June is Immigrant Heritage Month and to celebrate the contributions of immigrants we’ve selected some titles in the library’s collection that explore the immigrant experience. In a nation of immigrants the very concept of “the immigrant” is a complex idea with diffuse boundaries. An immigrant artist can also be an American artist, a global artist, an Abstract Expressionist or sculptor and these various aspects of artistic identity often overlap to find expression in an entirely uniquely artistic style. The below selections give a broad overview of the topic, but mostly encourage further exploration in the areas that interest you.

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**Immigrant Experience**


**Immigration & Art**


**Global Influences**


Herrera, Andrea O'Reilly. *Cuban Artists Across the Diaspora Setting the Tent against the House*. Austin [Tex.]: University of Texas Press, 2011.


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Left to Right

Alfred Jensen, American, 1903-1981, b. Guatemala City, Guatemala

*Research in a Growth Hormone*, 1978

Oil on canvas

9 feet 6 inches x 8 feet (289.56 x 243.84 cm)

Purchase: acquired through the generosity of the William T. Kemper Foundation---Commerce Bank, Trustee

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Sven Birger Sandzén, American, 1871-1954, b. Sweden

*The Great Peak (Longs Peak)*, 1938

Oil on canvas

Unframed: 40 1/8 x 48 1/8 inches (101.92 x 122.24 cm) Framed: 47 7/8 x 56 x 2 3/4 inches (121.6 x 142.24 x 6.99 cm)

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Max Ernst, French, 1891-1976, b. Germany

*Capricorn*, 1948

Bronze

7 feet 11 1/2 inches x 6 feet 10 inches x 4 feet 7 1/4 inches (242.57 x 208.28 x 140.34 cm)

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