

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is an annual celebration honoring the historical and cultural contributions of Americans of Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander descent. ([Learn more](#) about AANHPI Heritage Month and the history and contributions of AANHPI Americans.)

The greater Portland area is home to a large and diverse AANHPI population and numerous advocacy and cultural organizations; so, we have many ways to celebrate.

The Lan Su Chinese Garden AANHPI Heritage Month celebration ([Celebrate Our Stories!](#)) features programming in partnership with more than 20 local cultural organizations, artists, and performers. This includes [Threading Together](#), an exhibit of traditional garments that tell stories of heritage, identity, and cultural expression (until June 21) and Cultural Immersion Saturdays highlighting AANHPI cultures through performances, talks, and family-friendly activities (May 16, 23, 30).

239 NW Everett Street, Portland

Daily 10-6:30 March-October; 10-4:30 October-March

Admission: adults \$18, seniors & students \$17, youth \$15, under 5 free

“I Am an American Live: Stories of Exclusion and Belonging” is an evening of storytelling, music, and performance presented by The Immigrant Story in partnership with [Oregon Rises Above Hate](#) at Beaverton’s **Patricia Reser Center for the Performing Arts**. The program features personal narratives alongside a world premiere musical performance by Talilo Marfil. Now in its fifth year, the production highlights themes of identity, resilience, and belonging, with a pre-show happy hour offering drinks, author meet-and-greets, and community resources.

12625 SW Crescent Street, Beaverton

Saturday, May 16 (7-9:30)

Admission: sliding scale (\$0-\$25)

Lake Oswego’s annual AANHPI Celebration brings an afternoon of performances, food, and community to the waterfront. The event features a marketplace of AANHPI-owned businesses, artisans, and local nonprofits, along with a main stage program emceed by DJ Prashant. Performances include Tahitian dance by Anavai O Te Ora and a dragon and lion dance by the White Lotus Foundation, highlighting the diversity and cultural traditions of AANHPI communities in the region.

Millennium Plaza Park, 200 First Street, Lake Oswego

Sunday, May 17 (Noon-3)

Admission: free

This summer, watch for the annual **India Festival** put on by the [India Cultural Association of Portland](#), a nonprofit organization “dedicated to enhancing Indian cultural awareness.” Established in 1980, the festival “brings the entire Indian community

together and provides a venue for people to reconnect with their roots.” Timed to celebrate India’s Independence Day (August 15), the all-day festival “never fails to delight with a mix of free live music, dance, and food!”

We also have great year-round educational and cultural resources. “The mission of the **Japanese American Museum of Oregon** is to preserve and honor the history and culture of Japanese Americans in the Pacific Northwest, educate the public about the Japanese American experience during WWII, and advocate for the protection of civil rights for all Americans.” Located in Portland’s Old Town neighborhood, where Nihonmachi (Japantown) once thrived, the museum offers special exhibits as well as its permanent one. “Minidoka on Our Minds” (through June 14) “celebrates 25 years of preservation at this site where many Nikkei from Oregon and Washington were incarcerated during World War II. Artwork by survivors, descendants, and Japanese American youth explore the park’s history and its importance as a site of memory.”

411 NW Flanders Street, Portland

Wednesday – Saturday (10-4); Sunday (11-4)

Admission: adults \$8, seniors \$6, students \$5, children under 12 free

The **Portland Chinatown Museum** is Oregon’s first museum about Chinese American history, art, and culture. “Our mission is to collect, preserve and share the stories, oral histories, and artifacts of Portland’s Chinatown as a catalyst for exploring and interpreting the history of past, present, and future immigrant experience.” In addition to its large permanent exhibition, *Beyond the Gate: A Tale of Portland’s Historic Chinatowns*, the museum shows the works of contemporary Asian American artists and hosts a variety of cultural and educational events.

127 NW Third Avenue, Portland

Thursday-Sunday (11-3)

Admission: adults \$8, seniors \$6, students \$5, children under 12 free

You can celebrate AANHPI Month at home, curled up with a good book.

Multnomah County’s librarians have identified something for everyone, curating a variety of booklists honoring the rich cultures and contributions of our AANHPI community members:

- **Adult reads**
- **Teen picks**
- **Nonfiction for kids in grades K – 8**
- **Fiction for kids in grades K – 3 and grades 4 – 6**
- **Picture books for preschoolers**

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