

## April 2024 Events at Gallup's Octavia Fellin Public Library

### Special Events

#### Google Career Academy Member Night

Gallup Career Academy (GCA) invites members of the **Spring 2024 Cohort to OFPL's MakerSpace at the Children & Youth Library every Wednesday from 6:00-8:00 PM**. This is your time to create and collaborate! Get help with your Google coursework, or use our MakerSpace equipment including 3D printers, laser engraver, Cricut paper and vinyl die-cut machines, button maker, heat transfer printing, studio space for painting, learning animation, modeling, CAD design, and more. The MakerSpace will be closed to the general public at this time. For more information visit [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.online), contact [tmoe@gallupnm.gov](mailto:tmoe@gallupnm.gov) or [rlasiloo@gallupnm.gov](mailto:rlasiloo@gallupnm.gov).

#### K-POP Night! (ages 6+)

Join us at **El Morro Events Center on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 PM** to immerse yourself in K-POP culture! K-POP is mainstream music that originated in South Korea and has grown into an international phenomenon. Explore our MakerSpace equipment and create your own individualized stickers, buttons & cell phone charms. Enter our raffle for a customized tote bag. Mingle with K-POP fans, synchronize your dance moves to your favorite K-POP artists, and trade K-POP merch. Email [ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov](mailto:ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

#### Spring Chess Tournament (all ages)

Celebrate Spring by stretching your brain! Join us at **El Morro Events Center on April 6<sup>th</sup>** for a Spring Chess Tournament. **Registration begins at 9:00 AM** with rounds beginning at **10:00 AM** and ending with an awards ceremony at **4:00 PM**. This free scholastic tournament is open to chess players of all ages and skill levels. You may register in person on the morning of the tournament, or in advance at [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.online). Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call 505-863-1291 for more information.

## **National Week of the Young Child (all ages)**

Join OFPL during the week of **April 8-12** for special events in conjunction with National Week of the Young Child, which celebrates early learning, young children, their teachers, and families. Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call 505-863-1291 for more information.

- **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> Music Monday** - Join us at the **Children & Youth Library** at **4:00 PM** for a special concert by national award-winning singer and songwriter Dan Crow. This lively musical presentation for all ages will have you out of your seat singing and dancing along!
- **Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Tasty Tuesday** - Join us at the **Children & Youth Library** between **4:00 and 6:00 PM** for an introduction to cooking workshop for kids **ages 3-8**. Navajo Tech's Culinary Arts Chef Lorencita Billiman will lead participants in practicing reading a recipe and measuring ingredients as they make their own trail mix.
- **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> Work Together Wednesday** - Join OFPL and Explora! at the **Children & Youth Library** between **4:00 and 6:00 PM** for all-ages collaborative STEM exploration activities including wind tunnels, wind-powered cars, and straw rockets.
- **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> Crafty Thursday** - Join us at the **Children & Youth Library** at **4:00 PM** for Crafty Kids for an all-ages dolphin craft.
- **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Family Friday**
  - Join us at the **Children & Youth Library** from **10:00 to 11:30 AM** for a workshop for parents of young children, early child educators, and their children, hosted by the UNM Early Childhood Services Center. This workshop will be an exploration into outdoor education using J.U.N.K. (Joy of Uncovering New Knowledge) recipes.
  - Join us at the **Children & Youth Library** between **3:00 and 5:00 PM** for ***Get Up and Game*** to play family-friendly multiplayer video games together as a family, or check out a board game from our collection to play together.

## **Understanding the Law Series (all ages)**

Join OFPL at the Main Library for a presentation on The Bill of Rights. Attorney David Eason presents the Amendments to the Constitution. The Bill of Rights spells out Americans' rights in relation to their government and guarantees civil rights and liberties to the individual—like freedom of speech, press, and religion. Snacks will be provided. Email [tmoe@gallupnm.gov](mailto:tmoe@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM** - Civil War Amendments - 14th.
- **April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM** - Civil War Amendments - 15th.

