

SEPTEMBER 2024  
We have lots going on this month!

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MCALLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER

## WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

### There's Still Time to Get Tickets to the Monte Carlo Casino Night Fundraiser!



**MONTE CARLO CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER**  
SAT. SEPTEMBER 21ST  
6:00PM-10:00PM

TRADITIONAL CASINO GAMES  
CHANCE TO WIN RAFFLE PRIZES  
MYSTERY WINE PULL  
SILENT AUCTION  
SPECIAL GUEST **ELVIS**

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Get ready for our annual fundraiser with a Monte Carlo theme after hours in the Library! It's happening on September 21st from 6:00-10:00pm, and there is still time to get tickets. You'll receive chips to start playing at any of the casino tables in an atmosphere of fun with a live DJ. Try your luck in our Wine Pull, bid on your favorites at the Silent Auction, and enjoy a musical performance by our special guest, Elvis! Indulge in a mouth-watering charcuterie table with hot and cold offerings by RERU Heavenly Crave, sponsored by H-E-B Helping Here.

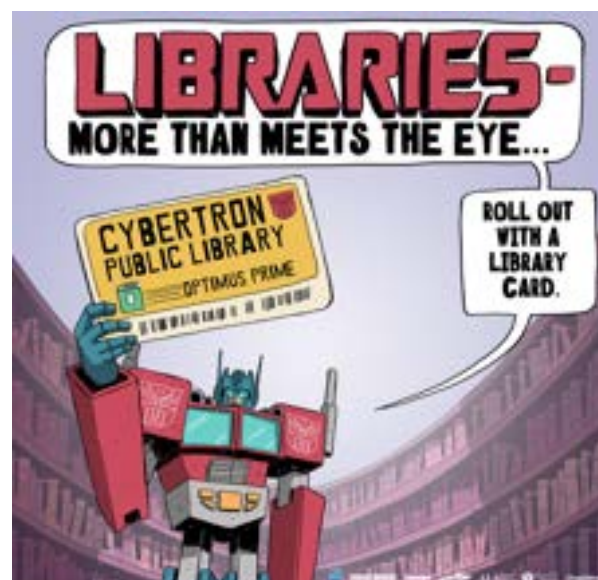
Dr. Ryan, Library Advisory Board President, had this to say about the event. "The Casino Night Fundraiser is a fun night where you get to spend time with like-minded people who love libraries and want to support us. We invite you to come out on this special evening so we can keep supporting the award-winning South Texas Book Festival."

We are so very grateful to our many sponsors and supporters. All profits from the fundraiser benefit the 11th annual South Texas Book Festival. Here's a sneak peek at this year's amazing lineup of authors <https://mcallelibrary.net/stbf/authors>

For tickets and more information go to <https://mcallelibrary.net/stbf/fundraiser>



### Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month!



**LIBRARIES - MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE...**

ROLL OUT WITH A LIBRARY CARD

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and the community is invited to discover that there is more than meets the eye at McAllen Public Library (MPL). A FREE library card not only grants you access to over 329,000 physical items at MPL—books, DVDs, Blu-rays, music CDs, audiobooks, and video games—but also over 175,000 digital items, including eBooks, digital audiobooks, streaming movies, and eMagazines. That's over half a million items waiting for you to explore and enjoy!

Stop by any MPL location to open a library card account today and unlock free access to a wealth of resources. Whether you use your library card online or in person, it offers tools that help students excel, supports lifelong learning, and provides opportunities for everyone to pursue their dreams and be their best selves. From family storytimes to virtual homework help, MPL plays a vital role in supporting education and personal growth.

### You're Invited To Meet the Artist!

McAllen Public Library is proud to announce the opening reception for its fall exhibit, "Pequeñas Anécdotas De Un Ordenador" by local artist Ricardo Benavides. The reception will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 from 6:00-7:30PM in the Lobby Gallery of the Main Library, located at 4001 N. 23rd Street.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the artist, who will be present to discuss his work and share insights into his creative process. The exhibit will be on display through December 2024. Admission to the reception and the gallery is free and open to the public.




**NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY 9.17.2024**

REGISTER TO VOTE AT MCALLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Tuesday, September 17th  
from 9:30AM - 3:30PM

### Register To Vote At MPL!

Make your voice heard—voting is not just a right but a responsibility that empowers you to shape the future! Join us at McAllen Public Library on National Voter Registration Day, Tuesday, September 17, 2024, to register.

The Hidalgo County Elections Office will be in the lobby starting at 9:30 AM to assist with voter registration.

Voter registration cards will be available in both English and Spanish.

### MPL Staff Inspiring The Community!

We're incredibly proud of our amazing MPL Kids staff, Becca and Koenne, for their outstanding presentation at UTRGV's Early Head Start-Education Program! They led the workshop "Bright Beginnings: A Demo on Baby Storytime Magic," showcasing key elements of storytime and offering a demo storytime for our future educators!



### STBF Youth Bookmark Contest Is Open!



**THEME: LIFE OF PETS**

AGE CATEGORIES: 5-8 Years | 9-13 Years | 14-18 Years

Contestants must reside in Starr, Hidalgo, Willacy, or Cameron Counties.

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCT. 4**

For More Information Go To [SouthTexasBookFestival.com](https://SouthTexasBookFestival.com) [Click Here!](#)

Our annual Youth Bookmark Contest plays a crucial role in nurturing creativity, encouraging self-expression, and fostering a sense of accomplishment in young artists. This year we are inviting young artists aged 5-18 in the Rio Grande Valley to showcase their creativity in the 2024 STBF Youth Bookmark Contest. This year's theme is "Life of Pets." Learn more about the contest on our website: [mcallelibrary.net/stbf/youth-contests](https://mcallelibrary.net/stbf/youth-contests).



**MPL STAFF SPOTLIGHT**  
Leslie Stickle  
Public Services Librarian

**What is your favorite book genre? And why?**  
Sci-Fi Horror: I like the absurdity of spooky space stories

**Who is your favorite author? And why?**  
Patrick Ness: I am addicted to all of his books because of his fantasy writing. Best Writer

**What game show do you think you could win?**  
Guess That Meme

### Happening Now at MPL!



**HAPPY LABOR DAY**  
LIBRARY CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

**NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**  
SEPT. 15 - OCT. 15

### MPL Kids Program Highlights




**AT LARK** **Once Upon Storytime** Mondays, Sept. 9th & 16th **At 11AM**

Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
<b>Baby Storytime</b> Every Tuesday 1:00PM	<b>Toddler Time</b> Tuesday Sept. 3rd, 10th & 17th 11:00AM	<b>Bilingual Storytime</b> La hora de los cuentos Every Tuesday 11:00AM
<b>Toddler Time</b> Every Thursday 1:00PM	<b>Adventures in Art</b> Wednesdays, Sept. 4th, 11th & 18th 11:00AM	<b>Toddler Time</b> Every Thursday 11:00AM
<b>A GRAND time with Grandparents</b> Sun. Sept. 8th 2:00PM	<b>Once Upon a Time at Lark</b> Mondays, Sept. 9th & 16th 6:00PM	<b>Stay &amp; Create:</b> Fall Apple Craft Wed. Sept. 25th 6:00PM

[Check Out More MPL Kids Programs!](#)

### MPL Teens Program Highlights



**AT MAIN** **D.I.Y. BOOKMARKS** Wed. Sept. 4th at 6:00PM

Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
<b>DIY Bookmarks</b> Wed. Sept. 4th 6:00PM	<b>Dungeon &amp; Dragons</b> Sat. Sept. 7th 2:00PM	<b>Teen Sketch Night: Bookmark Workshop</b> Wed. Sept. 4th 4:30PM
<b>For Teens By Teens: Silent Book Club</b> Sun. Sept. 8th 6:00PM	<b>Tween Scene: Watertastic Towers with MPU</b> Thur. Sept. 12th 6:00PM	<b>Books &amp; Hobbies at Lamb's Loom</b> Sat. Sept. 7th 10:00AM - 1:00PM
<b>Banned Book Cinema</b> Sun. Sept. 29th 6:00PM	<b>Hispanic Heritage Movie Screening</b> Thur. Sept. 19th 6:00PM	<b>Teen Sketch Night</b> Wed. Sept. 24th 4:30PM

