



Diversity Passport

OFFICE OF
DIVERSITY
EDUCATION PLANNING



DIVERSITY
is the **KEY** to
POSSIBILITIES



Welcome to Diversity!

The more we learn about the interesting and different ways that people live and interact with one another, the better equipped we are to “travel” in this increasingly complex world, with true respect and appreciation for our similarities and differences.

This Diversity Passport will guide you to new places, new conversations, events, movies, books, restaurants and so much more. Each month, take time to reflect and allow your new experiences to broaden your thinking and enrich your life. Share your observations with your friends, family and co-workers, and listen to their thoughts as well.



Instructions

The Diversity Passport program is hosted by The Office of Diversity Education Planning (ODEP).

1. Participate
2. Reflect
3. Validate
4. Evaluate
5. Anticipate

AML = All Month Long

January

15th

Dr. Martin
Luther King,
Jr. Day

27th

International
Holocaust
Memorial
Day

AML

National
Braille
Literacy
Month

AML

National
Blood Donor
Month

MLK Events

January 19

MLK March & Rally

Assembles at Peachtree and Baker Streets at 1:15pm.

MLK Museum Day

Admission is FREE at the Atlanta History Center & Centennial Olympic Games Museum, plus Margaret Mitchell House, where *Gone with the Wind* was written.

MLK Park Day

Enjoy FREE entrance days in the national parks, including Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.

Holidays around the World

January 1-11

Winter Wonderland celebrates Christmas, Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, and other cultures with bright lights, decorated trees, ornaments, and emblems at Fern bank Museum of Natural History.

Jewish Film Festival

January 28 – February 19

The Atlanta Jewish Film Festival shows films from around the world that explore themes of Jewish life, culture and history. Vote for your favorites and see guest filmmakers, actors, authors, and academics.

Journal

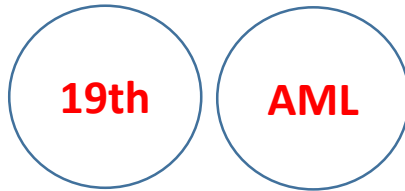
Reflect on your experiences, in January.

Did you notice any diversity?



Visit [Downtown Atlanta](#).

February



**Beginning of
Chinese
New Year**

**Black History
Month**

Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre

February 11-15

One of Atlanta's most eagerly-awaited annual traditions is the return of the world's most popular modern dance company to the fabulous Fox Theatre. See this season's hottest new works plus returning repertory favorites including (at all performances) the beloved Revelations, which continues to move audiences around the world with its powerful storytelling and soul-stirring music.

1 Billion Rising

February 14

1 in 3 women across the planet will be beaten or raped during her lifetime. That's ONE BILLION WOMEN AND GIRLS. Every February, women rise – in hundreds of countries across the world – to show their local communities and the world what one billion looks like and shine a light on the rampant impunity and injustice that survivors most often face. One Billion Rising, in Atlanta, includes a speech at Ebenezer Church, a march to Grant Park, and a flash-mob dance to protest violence against women.

Black History Parade

February 28

The Black History Month Parade celebrates the culture, heritage, history and accomplishments of Black/African American people in the United States and from across the world. The Black History Month Parade features marching bands, entertainers, dignitaries, civic groups, non-profits, celebrities, corporate groups, artistic expressionist, entertainment and fun for the whole family. The black history parade begins in Sweet Auburn and features marching bands, entertainers, and dignitaries.

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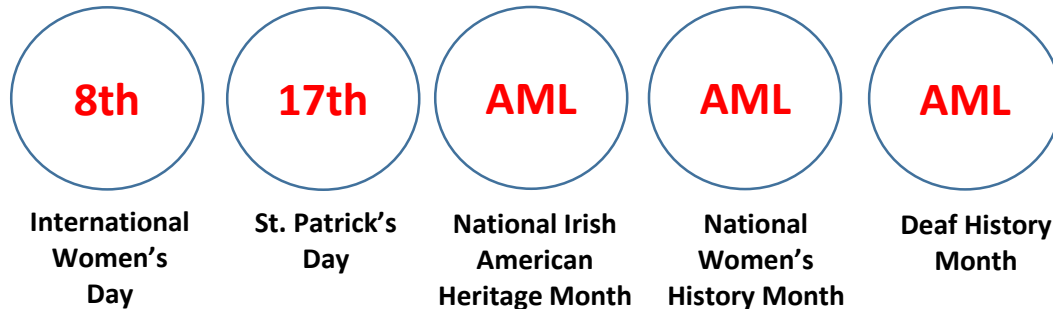
Reflect on your experiences, in February.

