

## December 2021 Events at the Octavia Fellin Public Library

### Special Events

#### Unwrap the Gift of Reading

Begin the holiday cheer early by unwrapping the gift of reading! Throughout the month of **December** select a wrapped book to check out, unwrap, and read! Rate it by filling out the card with each book. All cards that are returned by January 14<sup>th</sup> will be entered in a prize drawing. Post a picture with your book on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram and tag us [@galluplibrary](#) for a second entry into the drawing. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

#### Mitten Tree

In the spirit of holiday giving OFPL will be collecting new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, and earmuffs to decorate our Mitten Tree! Donations will be accepted throughout the month of **December** and will benefit the children & families served by McKinley County. Help provide our community with warm hands and warm hearts. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

**New York Times Best Selling Author James McGrath Morris, visits OFPL, this Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.** Join OFPL in welcoming the author of *Tony Hillerman: A Life* the first major biography of the groundbreaking mystery writer. The author of eighteen spellbinding detective novels set on the Navajo Nation, Tony Hillerman simultaneously transformed a traditional genre and unlocked the mysteries of Navajo culture to an audience of millions. His best-selling novels added Navajo Tribal Police detectives Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee to the pantheon of American fictional detectives. **An in-person event** at the Main Library, 115 West Hill Avenue. Author's talk, refreshments, and book signing. Email [tmoe@gallupnm.gov](mailto:tmoe@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

#### Bar Soap with Dried Flowers and Essential Oils

Join OFPL on Facebook, [@galluplibrary](#), or YouTube on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM to make your own bar soap with dried flowers & essential oils. Watch our collection of self-care workshops on YouTube to boost your mental, emotional, and physical health. The ingredient list will be available at [ofpl.online](#) prior to the workshop. Supply kits are available at OFPL on a first-come, first-serve basis using the [Supply Request Form](#) at [ofpl.online](#). Email [jwhitman@gallupnm.gov](mailto:jwhitman@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

#### NASA@Your Library plus Santa's Workshop inside the Mall!

Join us inside the Rio West Mall behind Hobby Lobby on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM to go to infinity and beyond! We will be celebrating NASA@Your Library by going to space with virtual reality headsets, astronaut games, and many hands-on activities plus delight in the magic of the holiday season at Santa's workshop by making a holiday craft! Books, games, library cards, and more will be available. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call 505-863-1291 for more information.

## Library Advisory Board Meeting

The public is invited to attend the Library Advisory Board (LAB) monthly meeting on **December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM**. Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86946788988> **Meeting ID: 869 4678 8988**. Email [tmoe@gallupnm.gov](mailto:tmoe@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

## Princess Winter Wonderland

Join OFPL *in-person* on **Wednesday, December 22nd from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at OFPL's Children's Branch**, 200 West Aztec Ave. for a princess-themed storytime and photo-opportunity! Come listen to a story from a Princess at our winter wonderland. Experience the excitement of interacting with a live Princess and taking photos with her. Email [jwhitman@gallupnm.gov](mailto:jwhitman@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

## Holiday Closure

The Octavia Fellin Public Library will be closed **Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**, and **Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**. During that time, OFPL's online services, as always, will be available at [ofpl.online](http://ofpl.online) featuring downloadable magazines, e-books, audiobooks, streaming movies, virtual programs, and many other resources. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information

## Main Library Weekly Events

### Creative Corner

Join us on **Facebook**, [@galluplibrary](https://www.facebook.com/galluplibrary), or **YouTube at Octavia Fellin Public Library on Mondays at 4:00 PM**. Create your own art using materials found around your home! Courses are geared towards individuals approximately 15-years and older. Supply kits are available at OFPL on a first-come, first-serve basis using the [Supply Request Form](#) at [ofpl.online](http://ofpl.online). Email [jwhitman@gallupnm.gov](mailto:jwhitman@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### Premiere Dates:

- **December 6<sup>th</sup> - Basic Block Printing**  
Learn how to create a block print of linoleum. Block printing is a technique for printing text, images, or patterns used since 220 AD. Inspired by a CreativeBug class from the Sarah Matthews collection.
- **December 13<sup>th</sup> - Pom Pom Rug**  
Feel the warmth of a new rug! Make your own soft and warm pom-pom rug out of yarn.
- **December 20<sup>th</sup> - Torn Paper Collage**  
Recycle your old books or magazines to create a colorful collage.
- **December 27<sup>th</sup> - Stained Glass Art**  
Upcycle unused picture frames to make a stained glass window with glue and food coloring.

## Main Library Weekly Events - Creative Corner (continued)

### One-2-One Help

Are you having trouble with your personal electronics? Do you want to learn how to use technology? The Library offers one-2-one technology assistance and training. Email [libtrain@gallupnm.gov](mailto:libtrain@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 to schedule personalized audio, video, or in-person meeting with our Technology Trainer.

## Children's Library Branch Weekly Events

### Family Storytime

Join us **in person every Wednesday at 11:00 AM inside the Children's Branch** for storytime activities, songs, rhymes, and read-aloud stories every week! Age 0-4. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### Crafty Kids

Join us on Facebook, [@galluplibrary](https://www.facebook.com/galluplibrary), or YouTube at **Octavia Fellin Public 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 on a first-come, first-serve basis using the [Supply Request Form](#) at [ofpl.online](http://ofpl.online). Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### Premiere Dates:

- **December 02, 2021: Stuffed Gingerbread Man**
- **December 09, 2021: Paper Plate Snowman**
- **December 16, 2021: Pinecone Christmas Ornament**
- **December 23, 2021: Yarn & Stick Christmas Tree**
- **December 30, 2021: Stitched String Art**

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