[Check Out More MPL Teens Programs!](#)

### MPL Adults Program Highlights



**AT MAIN** **NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY 9.17.2024**

**REGISTER TO VOTE AT MCALLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Tuesday, September 17th  
9:30AM - 3:30PM

Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
<b>Creative Work Sessions</b> Wed. Sept. 7th 7:00PM	<b>Sculpting Class</b> Sat. Sept. 7th 2:00PM	<b>Crochet Club</b> Mon. Sept. 9th 11:00AM
<b>Nature Series: Planning Your Native Garden</b> Fri. Sept. 13th 2:00PM	<b>HMM: Mexican Fiesta</b> Sat. Sept. 14th 1:30PM	<b>Chips &amp; Salsa</b> Fri. Sept. 13th 12:00PM
<b>Civil Rights in the RGV</b> Wed. Sept. 25th 6:00PM	<b>Adult Coloring</b> Wed. Sept. 25th 6:00PM	<b>Palmview Book Club</b> Mon. Sept. 30th 11:30AM

[Check Out More MPL Adult Programs!](#)

### E-Branch Spotlight!

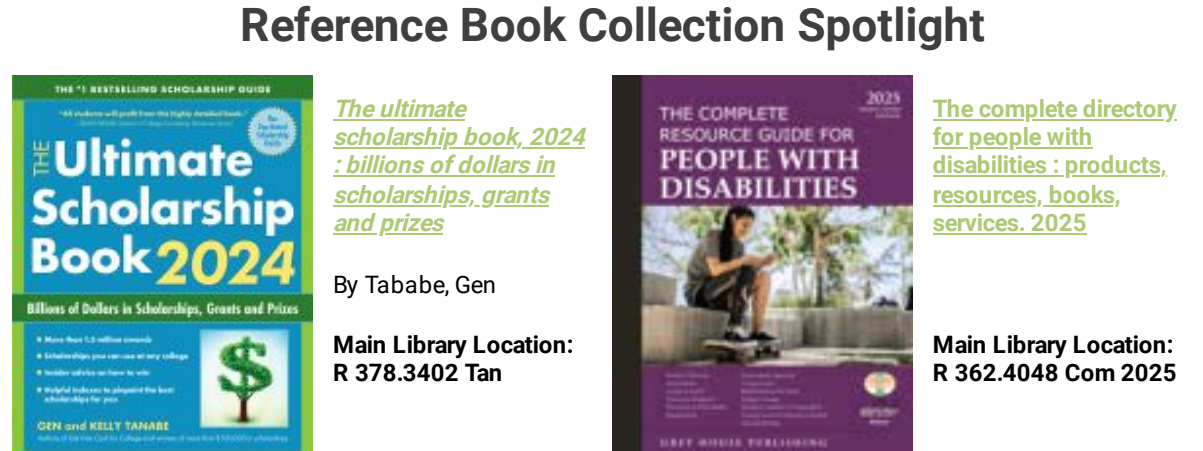


**E-books  
Magazines  
Comics  
Streaming Movies**

**CL cloudLibrary by bibliobanca**

Available to any Hidalgo County library card holder

### Reference Book Collection Spotlight



**The Ultimate Scholarship Book 2024**  
By Tababe, Gen  
Main Library Location: R 378.3402 Tan

**The Complete Resource Guide for PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**  
2023  
Main Library Location: R 362.4048 Com 2025

### Visit All Our MPL Locations!

Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
4001 N 23rd St, McAllen, TX 78504 PH: (956) 681-3000	2601 Lark Ave, McAllen, TX 78504 PH: (956) 681-3100	3401 Jordan Rd W, McAllen, TX 78503 PH: (956) 681-3110
<b>Hours:</b> Monday - Thursday 9:00AM - 9:00PM Friday - Saturday 9:00AM - 6:00PM Sunday 1:00PM - 9:00PM	<b>Hours:</b> Monday - Thursday 10:00AM - 9:00PM Friday - Saturday 10:00AM - 5:00PM Sunday 1:00PM - 9:00PM	<b>Hours:</b> Monday - Thursday 10:00AM - 9:00PM Friday - Saturday 10:00AM - 5:00PM Sunday 1:00PM - 9:00PM