Did you notice any diversity?



Visit [The World of Coca-Cola](#).

March



Atlanta Jewish Music Festival

TBD

With music as their inspirational partner, the Atlanta Jewish community seeks to grow their community and celebrate their heritage through year-round live performance events and dynamic learning programs for the Southeast region. "We bring diverse community together for a resounding annual world music Spring festival!"

St. Patrick's Day Events

March 8

Shamrock 'N Roll Road Race

Join the Junior League of Atlanta on Sunday, March 8, 2015 for the Shamrock 'n Roll Road Race presented by Belk, Inc. and Purina at Atlantic Station. We welcome runners of all ages to take part, but also welcome walkers, dog walkers, strollers, and kilt-wearers! In fact, we love to see costumes! The Shamrock 'n Roll Road Race features a family-friendly 5k, 10k, and Belk's Kid Fun Run 1k for little runners. Participants will also enjoy post-race festivities including food, beverages, and sponsor booths and activities.

March 14

Atlanta St. Patrick's Day 5k

The Atlanta St. Patrick's Day

Wear green or a costume of Irish theme for the Atlanta St. Patrick's Day 5K at Piedmont Park, which ends with awards, beads, music, and a jig contest.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

If you're Irish, or simply love a parade, then you don't want to miss the Atlanta St Patrick's Parade! It's a great day and promises to be a grand time as we celebrate Atlanta and her Irish Heritage. The parade will feature more than 2,000 dancers, musicians and Irish enthusiasts, as well as huge parade balloons, floats, marching bands, clowns, animals and one of the world's largest Irish walking flags.

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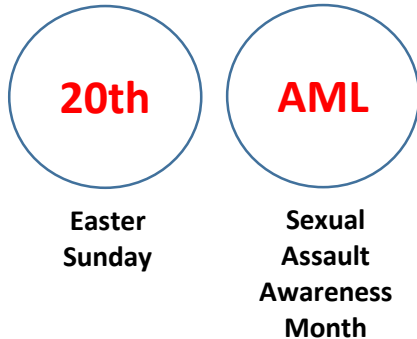
Reflect on your experiences, in March.

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Visit [Piedmont Park](#).

April



International Street Festival

April 11

The 2015 UGA International Street Festival celebrates its 17th year providing cultural displays, traditional costumes, dances, and international bands. Dozens of UGA international student organizations and local community groups will sponsor informative and interactive cultural displays as well as musical and dance performances. Visitors will have an opportunity to collect "passport" stamps from each of the countries represented; those who collect all available stamps will receive a ticket for a prize drawing.

Cinema Italy Atlanta

April 23-26

The Italian Film Festival organizes Festivals of Italian Cinema and other activities in several markets in the US and internationally intended to promote Italian Culture through its Cinema and Art.

9th Annual Atlanta Arab Festival

April 26 | April 27

In 2006, Alif Institute organized its first Arab American Family Day. The event featured educational displays about the Arab culture and Arab Americans, live music performance, folk dancing, traditional Arab costumes show, and various activities for children. In 2010, the Family Day was grown to a two day event and renamed Atlanta Arab Festival. The Festival also included the participation of local artists, food providers, businesses and organizations. Over the years, the event became an annual tradition that the community enjoys and looks forward to. In 2013, the Atlanta Arab Festival grew in numbers and drew over 3,500 attendees, more than double the number reached in 2010!

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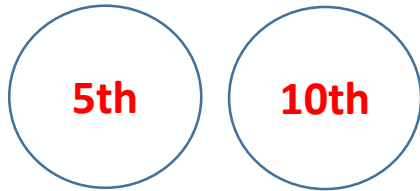
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Did you notice any diversity?



Visit [The Vortex](#).

May



**Cinco de
Mayo**

**Mother's
Day**

Fiesta Atlanta

May 3rd

Fiesta Atlanta is Atlanta's premier Hispanic outdoor festival and the largest Cinco de Mayo celebration in the southeast featuring a daylong celebration of Latino culture and heritage, featuring continuous live musical performances by international and national recording artists. Event activities include cultural performances, Mariachi music, Mexican folk dancing, a 5K race, and youth soccer clinics, interactive sponsor displays with many free product samples, arts and crafts and authentic foods which all help make Fiesta Atlanta a true multicultural celebration.

