



ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER

Join the Milwaukee Public Library in celebrating Asian American & Pacific Islander Month. All ages and interests are welcome to attend.

Crafting Connections: Kumihimo Friendship Bracelets

Monday, May 4, 1-3 pm

Bay View Branch | 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

A monthly craft program for older adults - featuring: Kumihimo Friendship Bracelets. Come for the crafts, stay for the community!

Register.



Children Open a Book, Open a World

Tuesday, May 5, 6-7 pm

Capitol Branch | 3969 N. 74th St.

Create a book-inspired art project exploring Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Children Paper Koinobori

Wednesday, May 6,

3:30-4:45pm

Zablocki Branch |

3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Celebrate AAPI Month and Children's Day by making paper koinobori (carp streamers)!



Teens Candy Sushi

Friday, May 15, 3-4 pm

Capitol Branch | 3969 N. 74th St.

Instead of salmon, seaweed and rice grab some gummies, fruit by the foot and marshmallows and make some dangerously sweet sushi!

Hidden Chapter Book Club

Tuesday, May 19, 6-7 pm

Central Library | 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.



The Hidden Chapter Book Club gathers monthly to read, sip, and discover. We'll discuss Vera Wong's *Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q Sutando and explore the Library's Chinese Room.

Coming to America Book Club

Wednesday, May 20, 5:30-6:30 pm

Virtual on Zoom



This book club approaches American identity as an evolving and ongoing conversation, using fiction and non-fiction to explore questions of identity, assimilation, language, cuisine, generational change and other aspects of life in the

United States. May's selection is *Heart of a Stranger* by Angela Buchdahl.

Register.



Visit mpl.org/calendar for additional resources including special collections, recommended reading, and more available online and at your Milwaukee Public Library.

Register for events as indicated with staff, or online at mpl.org/calendar

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Historic Markers, Living Legacy Exhibit Milwaukee's Chinese American Experience

May 1 - June 24, During open hours

Central Library | 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. | Chinese Room

Explore Milwaukee's Chinese immigrant history. View special collections materials and personal immigration documents that celebrate the resilience and influence of Chinese immigrants in our local community.

The exhibit was created in partnership with the Organization of Chinese Americans-Wisconsin Chapter (OCA-WI). A special focus is the significance of two historical markers granted to OCA-WI by the Wisconsin Historical Society commemorating the lives of Chinese immigrants who lived in Milwaukee in the early 1900s.

The Chinese Room, a former Milwaukee Public Museum collections space, features an intricate floor mosaic. The mosaic depicts a dragon-and-pearl figure, representing benevolent power and wisdom, bordered with dynastic seals.



Reception

Sunday, May 17, 11:30 am-1 pm

Central Library | 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. |

Rotary Community Room

Join the Organization of Chinese Americans-Wisconsin Chapter for an afternoon celebrating Milwaukee's Chinese American history. This event features poetry reading by

Milwaukee Youth Poet Laureate Angela Wang, personal and historical narratives from notable OCA members, and screening of the documentary film *From Section 48 to King Drive*. This film uncovers a seldom-told narrative of Milwaukee's Chinese immigrant history through the installation of two state historical markers.

Mixing archival fragments, local memory, and careful attention to place, the film traces how these small commemorations open into larger questions of migration, erasure, and belonging. Take part in the post film talkback with director Yinan Wang. Afterwards, view the OCA-WI's Historic Markers, Living Legacy Exhibit, on loan in the Library's Chinese Room.