



2021 Opportunity Grants Awarded

Kent International Festival | Kent, WA

October 2021 – May 2022

During the coronavirus pandemic, the Kent International Festival has been producing a livestream series called “Cultural Stories” to build community even when meeting in person is a challenge. The annual festival encourages attendees to come together to create greater understanding and respect in their communities. The festival’s theme is “Learn from Each Other,” which is done through interviews with locals who share their culture along with experiences with viewers.

Monthly videos will be posted on the festival’s YouTube channel through May 2022. These will include a cooking demonstration, a livestream event with Afua Kouyate (a current speaker in Humanities Washington’s Speakers Bureau), and more. The series is available on-demand at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6C-Y7C0fSO3ZLk9RofuPSA>.

Three Dollar Bill Cinema for Seattle Queer Film Festival | Seattle, WA

October 14-24, 2021

The Three Dollar Bill Cinema hosted the 26th Seattle Queer Film Festival in a hybrid format. Grant funds supported Indigenous and QTBIPOC moderators, speakers, and programming. Event speakers included Anastacia Renee, who led a free workshop via Zoom titled, "How to Be an Effective Ally;" and Syriah Bailey, a QTBIPOC programmer who spoke on QTBIPOC voices in media. Visit threedollarbillcinema.org/sqff for details.

The Family Guide for Spokane’s China Town/Japan Alley Historical Marker | Spokane, WA

December 1, 2021 – May 14, 2022

The Family Guide received funding to support the building of a historical marker commemorating the numerous contributions of the Chinese and Japanese railroad workers and mine laborers who lived in Spokane during the late 1800s and early 1900s. The marker will be displayed inside the Saranac Building, which was once part of Spokane's Chinatown/Japan Alley.

Asotin County Library for A Conversation with Anna Malaika Tubbs | Clarkston, WA
February 23, 2022

Author, advocate, educator, and scholar Anna Malaika Tubbs will discuss her book, *The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation*. Tubbs' book will be available to borrow—with or without a library card—and will be read and discussed for the library's February 2022 book group discussion. The public is invited to participate in both the book discussion led by adult services librarian Erin Kolb (on Zoom) on Wednesday, February 16 at 10:30 a.m. as well as the "fireside chat" with author Tubbs and Dr. Amy Canfield, Professor of History at Lewis-Clark State College, on Wednesday, February 23, at 6:00 p.m. (on Zoom). Details at <https://asotincountylibrary.org/join-us-as-anna-malaika-tubbs-discusses-the-three-mothers-in-conversation-with-amy-canfield-lcsc-professor-of-history/>.

Burien Arts Association for 7 Stories | Burien, WA
March 1, 2022 - August 31, 2022

Burien Arts will host monthly storytelling events featuring seven storytellers who will share real-life experiences on a selected theme for approximately seven minutes each. The stories talk about cultural heritage and help listeners have a deeper understanding of their friends, neighbors, and their histories. The series is hosted at the Highline Heritage Museum and is free to the public. Stories will be recorded and uploaded to the Burien Culture Hub for public on-demand viewing. Details at <http://www.burienculturehub.org/7stories>.