



Diversity

# NEWSLETTER



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## MISSION STATEMENT

Creating safe spaces for ALL as we welcome, celebrate and value our differences. We strive to listen, understand and learn from one another to grow personally and enhance our community.

“What we need to do is learn to respect and embrace our differences until our differences don’t make a difference in how we are treated.”

**-Yolanda King**

“Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference.”

**-Jane Goodall**

## UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

- NOV: Native American Heritage Month
- 11/1: Diwali
- 11/1-11/2: Dia de los Muertos
- 11/11: Veterans Day
- DEC: Universal Human Rights Month
- 12/16-12/24: Las Posadas
- 12/21: Winter Solstice/Yule
- 12/25: Christmas
- 12/25-1/2: Hanukkah
- 12/26: Kwanzaa



**Diversity**  
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def: Objects or people of varied or different types. eg. people of varied race, religion, age, educational attainment or economic status.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Cultural Heritage Festival

The Grand Rapids Public Museum hosts this annual festival on Nov. 2 that brings in cultural organizations throughout West Michigan. Learn through visual presentations, music, art, food and more.

### Native American Dancers

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the Grand Rapids Public Library is welcoming champion pow-wow dancer Reg Pettibone and his family to perform on Nov. 16 from 3-4 p.m. They will also share stories to educate audiences about Native American culture.

### Native American Heritage Month: Storytime Series

The Grand Rapids Public Library is hosting a series of story times during National Native American Heritage Month. Story times will highlight Native American stories and include songs, fingerplays and hands-on fun. You can find more information on the library's website.

### University of Michigan Health-West: Christmas & Holiday Traditions

This exhibition at Frederik Meijer Gardens honors cultures and holiday traditions from around the world. It has grown to more than 40 unique displays depicting fact and folklore, past and present. The exhibition runs Nov. 27- Jan. 5.



*Diversity is Beautiful  
What makes **YOU**  
unique, makes **US**  
strong!*