Atlanta Jazz Festival

May 22-24

The Atlanta Jazz Festival is regarded as one of the country's largest free jazz festivals. It is an annual musical showcase that celebrates jazz legends and up-and-coming jazz greats in venues throughout metropolitan Atlanta during the entire month of May. The festival culminates each Memorial Day weekend with show-stopping performances at Piedmont Park.

Caribbean Carnival

May 23

Atlanta Caribbean Carnival is *Mas* and Music as the Atlanta Caribbean Carnival Bandleaders Association welcomes one and all to an all-encompassing celebration of Caribbean culture. Beginning on West Peachtree Street and ending with the Festival Village on historic Auburn Avenue, join us for the Parade of Bands! Bring your family and friends and rediscover everything you love about Carnival, expose yourself to new experiences, and feed your soul with the unique and diverse beauty of the Caribbean. For more information, visit www.atlantacarnival.org.

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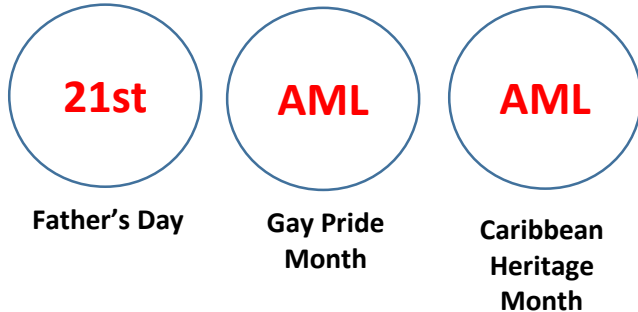
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Did you notice any diversity?



Visit [The CNN Center](#).

June



Caribbean Film Festival

June 6-7, 14

June is Caribbean American Heritage Month, and the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System celebrates by hosting its annual film series and events for all ages at the downtown Central Library. All are invited to meet representatives from various Caribbean countries and organizations and to get information about the month's festivities.

East Point Possum Show

June 13

What started as a laid-back summer party has morphed into East Point, GA's gay pride celebration and fundraiser! The famed East Point Possums Show-named for the not so cute rodent that only comes out at night-began as a backyard dare among friends. Their first stab at "bad drag" earned them a hefty tip jar, which they then gifted to local charity. More than a decade later the East Point Possums Show is one of many events leading up to the gay pride festival in Georgia. The event raises thousands of dollars for local non-profits, with strong messages and missions, such as HIV education and prevention. Each year this zany group, as well as some of their most rowdy friends, draws in hundreds to East Point, GA for this over-the-top show. Make plans to visit during the East Point Possums Show - the can't-be-missed East Point, GA gay pride celebration!

Blairsville Scottish Festival and Highland Games

June 14-15

The Blairsville Scottish Festival celebrates our Scottish heritage through dance, music, art, food, golf, live demonstrations, and more. Visit Blairsville, Georgia, for this fun, family event.

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Reflect on your experiences, in June.

Did you notice any diversity?



Visit [The Georgia Aquarium](#).

July

4th

Independence
Day

18th

Nelson
Mandela
International
Day

26th

Disability
Independence
Day

Atlanta International Fashion Week

TBD

Atlanta International Fashion Week is engineering the global fashion experience and attracting industry influencers with a passport to arts, culture, fashion and entertainment. The destination is fashion with a journey through art and an encounter with style. The proclaimed Atlanta International Fashion Week is bridging the gap and connecting continents through fashion!

Atlanta Gospel Fest: Music Health & Wellness Festival

TBD

Prepare yourself for an amazing event of weekend empowerment, fun, and total transformation. You can attend amazing concerts from some of your favorite Gospel Artist, there will be Workshops, and Seminars presented by powerful women of top agencies and there will be a wealth of networking opportunities. The Atlanta Gospel fest is fun for the entire family it was listed in the Atlanta Journal as the one of the Top 5 events to attend. This festival focuses on family fun & entertainment..... with programs and workshops that spotlight health, wealth, literary empowerment and advancement opportunity for everyone.

Journal

Reflect on your experiences, in July.

Did you notice any diversity?



Visit [The Varsity](#).

