American Music Appreciation Month

June is African American Music Appreciation Month! Created by President Jimmy Carter in 1979, this month celebrates the African American musical influences that comprise an essential part of our nation's treasured cultural heritage. Learn more [here](#)

Take Me to the Water



Wednesday
6/19 at
3:00-
4:00pm.
This one-
hour special

featuring harpist Ashley Jackson's program is an immersive audio experience that touches on themes from African mythology, the antebellum spiritual traditional and water's transportive, transmogrifying nature. Hosted by Vernon Neal (host of the podcast "Rhapsody in Black.")

Classical Bog and Arts Features

[Tyshawn Sorey wins 2024 Pulitzer Prize in music for 'Adagio \(For Wadada Leo Smith\)'](#)

SFSO kicks off a new season with a world premiere by composer Trevor Weston Meet the first winner of its annual Emerging Black Composers Project: Trevor Weston, professor of music at Drew University in Madison, NJ
[Read more](#)

[8 Tracks: No beef, just a Madlib beat](#) Madlib's music feels like a magic trick.

[Jeff Beal's new collection of solo piano work speaks to living with multiple sclerosis](#)

NPR's Scott Simon talks with composer Jeff Beal about his new collection of solo piano works, "The New York Etudes," and about living and working with multiple sclerosis.



Move to Include is a national initiative that uses the power of public media to promote inclusion. Project Manager Sarah Abbamonte
<https://movetoinclude.us/>

MOVE TO INCLUDE ON DEMAND

Check out our playlist on the PBS App at
<https://www.pbs.org/show/move-to-include/>

"The Tuba Thieves" [Watch Here](#)

"unseen" [Watch Here](#)

ASL Playlist on PBS Kids [Watch Here](#)

MOVE TO INCLUDE ON TELEVISION

"Understanding Autism"

6/11 at 5:00 pm
Understanding Autism follows filmmaker Scott Steindorff as he aims to discover more about his own autism. [Info](#)

"4 Wheel Bob"

6/13 at 5:00 pm
The story of Bob Coomber, an intrepid adventurer who sets out to become the first wheelchair hiker to cross the 11,845 foot Kearsarge Pass in the Sierra Nevada of California [Info](#)

"Becoming Frida Kahlo"

Episode 1 6/18 at 10:00 pm. Episode 2 6/25 at 10:00 pm
Explore the life of celebrated artist Frida Kahlo [Info](#)

INCLUSION DESK

[Telltale signs](#)

[New registry in Ontario County designed to help improve police response to certain households](#)

[New Lilac Festival additions include Sensory Space and Small Business Circle](#)

[City further undercuts police oversight board on advice from Doorley](#)

RESOURCES

A (short) History of the Self Advocacy Movement [Video](#)

[Deaf Culture and ASL Introduction](#) by Interpretrek for VisitRochester



[WXXI Main](#) [WXXI World](#) [WXXI Create](#)

[WXXI Kids 24/7](#) [WXXI Passport](#)

The Outrage of Danny Sotomayor

Saturday, June 8th at 11pm
Sotomayor, a fiery, openly gay AIDS activist, was a man on a mission. [Info](#)

Out in Rural America

Monday, June 10th at 5pm
Explore five LGBTQ+ stories from a cultural, social, familial and religious perspective. [More Info](#)

Go Figure: The Randy Gardner Story

Wednesday, June 12th at 5pm
Discover the life and career of two-time Olympian Randy Gardner. [More Info](#)

Table for All with Buki Elegbede

Sunday, June 16th at 5:30pm
Culture and diversity through the lens of food [More Info](#)

Disco: Soundtrack to a Revolution

Tuesday, June 18th at 9pm
The surprising and overlooked history of disco: its origins, its fall and its legacy. [Info](#)

How it Feels to be Free

Wednesday, June 19th at 4pm
The inspiring story of six trailblazing Black women entertainers. [More Info](#)

Freddie Mercury Tribute Concert

Thursday, June 20th at 8pm
The surviving members of Queen and special guests pay tribute to the late Freddie Mercury. [Info](#)

The Porter

Saturday, June 29th at 8pm
Inspired by real events, the movement that formed the world's first Black union. [Info](#)

Stonewall Uprising

Sunday, Jun 30th at 2:30pm
The Stonewall riots marked a major turning point in the modern gay civil rights movement. [Info](#)



Click to see [Now showing](#)
Click to see [Music in the café](#)

Ezra (Opens May 31)



Ezra follows a stand-up comedian living with his father, while

struggling to co-parent his autistic son Ezra with his ex-wife. [Info](#)

Kim's Video (May 31-June 2)



an elegiac tribute to the iconic video store in New York City that inspired a generation of

cinephiles before it mysteriously closed its doors. [Info](#)

