



## **STAFF REPORT TO COMMUNITY AND LIBRARY SERVICES COMMISSION (CLSC)**

**TO:** Chair Yamamoto and Members of the CLS Commission

**SUBMITTED BY:** Alison Peters, Senior Community Library Manager

**MEETING DATE:** June 8, 2026

**TOPIC:** Juneteenth Celebration

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Celebrate Juneteenth in Hercules!

### **BACKGROUND:**

Continuing a tradition of three years running, Hercules and the Library partner to bring a Juneteenth celebration to the community.

### **ANALYSIS:**

Join us for a day of storytelling, music, culture, and creativity honoring the legacy of Juneteenth.

The celebration includes:

- 10:00 a.m - A special Storytime at the Library featuring Mayor Chris Kelley and Council Member Tiffany Grimsley.
- 11:15 a.m. - Community Flag Raising & Ceremony at City Hall with Khristel Johnson on Telling the History of Juneteenth through Quilted Tapestries, line dancing with the Hercules Senior Center, and a performance of the Black National Anthem by Hercules resident Semoine Sykes.
- 1:00 p.m. - An interactive workshop at the library on quilting in the African American community with with **Khristel Johnson, complete with exploring several of her larger-than-life quilts.**

Don't miss **The Walking Ghosts of Black History** Juneteenth Exhibit and the "What Freedom Means" community art display, available all month long at Hercules Library.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving this report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Juneteenth Flyer
2. Quilts by Khristel Johnson



Celebrate freedom, history, and community at the Juneteenth Celebration hosted by Hercules Library and the City of Hercules.

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- ◆ 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
**Storytime at Hercules Library**  
Special guests Mayor Chris Kelley and Council Member Tiffany Grimsley
- ◆ 11:15 a.m.  
**Flag Raising Ceremony at Hercules City Hall**  
Including Khristel Johnson on Telling the History of Juneteenth through Quilted Tapestries, Line Dancing with the Hercules Senior Center Dancers, the Black National Anthem with Semoine Sykes
- ◆ 1:00 p.m.  
**Telling OUR Story Through Quilted Tapestries**  
An interactive workshop and quilt display with Khristel Johnson at Hercules Library

Stop by Hercules Library all June to experience *The Walking Ghosts of Black History's Juneteenth Exhibit*, and enjoy our interactive craft on *What Freedom Means*.



**Hercules Library**  
109 Civic Drive 94547 | 510.245.2420  
Tues 10-8 • Wed 10-8 • Thurs 10-8  
Fri 9-5 • Sat 9-5 • Sun, Mon Closed

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the HERCULES  
LIBRARY**



**Cali – Quilt by Khristel Johnson**



The Golden State

Our Shared History



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"What I love about the stories of the Great Migration is that this is not ancient history; this is living history. Most people of color can find someone in their own family who had experienced a migration of some kind, knowing the sense of dislocation, longing and fortitude" - Isabel Wilkerson