



WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

MPL Wins Over 30 Gold Awards and More!



I am beyond thrilled to announce that MPL has been awarded 17 KALIFF Zenith Marketing Awards, including the prestigious Best In Texas Award for our budget category. This marks the fifth year in a row that MPL has been awarded the highest honor! Each year, the Texas Festival and Events Association (TFEA) honors the brightest and best in its annual Marketing Awards Contest. Entries from members all over Texas are judged by a panel of industry experts and awards are presented in over 50 categories! This year, MPL was awarded 32 Gold Awards, 12 Silver Awards, and 6 Bronze Awards for a variety of programs and services, including Fiesta Casino Night Fundraiser, Countdown to the Eclipse, Dia, World Languages Festival, and Summer Reading Challenge.

Our TFEA pride continues as several MPL staff earned the title of Certified Festival & Event Associate (CFEA). The CFEA course of studies provides in-depth educational courses and intensive training. Congratulations to Kristina Garcia, Jessica Villanueva, Eddie Reyna, and Conan Martinez!

Celebrate the Holidays with Santa & Marty!



Santa Claus is coming to MPL and he's bringing lots of holiday cheer! All are invited to join us at the McAllen Public Library Main branch on Saturday, December 14th at 10AM-1PM for our annual Holly Jolly Party.

Families can expect festive crafts, cheerful music, sweet treats, hot cocoa, and a free picture with Santa Claus! Marty the Library Cat says, "It's a PAW-ty you won't want to miss!"

Help Teens Bundle Up this Winter



TEEN ESSENTIAL SHELF Winter Drive
Sunday, Dec. 1st - Sunday, Dec. 22nd

We are accepting donations for McAllen Public Library's Teen Essential Shelves. These shelves are located in the Teen Areas of our Lark, Palm View, and Main branches, and they provide a much-needed service to teens in our community. They are designed to help teens access not only basic hygiene products but also winter wear essentials for the incoming chilly season.

For more information, please contact the Teen Services Desk at (956) 681-3090

HELP US COLLECT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- GLOVES
- SCARVES
- SOCKS
- HANDWARMERS
- BEANIES
- SWEATERS
- COATS
- EARBUFFS

ADDITIONAL ITEMS WILL BE APPRECIATED:

- SHAMPOO
- TOOTHPASTE
- HAIR BRUSHES
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- FLOSS
- BRODBRANT
- BODY WASH/SHAP
- PADS & TAMPONS

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY MPL SERVICE DESK:

LARK BRANCH LIBRARY: 2601 LARK AVE, McALLEN, TX 78504
 PALM VIEW BRANCH LIBRARY: 3401 JORDAN RD W, McALLEN, TX 78503
 MAIN BRANCH LIBRARY: 4001 N 23RD ST, McALLEN, TX 78504

Help make a difference! MPL is collecting donations for the McAllen Public Library's Teen Essential Shelves, located in the Teen Areas of our Lark, Palm View, and Main branches. These shelves provide teens with essential hygiene products and winter wear to stay healthy and warm this season. Your support keeps our teens cared for and ready for the chilly weather. The Teen Essential Shelves are supported 100% by generous donations from community members and businesses.

The Winter Drive will be open Sunday, Dec. 1st - Sunday, Dec. 22nd. Items can be dropped off at any MPL service desk.

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From all of us at MPL, wishing you and your loved ones a blessed holiday season and a safe and happy 2025!



MPL STAFF SPOTLIGHT
Ivonne Robles
Librarian's Assistant
Children's Department

What is your favorite book genre? And why?
I like thrillers, mystery and romance novels. I like to read stories that have an underlying realism to them.

What do you enjoy most about working at a library?
I enjoy working the programs and getting to see people from HS come with their babies to our baby storytime!

Who has made a positive difference in your life recently?
my mom, she shows how strong I can be in a difficult situation.