August

26th

Women's
Equality Day

German Bierfest

TBD

Come cool off this summer with a visit to the 10th annual German Bierfest in downtown Atlanta at Woodruff Park. This fabulous outdoor festival allows you to sample from one of the largest selections of authentic German beers, along with delicious Bavarian food like bratwurst, sauerkraut, schnitzel and more. So grab your lederhosen and some friends, and come see why the German Bierfest has grown to become one of the most popular festivals of its kind in the Atlanta metro area.

Festival Peachtree Latino

TBD

Festival Peachtree Latino is the largest multicultural event in Georgia. Since 2000, the event featured hundreds of exhibitors, family activities, art and craft, international foods and high profile outdoor music exposition and concert with renowned International recording. This festival gathers the ample legacy of traditions, music, gastronomical, artisan cultures, and crafts worldwide, represented by each region of every continent within the ample map that conforms the diverse communities of Atlanta, from Africa to Europe, from Asia to Australia, and the Americas, and of course, including the richness and diversity of the Latin America cultures.

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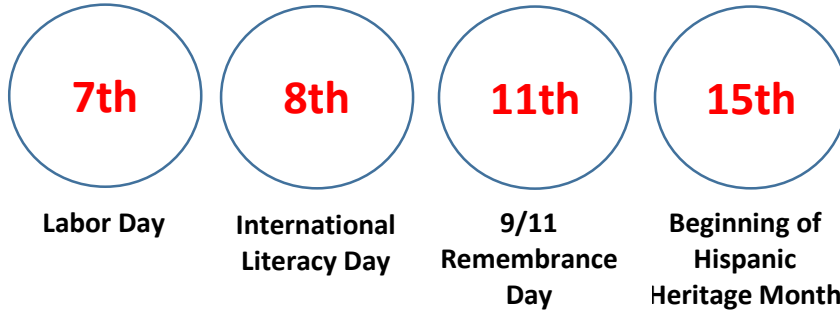
Reflect on your experiences, in August.

Did you notice any diversity?



Visit [The Fox Theater](#).

September



Fiesta Georgia

September 20

Fiesta Georgia is Georgia's Hispanic Heritage Month kick-off celebration, featuring a daylong celebration of Latino culture with continuous live musical performances by international, national and local recording artists. Mariachi music, Mexican folk dancing, helicopter rides, youth soccer clinics, interactive sponsor displays with many free product samples, arts and crafts and authentic foods from several Latin-American countries all bring Fiestas Patrias to life at Fiesta Georgia.

Atlanta Greek Festival

September 24-27

The Atlanta Greek Festival brings all the aromas, sounds, tastes and traditions of Greece to your doorstep. Your admission ticket becomes your passport as you enjoy all the Beauty of Santorini and the Fun of Mykonos. The Annunciation Cathedral and the Atlanta Greek Community are proud to host the Atlanta Greek Festival.

JapanFest

TBD

JapanFest will feature a spectacular variety of musical performances, martial arts demonstrations, workshops, bonsai, ikebana, and more. All are invited to join in the spirited Bon dance. Visitors can purchase an amazing array of Japanese goods, including books, kimono, Japanese tea, dolls, and rice paper. The Japan-America Society of Georgia will have t-shirts and temporary tattoos; the Ginza-dori, organized by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia and named after Tokyo's famous shopping district, will feature Japanese ceramics, traditional Japanese clothing and accessories and fun items such as masks and toys; at the Bazaar on Sunday organized by the Georgia Japanese Language School you will find books and household goods.

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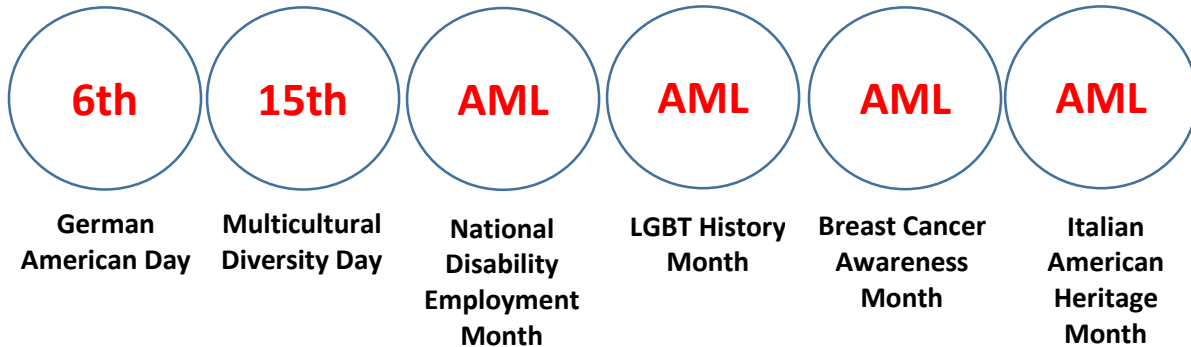
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Visit [Zoo Atlanta](#).

