



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 - October 15, 2023

National Hispanic Heritage Month is an annual celebration from September 15th to October 15th recognizing the many contributions of Hispanic Americans that have enriched our communities. At MPL, we are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting programs throughout the month that spotlight our Hispanic community.

FOR FAMILIES

Botanical Fridas

Main Library | On display until October 6

"Botanical Fridas" is a series of beautifully rendered sculptures, each of which represents a different point of view of one of the most recognized female artists, Frida Kahlo. And, like Frida Kahlo, each sculpture is accompanied by a mascot - a monkey, a xoloitzcuintle, and a deer. This exhibition debuted at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens and toured internationally. And for a limited time, "Botanical Fridas" will be on display at McAllen Public Library!

Mexican Fiesta

Lark Branch Library | Saturday, September 16 at 1:30PM

Join us for an afternoon celebrating our Hispanic culture! The Mission Parks and Recreation Folklorico Dancers will share with us wonderful performances. We will also do a craft and have light refreshments. We invite you to a great event for the whole family.

Family Storytime: Family Fiesta!

Lark Branch Library | Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30PM

Join us at the Lark Branch Library for storytime! Each week children will listen to stories, sing songs, and get creative with fun craft activities. Children of all ages are welcome.

!Cafè y Loteria!

Main Library - Meeting Rooms AB | Thursday, September 21 at 6:00PM

It's time for Loteria! Get a "Buenas!" and choose a book to take home with you from our book giveaway table! La familia is welcome!

FOR CHILDREN

Más Música!

Lark Branch Library | Every Wednesday at 11:00AM

Join us on a musical journey through Latin America to experience the many rhythms and unique instruments from different regions in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Children will get to sing, create instruments and listen to stories based on Hispanic culture.

Bilingual Storytime / Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe

Main Library - Children's Department | Thursdays at 10:00AM

Share stories, songs, and crafts with your little one in Spanish and English! ¡Comparta cuentos, canciones y actividades con su hijo en español e inglés!

La Hora de los Cuentos: *What Can You do with a Rebozo?*

Palm View Branch Library | Tuesday, September 12 at 11:00AM

Let's share bilingual stories, songs, rhymes and activities with toddlers and their grown-ups! ¡Compartimos cuentos, canciones, rimas y actividades en inglés y español con pequeñitos y sus adultos! This week we will read *What can you do with a rebozo: Que puedes hacer con un rebozo?* by Carmen Tafolla. Ven a divertirte!

Toddler Time: Live Creatively like Frida

Palm View Branch Library | Thursday, September 14 at 11:00AM

Join us every Thursday for an interactive storytime with your child that includes early literacy fun with books, songs, finger plays, and body movement! Toddler Time is a fun and interactive program designed for toddlers, ages 2 to 5 years old, and their grown-ups! This week, introduce your toddler to the well renowned artist, Frida Kahlo!

Grab n' Go

Main Library - Children's Department | Friday, September 15, All Day

Stop by for a fun craft to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Do it here in the library or take it home with you! For ages 3 and up!

Toddler Time

Main Library - Storytime Room | Tuesday, September 19 at 10:00AM

Fun and interactive stories, rhymes, and activities for toddlers! For children 2 -5 years old.

Kids Coloring Day

Lark Branch Library | Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00PM

Join us for a relaxing evening of coloring fun! Coloring sheets and crayons will be provided, just bring yourself and have fun. Families welcome.

Stay & Create: Ojo de Dios, Arte Huichol

Palm View Branch Library | Thursday, September 27 from 5:00-6:00PM

Stay & Create is a program dedicated to providing STEM based arts & crafts. It gives kids a chance to interact with hands-on projects and explore different materials! For children 5 to 8 years old. This week, create an Ojo de Dios, Arte Huichol craft inspired by native traditions from Mexican regions.