## **New Mexico Grown: Gardening Series (all ages)**

Join OFPL and Master Gardeners from Tumbleweed Farms at the **Main Library** for a gardening series. Get tips and instructions to plan a space for your garden and manage your crops from Master Gardeners Jason Elliott and Natalja Varezkina - Elliot. Classes will be held on **Friday, April 12th from 4:00 PM- 6:00 PM**. Email [ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov](mailto:ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **April 12<sup>th</sup> Frost Protection:** This class will review ways to extend your season and prolong the life of your garden. There will be reviews of hoop houses and greenhouses, along with suggestions on which option will be best for you.

## **We READ, We TALK Book Club**

The **We READ, We TALK Book Club** is currently reading *[Blood Sisters](#)* by Vanessa Lillie. A visceral and compelling mystery about a Cherokee archeologist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs who is summoned to rural Oklahoma to investigate the disappearance of two women...one of them her sister. Discussions will be held **April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM** and **April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM** at the **Main Library** or on zoom. Attend one of the discussions and keep the book! Register at [ofpl.online](http://ofpl.online). Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call 505-863-1291 for more information.

## **National Poetry Month - Open Mic Night at El Morro Theatre**

In celebration of National Poetry Month, OFPL will host several poets from the New Mexico Poetry Anthology Collection. Join us **April 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM** for a lovely night of poetry at **El Morro Theatre** during **ArtsCrawl!** Witness contemporary, groundbreaking work by featured poets [Mia Sutanto](#), [Boderra Joe](#) and [Shirley Balance Blackwell](#) followed by an open mic to share your own work or hear from others. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov), or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

## **MakerSpace @ArtsCrawl**

OFPL's MakerSpace is coming to ArtsCrawl! Join us at **El Morro Events Center on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM** to create your own Spring Stickers. Explore our MakerSpace programs and activities while you are there! Email [rlasiloo@gallupnm.gov](mailto:rlasiloo@gallupnm.gov), or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

## **Cricut Workshop - Pet Tags (12+)**

Join OFPL at the **Main Library on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM** create a customized pet tag with the Cricut engraving tool. Design your pet tag with these easy and creative tutorials using your Cricut. Supplies provided. Advance registration at [ofpl.online](http://ofpl.online) is required. Email [ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov](mailto:ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

## **HelloTech! - Help with your Technology (all ages)**

Join OFPL at the **Main Library on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 4:00 PM** for a **Job Search & Resume Writing Workshop** followed by **Help with your Technology**. Get your technology questions answered by OFPL staff who will be available to provide individual technology assistance. We can help you learn about your electronic devices so that you feel more confident using them! Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Beading Workshop (12+)**

Join OFPL at the **Main Library on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM for a Beading Workshop**. Design and make beautifully beaded jewelry using CreativeBug! at 4 PM. Learn the process of developing a cohesive jewelry collection, beginning with the assembly of a mood board to find your aesthetic. Then, learn how to map out a beaded design on paper and prepare a Jewel Loom to weave your beads. Finally, learn how to mount your beadwork to a brass cuff and show off your stylish new creation! Email [ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov](mailto:ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Earth Day Fun at Rio West Mall (all ages)**

Join **OFPL at the Rio West Mall on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM** to celebrate Earth Day by making your own plantable seed paper, which is handmade paper with seeds embedded into it. When this paper is placed on top of soil and watered, it will germinate and begin sprouting seedlings. Eventually the paper will decompose and leave the seedlings to grow into mature plants. Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Sexual Assault Awareness Month - Human/Sex Trafficking Education**

Join OFPL and Shaniya Logg, in collaboration with Sexual Assault Services of Northwest New Mexico on **April 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM** for an educational presentation on human and sex trafficking in and around New Mexico and Native American communities. This event will feature a fundraising raffle to benefit survivors of McKinley County that are referred to Utah Navajo Health System- Gallup office and The Dream Center of Albuquerque. Bring an item from the list below to be donated. In turn you will be entered into the raffle: Clothing, Bedding, Snacks, Food Gift Cards, Household Items and Hygiene Products. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) for more information.