October



Atlanta Black Theatre Festival

October 8-11

Whether you're a fan of Tennessee Williams, August Wilson, Tyler Perry, or Shakespeare, there's something for you at the Atlanta Black Theatre Festival. Come and spend the day or the weekend for *the* festival of 40 plays in 4 days. It's a performance marathon consisting of over 200 artists from 18 states and 3 countries. For all of you theatre lovers out there--this is like no other theatrical experience!

Atlanta Pride Festival

October 10-11

Celebrate diversity and community during this two-day Atlanta gay, lesbian and transgender extravaganza that includes live entertainment, cultural exhibits, famed Pride parade and the Pride Marketplace featuring over 200 vendor booths, as well as tons of restaurant and bar promotions. The main mission of the Atlanta Pride Committee is to provide lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgender and queer persons with cultural and educational programs and activities which enhance mental and physical health, provide social support, and foster an awareness of the past and present contributions of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender persons, through community activities and services, including an annual Pride event.

Georgia Latino Film Festival

TBD

Each year during Hispanic Heritage Month the Georgia Latino Film Festival will bring together 3 inspiring days filled with premieres, classes, panels, exclusive parties, and awards showcasing the top storytellers and film makers. The Georgia Latino Film Festival are activities and a place in Georgia where Latino film executives, producer and artists at the forefront of the Latino Film industry can come together, to discuss the future of Latino Film Makers, Writers, and Directors and create what will be known as one of the "largest film festivals in the country .

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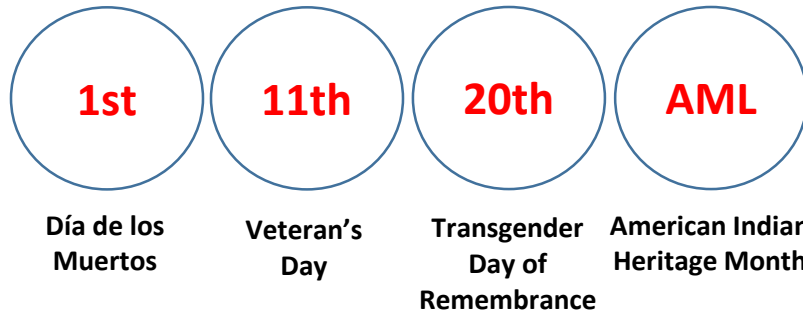
Reflect on your experiences, in October.

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Visit [The High Museum of Art](#).

November



Indian Festival & Pow-Wow

October 31 – November 1

The Indian Festival & Pow-Wow event showcases Native American culture through dance, music, authentic craft demonstrations, cooking traditions, storytelling, wildlife presentations and more. Experience the central role of dance in native culture as Native Americans from across the U.S. and Central America compete in intertribal dance and drum competitions. Learn about primitive skills such as flint-knapping, bow making, fire starting, open fire cooking and pottery. Crawl inside a tipi and other traditional native dwellings. Parents and children participate in interactive experiences such as an encampment showing the lifestyle of local and regional historic Native American cultures.

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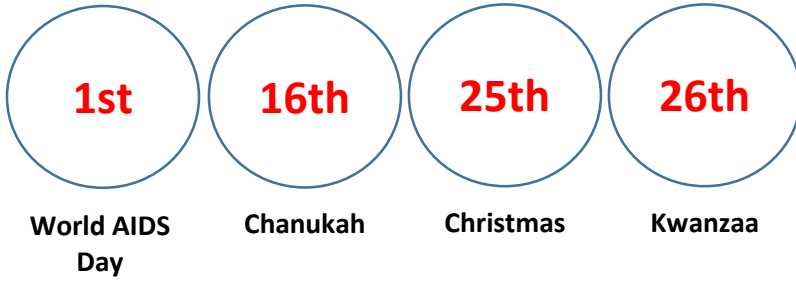
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Visit [The Atlanta Botanical Garden](#).

December



Events to be determined.