50 Year of Hip Hop Series



Juice

June 7 7:30 pm
Four inner-city teenagers get caught up in the pursuit of power and happiness, which they refer to as "the juice". [Info](#)

Veselka: The Rainbow On The Corner At The Center Of The World

June 8 6:30 pm
The story of New York City's beloved Ukrainian restaurant Veselka and its father and son proprietors, Tom and Jason Birchard. [Info](#)

Black Cinema Series

A Jazzman's Blues

June 20 7:30 pm



Tyler Perry's tale of forbidden love and family drama unravels 40 years of secrets and lies against a soundtrack of juke-joint blues in the Deep South. [info](#)

High Falls Women in Film My Love Affair with Marriage
Sunday, June 30 at 5:30pm



A young spirited woman, Zelma, is determined to conform to the pressures of singing Mythology Sirens in order to be loved, but the more she conforms, the more her body resists. A story of inner female rebellion. [Info](#)

Rochester International Jazz Festival



Roots & Americana Series
June 21-29

[Schedule](#)

Ticketing not run by The Little



NEWS

WXXI News

<https://www.wxxinews.org/>
Executive Editor Denise Young
News Director Randy Gorbman

CITY MAGAZINE

<https://www.roccitymag.com/>
Editor Leah Stacy

[Fighting poverty takes center stage at event recognizing Community Action Month](#)

Stories You May Have Missed

[Longtime educator Alice Holloway Young has died](#)

Watch [Norm & Company: Dr. Alice Holloway Young On-Demand](#)

[Connections: Examining youth mental health in the pandemic era](#)

[Sen. Brouk to host annual baby shower for mothers in underserved neighborhoods](#)

[Connections: How "greenlining" can address the effects of redlining](#)

[CITY: Social justice self-portraits take the spotlight in 'Pass Us the Mic'](#)

[CITY: Immersion on the dance floor](#)

[Market bites](#)

[CITY: Love thy neighborhood](#)

Don't Miss:

WXXI New Reporter Racquel Stephen's Tiny Mic series on Instagram
<https://www.instagram.com/p/COMJWZZOtVu/>

COMMUNITY

Find many more events in the [CITY Events Calendar](#)

Cocktails + Cameras on the Promenade with CITY Magazine

Friday June 7 6:30-9p
Genesee Riverway Promenade
Sip cocktails by the Genesee River and meet the team behind the June 2024 issue of CITY. [Tickets](#)

PathStone's "585 SNUG" End Gun Violence Event

Saturday June 1 2-6p
Parcel Five [Info](#)

Western NY Self Advocacy Conference

June 6-7
Hyatt Regency [Info](#)

Spectra: An LGBTQ+ Centered Youth Art Show

Friday June 7 5-8p
TGW Studio [Info](#)

ROC Artists Unlimited Fundraiser

Thursday June 13, 6:00 pm
Compagnie Trattoria in Pittsford [Info](#)

Pre-Juneteenth Rally 2024 – From 1964 to 2024: Sixty Years in the Fight for Justice in Rochester

Saturday June 8 11a-3:15p
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church [Info](#)

Levine Center to End Hate Brave Spaces

Tuesday, June 11 8a-12p
Memorial Art Gallery [Info](#)

Walking Tour: Douglass, Anthony & Beyond: Activism and Social Justice in Rochester

Wednesday, June 12 6-7:30p
Central Library [Info](#)

Juneteenth Celebration

Wednesday June 12 7-8p
Penfield Public Library [Info](#)

Juneteenth by Finger Lakes Opera

Friday June 14 7-8:30p
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church [Info](#)

2024 Rochester Juneteenth Festival

Saturday Jun 15 12:00
MLK Jr. Park [Info](#)

Rochester Deaf Festival

Saturday June 15 10a
Roundhouse Shelter, GVP [Info](#)

Rochester International Jazz Festival

June 21-29 [Info](#)

Jazz in the Bowl Concert w/Freedom Trio

Tuesday June 18 5-8p
Highland Bowl [Info](#)

Latin Celebration

Tuesday June 18 6:30-8:30p
Theater at Innovation Square [Info](#)

Another Little DeTour

Thursday June 20 6-7p
Featuring Scott Pukos!
Memorial Art Gallery [Info](#)

Fairy Godmothers of Rochester Pop Up Shop

Saturday June 29 10a-3p
Marketplace Mall [Info](#)

Soon as I Get Home: A Tapestry of Wiz-inspired Embroidery

Sunday June 30 6-9p
Kin [Info](#)

Past Forward: Native American Art from Gilcrease Museum

Through August 25
Memorial Art Gallery [Info](#)