### **Library Advisory Board (LAB) Meeting**

The public is invited to attend the Library Advisory Board (LAB) monthly meeting **at the Main Library on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 PM at the Main library or on Zoom**. The meetings are scheduled the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 4:00 PM**. Email [tmoe@gallupnm.gov](mailto:tmoe@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Navajo Rug Weaving Workshop (19+)**

OFPL and Diné weaver Lois A. Becenti will offer weaving workshops **at the Main Library on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. The Library will provide looms for the public to use!** Please bring supplies and a project to work on. Learn the fundamentals and techniques of rug weaving in the traditional Diné style, including warping, carding, and spinning. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Junk Journaling Workshop (12+)**

Join OFPL and local artist Kim Esparza at the **Main Library on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM** for a junk journaling workshop. A junk journal is a handmade book made up of recycled items such as pages from magazines, brochures, patterned paper, music sheets, envelopes, packaging, and more. Insignificant scraps are given new life and become a source of creativity. Learn how to get started making your very own! Email [ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov](mailto:ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Free Narcan Training (all ages)**

Join OFPL at the **Main Library on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM** for **Free** Community Narcan training. A Paramedic and a case manager from the FR-CARA Program (First Responders Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act) will present available resources and Narcan training every last Tuesday of the month. *Each individual will get a box of Narcan.* A Q&A to follow. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov), or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Cricut Workshop - Engraved Necklaces & Bracelets (12+)**

Join OFPL at the **Main Library on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM** to customize a necklace or bracelet with the Cricut engraving tool. Design your own necklace or bracelet with these easy and creative tutorials using your Cricut. Supplies provided. Advance registration at [ofpl.online](http://ofpl.online) is required. Email [ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov](mailto:ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Build-Your-Own-Bundle (all ages)**

[Build-Your-Own-Book Bundle](#) with OFPL staff who will create a bundle of material, especially for you! Let us know what type of materials and genres you are interested in and we'll browse for you and create a custom bundle of material for you to pick up. Give us 48 hours to get your material together and our staff will contact you to schedule a pick-up. To place a request, visit [ofpl.online](http://ofpl.online). Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov), or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

## **Main Library Weekly Events**

### **Midweek Matinee at OFPL**

Join OFPL at the **Main Library every Wednesday at 3:00 PM** for weekly film screenings of award-winning, classics, documentaries, newly released, and specially selected films. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind - 2004 | R | 1 hr. 47 mins.**  
This film tells the bizarre love story about a man who has all memories of his girlfriend erased after they break up.
- **April 10<sup>th</sup> - Gran Turismo - 2023 | R | 2 hr. 14 mins.**  
Based on the unbelievable, inspiring true story of a team of underdogs - a struggling, working-class gamer, a failed former race car driver, and an idealistic motorsport exec - who risk it all to take on the most elite sport in the world.
- **April 17<sup>th</sup> - Love Beats Rhymes - 2017 | R | 1 hrs. 46 mins.**  
Azealia Banks, Jill Scott, Lucien Laviscount, and Common lead this inspiring, music-filled story of a struggling rapper looking to find her own voice.
- **April 24<sup>th</sup> - Good Will Hunting - 1997 | R | 2 hrs. 7 mins.**  
An Oscar-winning screenplay propels this tale about a brilliant but undisciplined janitor who confronts his problems with the help of a therapist.

# Children & Youth Library Weekly Events

## **Eureka! (ages 6-11)**

Join OFPL at the Children & Youth Library every Monday at 4:00 PM for **STREAM** workshops and activities for kids and tweens (ages 6-12). Eureka! **STREAM** workshops explore topics in **Science**, **Technology**, **Reading**, **Engineering**, **Art**, and **Making**. Throughout April we will be exploring electricity and circuits through hands-on explorations. Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **April 1<sup>st</sup>: Bristle Bots** - Learn how to design a robot that can move on its own with just a few simple materials.
- **April 8<sup>th</sup>: No Eureka** (replaced by Dan Crow Children's Concert)
- **April 15<sup>th</sup>: Build an Index Card Flashlight** - Learn about electrical circuits and switches and design your own working flashlight.
- **April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Conductive Paint Circuits** - Use your knowledge of circuits to create an interactive piece of art that lights up.
- **April 29<sup>th</sup>: Paper-Circuit Fireflies** - Use conductive tape to create an origami firefly that lights up.

