

**AUGUST 2024**  
We have lots going on this month!

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MCALLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER

## WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

### Don't Miss the Monte Carlo Casino Night Fundraiser!



Get ready for an evening of glamour, thrills, and non-stop excitement! Play traditional casino games and be entertained by our special guest, Elvis! Try your luck in our Wine Pull and silent auction, and indulge in a mouth-watering grazing table sponsored by H-E-B Helping Here. This spectacular event promises unforgettable fun and supports a fantastic cause. All tickets may be purchased online for Will Call pickup the evening of the fundraiser.

All proceeds go directly to the South Texas Book Festival (STBF), enriching our community's love for literature. Save the date: Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Main Library.

Join us for an electrifying night of fun, philanthropy, and fabulous prizes! For tickets and more information go to <https://mcallenlibr.net/stbf/fundraiser>

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### STBF Youth Bookmark Contest Is Now Open!

**STBF** **YOUTH BOOKMARK CONTEST**

THEME: **LIFE OF PETS**

AGE CATEGORIES: 5-9 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: [mcallenlibr.net/stbf/youth-contests](https://mcallenlibr.net/stbf/youth-contests).

### Congrats To Our Patrons!

Congratulations to all the participants of Palm View Branch's 5-week program, "Eating Smart, Being Active." A graduation celebration was held to commemorate learning about healthy eating habits and staying active at any age. Thank you to the instructors from Hidalgo County Health and Human Services, and to FoodAmed and Jersey Mike's for donating refreshments to the graduates.



**MPL STAFF SPOTLIGHT**  
**Jesenia Garcia**  
Lark Branch - Library Assistant

**What is your favorite book genre? And why?**  
It's hard to choose, but I really find myself going back to Paranormal History. I've always been fascinated with hearing stories involving the paranormal and the lore that dwells from it.

**Who is your favorite author? And why?**  
At the moment, Taylor Jenkins Reid. I first saw the show Daisy Jones and the Six and went on to read the book and I loved it.

**Do you have any hidden talents?**  
I could do a great Mickey impression, and many more.

### Happening Now at MPL!

**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 2**  
SAT. AUGUST 3RD 10AM - 1PM  
Bring your own backpack to the Library and get ready for a new school year! Kids and teens entering Pre-K to 12th grade come receive FREE school goodies!

**B.Y.O.B BRING YOUR OWN BACKPACK!**  
Fill Up Your Own Backpack with FREE School Supplies!  
College prep advisors, colleges and universities will also be onsite to help 12th graders on the road to higher education.

**POP UP BOOK SALE**  
Hosted by the McAllen Public Library Advocates

Discover an excellent selection of gently used books feat. bestselling authors, select non-fiction, children's, romance, paperbacks, y libros en español.

Saturday, August 3rd | 10AM - 2PM  
Main Library Bookstore at 4001 N. 23rd St., McAllen

**FAMILY HEALTH FAIR**

This FREE, family-friendly event provides onsite health screenings and activities for the whole family!

- Parent & Me Movement For Kids with FIT4MOM,
- K-Pop Dance for Teens with Indigo Dance
- Everyday Wellness for Adults featuring Rafael Curiel, City of McAllen Wellness Coach.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 17TH 10AM - 12PM**

### MPL Kids Program Highlights

**AT PALM VIEW** **Family Book Sharing Night**  
Wednesday, Aug. 28th at 5:00PM

Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
<b>Baby Storytime</b> Every Tuesday 2:00PM	<b>D.I.Y. Kids</b> Mondays, Aug. 5th - 19th 6:00PM	<b>Storytime with A Young Ambassador</b> Thu. Aug. 1st 11AM
<b>Back To School Scavenger Hunt</b> Aug. 12th - 16th All Day	<b>Toddler Time:</b> Tuesdays, Aug. 6th - 20th 11:00AM	<b>La hora de los cuentos</b> Every Tuesday 11:00AM
<b>LIT4MOM</b> Thu. Aug. 29th 9:30AM	<b>Little Einsteins</b> Wednesdays, Aug. 7th - 21st 6:00PM	<b>Toddler Time</b> Every Thursday 11:00AM

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

### MPL Teens Program Highlights

**AT MAIN** **Teen Zine SERIES**  
STC PRESENTS: **At 6PM**  
Wednesdays, Aug. 7th, Aug. 14th, Aug. 21st

Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
<b>Nerf Olympics</b> Tue. Aug. 6th 2:00PM	<b>D.I.Y. Teens</b> Mon. Aug. 5th 6:00PM	<b>Level Up! Club</b> Mon. Aug. 19th & 26th 4:30PM
<b>Back To School Bingo</b> Sat. Aug. 10th 2:00PM	<b>Disco Décor</b> Thur. Aug. 22nd 6:00PM	<b>Gamers Unplugged</b> Wed. Aug. 21st 4:30PM
<b>Creative Writing Workshop</b> Sat. Aug. 24th 2:00PM	<b>Mario Kart Tournament</b> Sat. Aug. 31st 2:00PM	<b>Tutor.com Bingo!</b> Tue. Aug. 27th 4:30PM

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

### MPL Adults Program Highlights

**AT MAIN** **Unfolded: Poetry Workshop**  
Join us for a series of poetry workshops designed to nurture your poetic spirit, presented by Poet Laureate Victoria Lopez and our local community poets.  
Tues., Aug. 13th & 27th at 7PM

Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
<b>Nature Series: Surging Waters</b> Sat. Aug. 10th 2:00PM	<b>Sculpting Class</b> Sat. Aug. 3rd 2:00PM	<b>Painting with Ms. Susie</b> Mon. Aug. 19th 11:00 AM
<b>Sunday Book Club</b> Sun. Aug. 11th 2:00PM	<b>Adult Magic the Gathering</b> Sat. Aug. 10th 1:30PM	<b>Family Book Sharing Night</b> Wed. Aug. 26th 5:00PM
<b>Liver Health with McAllen Research</b> Mon. Aug. 12th 1:00PM	<b>Adult Painting Class</b> Sat. Aug. 24th 1:30PM	<b>Palmview Book Club</b> Thu. Aug. 22nd 6:30PM

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### E-Branch Spotlight!

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### 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