Little Cocina

Main Library - Children's Department | Sunday, October 15 at 2:00PM

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by making your own delicious treats! Space is limited. Ages 4 & up.



FOR TEENS

Cine y Café

Main Library - Teen Department | Sunday, September 17 at 6:00PM

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us! Sip on delicious café as we screen the iconic movie "Selena," celebrating the trailblazing talent of this legendary singer. While supplies last.

DIY Talavera Dish

Lark Branch Library | Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00PM

Decorate and design your own Talavera inspired clay dish with bright colors and materials! Supplies will be provided.

Conchas & Alebrijes

Palm View Branch Library | Tuesday, September 21 at 4:00PM

Let's celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by painting 3D Alebrijes and enjoying traditional Mexican pastries - Conchas. Teens will have the opportunity to learn about the Hispanic culture, folklore and painting style of creating traditional, alebrijes - brightly painted fantasy creatures originated by a renowned indigenous Mexican artist Pedro Linares in the 1930s.

FOR ADULTS

Painting Class

Lark Branch Library | Saturday, September 9 at 1:30PM

Socialize and follow along as you paint your own work of art to take home! This month's theme is "Frida". Our painting program allows attendees of any skill level to participate. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call Lark Branch at 956-681-3100.

Chips & Salsa

Palm View Branch Library | Thursday, September 14 | 11:00AM

Our Hispanic Heritage Month kicks off with our annual Chips and Salsa event. Come by and join us for some fun playing Mexican Loteria and other enjoyable activities!

Taste of Mexico

Main Library - Meeting Rooms AB | Saturday, September 16 at 11:00AM

Take a break from Tex-Mex cuisine and join speaker Lilian Mezquida, from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, as she discusses authentic Mexican spices, ingredients, and traditional recipes not typically seen in the valley. Participants will receive a FREE set of blank recipe cards, while supplies last. Register online at bit.ly/mp121.

Valley Roots Series: Dr. García's Gold & Legacy

Main Library - Auditorium | Sunday, September 17 at 7:00PM

In 1933, Dr. José García, a country doctor from San Diego, Texas, buried about 500 American gold coins under his home. 69 years later, the gold coins were unearthed. Join us and the Museum of South Texas History to learn more about this fascinating mystery.

Lark Book Club: *Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros

Lark Branch Library | Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30PM

This month's book pick is *Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros! Register online at bit.ly/mpl21.

About the Book: *"Lovingly, passionately woven from dust and glory. . . A sweeping family history that somehow manages to interlace not just the Reyes—those conjurers, enticers and troublemakers—but also all the rest of us, the good & bad together, the bitter and, of course, the sweet."* –Miami Herald.

Palm View Book Club: *Sabrina & Corina* by Kali Fajardo-Anstine

Palm View Branch Library | Thursday, September 20 at 6:30PM

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, our book club will feature "*Sabrina & Corina*" by Kali Fajardo-Anstine.

About the Book: *"Here are stories that blaze like wildfires, with characters who made me laugh and broke my heart."* –Sandra Cisneros.

DIY Flower Crown

Palm View Branch Library | Thursday, September 21 at 11:00AM

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating flower crowns that honor Mexican culture. Register online at bit.ly/mpl21.

Valley Roots Series: Remembering and Honoring Dr. Hector P. Garcia

Main Library - Auditorium & Meeting Rooms AB | Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00PM

Join us for a special presentation on Remembering and Honoring Dr. Hector P. Garcia with Cecilia Garcia Akers, author of *The Inspiring Life of Texan Hector P. Garcia*, and South Texas College Professor Elizandro Muñoz as they both share the history and legacy of the late Civil Rights leader, Dr. Hector P. Garcia. Book signing and reception to follow.

Corona de Flores

Main Library - Meeting Room A | Tuesday, October 3 from 6:00-7:00PM

Join us for a tissue paper flower crown craft that resembles the marigolds used in day of the dead altars.

For questions about our events, please call us at:

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