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MEDIA ALERT

OC Public Libraries Presents Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. (April 30, 2024) – OC Public Libraries is thrilled to commemorate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month throughout May. This month-long celebration honors the rich cultural heritage, contributions, and stories of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. We invite the community to join us for a series of engaging events, including author talks, dual language storytimes, and crafts.

Events during Asian American and Pacific Islander Month 2024:

Author Events

WHO: Jet Tila is a chef, culinary anthropologist, entrepreneur, and Food Network star. Jet has roots deeply embedded in the industry and ones that significantly establish him firmly in the artform he is most passionate about: storytelling through food.

Julie Abe writes magical adventures for readers of all ages, including *Eva Evergreen*, *Semi-Magical Witch*, which was listed as a Best Middle Grade Book by Kirkus Reviews, NYPL, Bank Street, and Book Riot; *Alliana*, *Girl of Dragons*.

E.P. Tuazon is a Filipino American writer from Los Angeles. They have worked in several publications such as *The Rumpus*, *Lunch Ticket*, *Peatsmoke*, and *Five South*. Their work was chosen as the winner of the 2022 AWP Grace Paley Prize.

Stacey Lee is the New York Times and Indie bestselling author of historical and contemporary young adult fiction, including *The Downstairs Girl*, a Reese's Book Club pick. She is a founding member of the We Need Diverse Books movement.



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WHEN: Jet Tila – Saturday, May 11th at 11:00 a.m.
Julie Abe – Wednesday, May 15th at 4:00 p.m.
E.P. Tuazon – Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m.
Stacey Lee – Tuesday, May 28th at 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Jet Tila – Clifton C. Miller Community Center – 300 Centennial Way, Tustin, CA 92780
Julie Abe – Tustin Library – 345 E. Main Street, Tustin, CA 92780
E.P. Tuazon – Costa Mesa-Donald Dungan Library – 1855 Park Ave Costa Mesa, CA 92627
Stacey Lee – Cypress Library – 5331 Orange Ave Cypress, CA 90630

Storytimes and Crafts

Japanese Storytime and Craft
Saturday, May 4th at 10:00am

La Palma Library

7842 Walker Street

La Palma, CA 90623

Japanese Storytime

Tuesday, May 7th and 21st at 10:30am

Laguna Hills Technology Library

25555 Alicia Parkway

Laguna Hills CA, 92653



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DIY Dumpling Craft

Wednesday, May 8th at 5:00pm

Garden Grove Chapman Library

9182 Chapman Avenue

Garden Grove, CA 92841

Japanese Storytime and Craft

Wednesday, May 8th and 22nd at 11:00am

Irvine University Park Library

4512 Sandburg Way

Irvine, CA 92612

Chinese Bilingual Storytime

Monday May 20th at 4:30pm

Irvine University Park Library

4512 Sandburg Way

Irvine, CA 92612

Filipino Cultural History and Craft

Wednesday May 29th at 4:30pm

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4512 Sandburg Way

Irvine, CA 92612

For more programs and information about AAPI 2024 visit <https://ocpl.org/asian-american-pacific-islander-heritage-month>



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