## **Chess Club (all ages)**

Join the chess club at OFPL every Tuesday and Friday at 4:30 PM at the Children & Youth Library! Through the game of chess, members of the club are able to bond and improve their chess skills! Tuesday we will learn and practice chess theory and strategy together, and Friday participants will build their skills through play. All ages are welcome, although this is targeted at the **age 8-18 range**. Participants do not need to attend every event. Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

## **Family Storytime (ages 0-5)**

Join OFPL at the Children & Youth Library every Monday and Wednesday at 11:00 AM for storytime activities, songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and read-aloud stories! Throughout April, our storytimes will celebrate the Spring season. Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

## **Open MakerSpace Time (ages 6+)**

Join OFPL at the Children & Youth Library every Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM for open MakerSpace time! OFPL's MakerSpace is a collaborative workspace for making, learning, and exploring. Participants ages 6 and up can come in to create their own designs for our 3D printers or explore our many engineering activities and equipment! Email [rlasiloo@gallupnm.gov](mailto:rlasiloo@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

**Crafty Kids (all ages)** - Join us at the Children & Youth Library every Thursday at 4:00 PM for family-friendly crafts with step-by-step tutorials for all skill levels and ages. Supply kits are available at OFPL using the [Supply Request Form](#) at [ofpl.online](#). Email [hetsitty@gallupnm.gov](mailto:hetsitty@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **April 4<sup>th</sup> - Zoo Craft** - In honor of Zoo Lover's Day, create a sensory zoo craft!
- **April 11<sup>th</sup> - Dolphin Craft** - Celebrate National Dolphin Day with your own 3D dolphin craft!
- **April 18<sup>th</sup> - Flower Planting Craft** - In honor of Earth Day, create a STEM craft about the parts of a flower!
- **April 25<sup>th</sup> - Pipe Cleaner Super Heroes** - Create your own bendable and poseable super hero action figures!

**Get up and Game (ages 6+)** - Join us at the Children & Youth Library every Friday anytime between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM to unwind from a busy week! Get up and Game with video games and fun for the whole family including the Nintendo Switch, Xbox Kinect, and Oculus virtual reality! Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

**Kidz Cinema (all ages)** - Join us at the Children & Youth Library every Saturday at 2:00 PM for weekly family-oriented film screenings. Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **April 6<sup>th</sup> - Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse - 2019** | PG | 1 hr. 57 mins. After a bite from a radioactive spider, Miles Morales becomes the one and only Spider-Man. When a dimensional gateway opens up, Miles soon realizes he isn't the only spider superhero as he meets many different versions of spiderman from other universes.
- **April 13<sup>th</sup> - The Bad Guys - 2022** | PG | 1 hr. 40 mins. The infamous Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, Mr. Shark, Ms. Tarantula, and Mr. Wolf find their lives of crime coming to an end as they face imprisonment. Determined to retain their freedom, the criminals band together to boost their public image and prove their goodness to their community with the help of their esteemed mentor, Professor Marmalade.
- **April 20<sup>th</sup> - Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken - 2023** | PG | 1 hr. 30 mins. The animated film tells the story of teenage sea kraken Ruby Gillman. Struggling to fit in at her high school Oceanside High, Ruby discovers her ancestral destiny to reign as Warrior Queen of the Seven Seas, following in the footsteps of her grandmother. Overwhelmed by the throne and its heavy responsibilities, Ruby seeks help from Chelsea, a former mermaid who joins Ruby's high school.
- **April 27<sup>th</sup> - Mulan - 1998** | G | 1 hr. 30 mins. A Chinese maiden disguises herself as a man so that she can fight invading Huns. During an ambush, Mulan proves herself to be a brave and fearless leader.

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