

# CELEBRATE AAPI Asian American & Pacific Islanders HERITAGE MONTH

Celebrate Asian American & Pacific Islanders Heritage Month at MPL with captivating workshops, storytimes and activities for all ages!

## Children's Events

### Toddler Time: Heritage & Harmony

*Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00AM*

*Palm View Branch Library*

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a special Toddler Time honoring cultures and traditions! Join us for an interactive Storytime filled with books, songs, finger plays, and movement as we explore stories of friendship, diversity, and belonging. Let's spark curiosity, cultural appreciation, and early literacy fun together!

### Toddler Time

*Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM*

*Lark Branch Library*

Tuesday's are for toddlers at the Lark Branch Library! Each week, we will be featuring a different activity for toddlers and families.

### Creative Mornings

*Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM*

*Lark Branch Library*

Join us at Lark Branch Library for Creative Mornings! Families and children of all ages are welcome to make fun morning crafts.

### Once Upon A Time at Lark

*Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM*

*Lark Branch Library*

Join us at the Lark Branch Library for story time! Children and families are invited to listen to stories and get creative with fun craft activities. All ages are welcome.

### Asian American & Pacific Islander Craft

*Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> ALL DAY*

*Main Library | Children's Service Desk*

We're honoring AAPI Heritage Month with a hands-on craft everyone can enjoy! While supplies lasts!

## Teen Events

### Anime Club

*Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00PM*

*Lark Branch Library*

Are you curious about the real-life inspirations behind your favorite anime? Do you want to better understand the culture that shaped your favorite manga? Join us for a special club meeting featuring Dr. Robert Hoppens of UTRGV and a special guest as they answer your burning questions and more! Snacks will be provided while supplies last.

### LibFlix

*Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM*

*Palm View Branch Library*

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a classic animated film about a girl who disguises herself as a warrior to protect her father from illness while trying to bring honor to her family. Come hang out, enjoy free snacks, and watch this epic tale of courage on the big screen.

### Makerspace: K-Pop Photocards

*Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30PM*

*Palm View Branch Library*

Calling all K-Pop stans! Join us in creating custom photo card frames of your favorite idols. Bring your own photo or select from our random photo pile. Cute deco and stickers will be provided. For teens in 6th to 12th grade. Registration is required.

### KPOP Club: Snack Taste Test

*Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00PM*

*Teen Department*

Teens and KPOP fans! 🌟 Join us to taste test 🍷 yummy Korean snacks. Guess the snack correctly and win a special prize! 🏆 Limited supplies available.

## Adult Events

### MPL Anime/Manga Club

Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM

Main Library

MPL is hosting a monthly event that brings adults together to meet, watch, and discuss popular manga and anime titles!

### Sunday Book Club

Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM

Main Library

Join us for our Sunday Book Club where we dive into great stories, share insights, and enjoy thoughtful conversations. This month's selection is *Lies and Weddings* by Kevin Kwan.

### Suminagashi: Paper Marbling

Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM

Lark Branch Library

In honor of AAPI heritage month, please join us as we explore Suminagashi, or "ink floating" — the traditional Japanese art technique of decorating paper with inks through water. Registration is required.

### Diverse Voices

Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM

Main Library

Join MPL's Diverse Voices Book Club! Enjoy a variety of literary works and meaningful discussion amongst peers! This month's selection is *The River We Remember* by Kent Kruege.

### Lark Book Club

Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM

Lark Branch Library

*Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See. Based on the writings of an historical Ming dynasty female physician, See's accomplished novel immerses readers in a fascinating life lived within a fascinating culture." — Starred Booklist

### Page to Screen: *Crazy Rich Asians*

Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM

Palm View Branch Library

Dive into the dazzling world of *Crazy Rich Asians* as we explore its journey from Kevin Kwan's bestselling novel to a groundbreaking film that redefined Hollywood's idea of glamor, culture, and representation. Snacks provided.

### Craft and Chat

Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM

Main Library

Kick off the summer and join us this May for a chance to relax and get crafty through a series of different crafting activities open to all skills levels. This month's feature activity is Koinobori, or carp streamers.



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