

# MPL CONNECT

OCTOBER 2024  
We have lots going on this month!

McALLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER

## WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

### Save The Date For Our South Texas Book Festival!

We are eagerly counting down the days until the 11th Annual South Texas Book Festival, an award-winning event happening at Main Library from Tuesday, October 26 through Saturday, November 2. This year's theme, "Celebrate Vida" invites our community to experience culture and imagination with a fantastic lineup of diverse authors and exciting events.

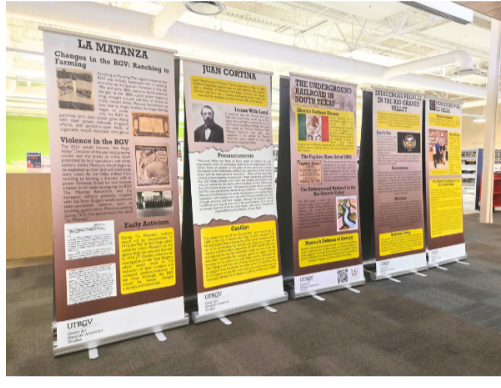
The festival kicks off with Vida Verse: A Celebration of South Texas Poets on Tuesday, October 29 from 6:00 to 7:30PM. On Wednesday, October 30 from 6:30 to 8:00PM, the festival will host Un Cafecito with the Authors, a ticketed session featuring a book discussion over coffee and pastries. Families are encouraged to join in costume for the annual Trick-or-Treat Trail throughout the entire facility on Thursday, October 31 from 5:00 to 7:00PM, a fun and safe event for children and families.



The festival's main day on Saturday, November 2, from 11:00AM to 5:00PM, will feature 25 authors, hands-on activities, food vendors, community partners, and a kiddie train for children. Attendees can purchase books from the festival's exclusive bookseller, The Storybook Garden, and have them signed by their favorite authors. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of H-E-B Helping Here and the South Texas Literacy Coalition, every child and teen attending the festival will receive a free book to take home. We are so grateful to H-E-B Helping Here and all of our amazing sponsors and partners for their ongoing support, making the South Texas Book Festival a truly unforgettable event each year. Stay tuned for the full schedule and more details at [www.southtexasbookfestival.com](http://www.southtexasbookfestival.com)

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### Don't Miss Out On *The Civil Rights in the RGV* Exhibit



*Civil Rights in the RGV* is a traveling exhibit that showcases the rich history of key events and notable individuals who fought for civil rights along the South Texas border. Created by Nosotras Por El Valle, a local group of Rio Grande Valley community members and scholars dedicated to preserving RGV history, the exhibit brings history to life through a pictorial representation of the region's significant civil rights moments. The exhibit will be on display at the Main Library until October 4th.

### STBF Youth Bookmark Contest Closes Soon!



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](http://mcallelibrary.net/stbf/youth-contests).

### MPL STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**Jeremy Robledo**  
PV Branch - Library Assistant

**What is your favorite book genre? And why?**  
I really enjoy reading psychological thrillers. Reading a suspenseful book with plot twists and mind bending plots is very fun.

**What book series would you like to live in?**  
As a huge fan of Harry Potter, I would love to live in that magical universe. Going to Hogwarts and learning all there is to know about magic seems like a childhood dream.

**Do you have any hidden talents?**  
It's not very hidden but I play the French Horn for the McAllen Wind Ensemble. Music is a passion of mine and I love sharing that passion with my instrument.

### Happening Soon at MPL!

**STBF Presents: PET WEEK AT THE LIBRARY**  
Monday, October 21 - Saturday, October 26 at McAllen Public Library Branches  
Get ready for Pet Week at the Library, a special event series presented by the South Texas Book Festival! McAllen Public Library will host a variety of engaging events throughout the week, including storytime, crafts, and activities, along with appearances from special guests and community partners. Don't miss out on celebrating Pet Week with Mary the Cat, McAllen Public Library's mascot!

**STBF Presents: VIDA VERSE: A CELEBRATION OF SOUTH TEXAS POETS**  
Tuesday, October 29 at 6:00PM - 7:30PM at Main Library, Meeting Room AB  
Kick off the festival on Tuesday evening with Vida Verse, a literary event celebrating contemporary poets from South Texas. Renowned Rio Grande Valley poets César L. de León, Gume Laurel III, Javier Villarreal, and Julieta Corpus will share their works, reflecting the culture and spirit of the region through powerful verse and storytelling.