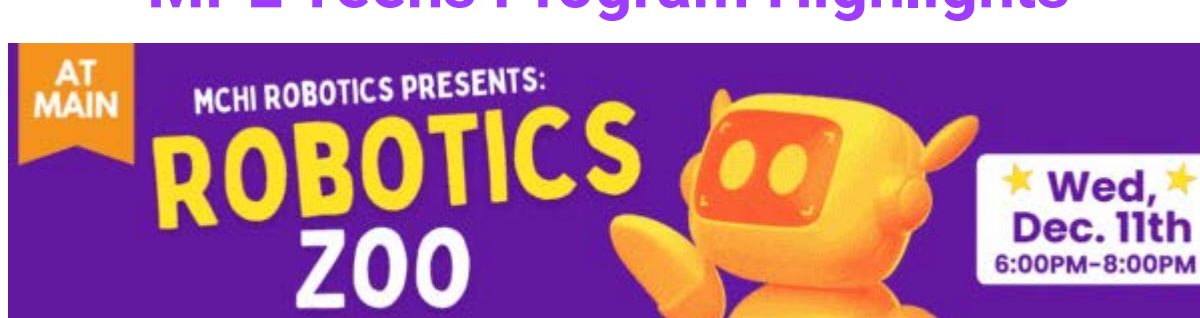
MPL Kids Program Highlights



Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
Baby Storytime Every Tuesday 2:00PM	Once Upon a Time at Lark Mondays, Dec. 2nd, 9th, & 16th 11:00AM	La hora de los cuentos Bilingual Storytime Every Tuesday 11:00AM
LIT4MOM Tue. Dec. 10 9:30AM	Creative Mornings Wednesdays, Dec. 4th, 11th, & 18 10:00AM	Toddler Time: Firefighters to the Rescue Thur. Dec. 12 11:00AM
Winter Scavenger Hunt Thu. Dec. 26 All Day	Take & Make Crafts Every Friday 10:00AM	Stay & Create: Hot Cocoa Ornament Wed. Dec. 18 6:00PM

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

MPL Teens Program Highlights



Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
TAC Meeting Sat. Dec. 7 3:00PM	Tween's Art Zone! Wed. Dec. 4th Mon. Dec. 9th 10:00AM	Level Up! Club Mon. Dec. 2 Wed. Dec. 11th 4:30PM
MCHI Robotics Presents: Robotics Zoo Wed. Dec. 11th 6:00PM	Character Plexiglass Thu. Dec. 5th 6:00PM	LibFlix & Hot Cocoa Mon. Dec. 16 4:30PM
New Year Vision Board Sun. Dec. 29 6:00PM	3D Paint a Pokemon Mon. Dec. 30th 11:00AM	Makerspace: Paint & Chill Wed. Dec. 18 4:30PM

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MPL Adults Program Highlights



Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
Unfolded Poetry Workshop Tues. Dec 3rd 7:00PM	Knitting Group Every Tuesday 2:00PM	Crochet Club: Cozy Hat Mon. Dec. 9 11:00AM
Diverse Voices Book club Thu. Dec. 19 6:30PM	Financial Assistance Thu. Dec. 5th 10:00AM	Fire Safety for the Holidays Thu. Dec. 12 11:00AM
Winter Crafts Sat. Dec. 21st 10:00AM	Adult Coloring Wed. Dec. 18th 6:00PM	Holiday Blues: A Conversation with DHR Thu. Dec. 19 12:00PM

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

E-Branch Spotlight!

E-books
Audiobooks
Magazines
Comics
Streaming Movies

CL cloudLibrary
by bibliotheca

Available to any Hidalgo County library card holder.

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
Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00AM - 9:00PM Friday - Saturday 9:00AM - 6:00PM Sunday 1:00PM - 9:00PM	Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00AM - 9:00PM Friday - Saturday 10:00AM - 5:00PM Sunday 1:00PM - 9:00PM	Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00AM - 9:00PM Friday - Saturday 10:00AM - 5:00PM Sunday 1:00PM - 9:00PM

