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## **JUNETEENTH CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR ALLIAH L. AGOSTINI RETURNS TO BUFFALO TO DISCUSS NEW BOOK**

*Free Program at the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Library*

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Buffalo native and Author Alliah L. Agostini will discuss her recently released children's picture book, *The Juneteenth Story*, this **Friday, June 17, 2022 from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library, 1324 Jefferson Ave., Buffalo.**

Alliah Agostini was born and raised in Buffalo and now lives in New Jersey. She remembers celebrating Juneteenth as a child with her family and maternal grandfather, Judson Price, who co-founded Buffalo's Juneteenth Festival in 1976.

Ms. Agostini is a member of KidLit in Color, Black Creators HQ, the Picture Book Sunrays and The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and she has been featured on CNN and in The Washington Post.



*The Juneteenth Story* beautifully details the evolution of this important American holiday, which began as "Jubilee Day" and commemorates the date the enslaved people of Texas first learned of their freedom and celebrated their new rights as citizens.

This free author talk, book signing and social kicks off Buffalo's annual Juneteenth weekend. This event is hosted by Library Board Chair Kimberly Johnson, Erie County Legislator Howard Johnson, Buffalo Black Achievers, Big Trash Removal and the Library System.

For more information, call the Merriweather Branch Library at 716-883-4418 or 716-858-8900, or visit [www.BuffaloLib.org](http://www.BuffaloLib.org).

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