**STBF Presents: UN CAFECITO WITH THE AUTHORS**  
Wednesday, October 30 at 6:30PM - 8:00PM at Main Library, Meeting Room AB  
Enjoy an intimate evening with authors Alberto Robledo, Rene Saldaña, Richard Santos, and Ruben Degollado as they discuss their works at the Library. Guests will receive a signed book by each of the featured authors, freshly brewed coffee options from a full espresso bar, and delicious pastries in a relaxed setting. Tickets are \$30 and all proceeds from the ticket sales will support STBF.

**STBF Presents: TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL**  
Thursday, October 31 at 5:00PM - 7:00PM at Main Library, Meeting Room AB  
Embark on an exciting adventure with our family-friendly Trick-or-Treat Trail weaving through our entire facility, where you'll find delightful surprises at every corner! Admission is free, so bring along your family and friends for a booktacular Halloween experience at the Library!

### MPL Kids Program Highlights

**AT MAIN PUMPKIN PATCH Storytime**  
Sunday, Oct. 20 at 2PM

Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
<b>Baby Storytime</b> Every Tuesday 2:00PM	<b>Once Upon a Time at Lark</b> Mondays, Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st 6:00PM	<b>Stay &amp; Create: Paper Pumpkins</b> Wed, Oct. 9th 6:00PM
<b>Toddler Time</b> Every Thursday 1:00PM	<b>Toddler Time:</b> Tuesdays, Oct. 8th, 15th, & 22nd 11:00AM	<b>La hora de los cuentos: Tails that Teach</b> Tue, Oct. 22nd 11:00AM
<b>Not-So-Wimpy Release Party</b> Thu, Oct. 29 6:00PM	<b>Creative Mornings</b> Wednesdays, Oct. 9th, 16th, & 23rd 11:00AM	<b>Toddler Time: Tales That Teach</b> Thu, Oct. 24th 11:00AM

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

### MPL Teens Program Highlights

**AT MAIN PET WEEK AT THE LIBRARY**  
TUES, OCT. 22ND AT 6:00PM MAIN LIBRARY

**TWEENS & TEENS: PET CRAFT NIGHT**  
FOR AGES 10-18

Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
<b>TAC Meeting</b> Sat, Oct. 12 3:00PM	<b>Tween's Art Zone!</b> Wed, Oct. 2nd & 16th 6:00PM	<b>Level Up! Club</b> Mon, Oct. 7th & 28th 4:30PM
<b>Five Nights at MPL</b> Wed, Oct. 16 6:00PM	<b>Mario Kart Tournament</b> Sat, Oct. 5th 2:00PM	<b>Paw-ty Pet Bracelets</b> Wed, Oct. 23rd 5:30PM
<b>Spooky Flix</b> Tue, Oct. 29 6:00PM	<b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons</b> Sat, Oct. 26th 2:00PM	<b>Teen Spooky Scavenger Hunt</b> Wed, Oct. 30th 4:30PM

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### MPL Adults Program Highlights

**AT MAIN VIDA VERSE: A CELEBRATION OF SOUTH TEXAS POETS**  
Tuesday, Oct. 29 6:00PM-7:30PM

**SAVE THE DATE**

**UN CAFECITO WITH THE AUTHORS**  
\$30 per ticket  
Wednesday, Oct. 30 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
<b>Through the Lens of History: Truly Texas Mexican Film</b> Wed, Oct. 9th 6:00PM	<b>Sculpting Class</b> Sat, Oct. 5th 2:00PM	<b>Pan y Plática</b> Thu, Oct. 3rd 11:00AM
<b>Nature Series: Spiders of the RGV</b> Thu, Oct. 24 2:00PM	<b>Lark Book Club</b> Thu, Oct. 17 6:30PM	<b>Crochet Club: Pet Pouch</b> Mon, Oct. 21st 11:00AM
<b>My First Pet Care</b> Sat, Oct. 26 11:00AM	<b>Adult Painting Class</b> Sat, Oct. 19th 1:30PM	<b>Palmview Book Club</b> Thu, Oct. 24th 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

