December 2025 Events at the Octavia Fellin Public Library and El Morro Theatre

Special Events

We READ, We TALK Book Club - The Last One at the Wedding

Explore Identity, History, and Resilience Through Literature

The **We READ**, **We TALK Book Club**, invites you to read and discuss *The Last One at the Wedding* by **Jason Rekulak**—elated to be invited to his estranged daughter's wedding, Frank Szatowski arrives at a secluded estate to discover she is marrying into a secretive billionaire family that is the target of disturbing local hostility. Frank must now navigate a web of lies and his new in-laws' evasive behavior to protect his daughter.

Discussion Dates & Details:

First Discussion: TBD in January

Second Discussion: TBD in FebruaryLocation: Main Library & via Zoom

How to Participate:

Register now at https://ofpl.online/. Attend one of the discussions in person or via Zoom to keep the book at no cost!

#WeREADWeTALK #BookClub #OFPL #GallupReads

Lit Happens Teen Book Club - The Legendary Frybread Drive-In

The **Lit Happens Teen Book Club**, invites teens to read and discuss *The Legendary Frybread Drive In*, edited by bestselling author Cynthia Leitich Smith. This anthology of interconnected stories and poems features acclaimed Indigenous voices centered around the magnetic pull of Sandy June's Legendary Frybread Drive-In. Serving as a sanctuary for Native teens, the drive-in offers more than just traditional eats, becoming a vital backdrop for laughter, love, family reunions, and cultural pride.

Discussion Dates & Details:

First Discussion: TBD in January

Second Discussion: TBD in February

P Location: Children & Youth Library

How to Participate:

Register now at https://ofpl.online/.

#LitHappens #TeenBookClub #OFPL #GallupReads

MakerSpace Workshop - Sublimation Ornaments

December 2nd | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave. Unleash your creativity and personalize your style with our Sublimation Christmas Ornament Workshop! In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn the exciting technique of sublimation using a sublimation printer to create a vibrant, one-of-a-kind Christmas Ornament. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just starting out, our expert instructor will guide you through each step of the process. All supplies provided. Space is limited—reserve your spot today at ofpl.online!

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Friday Night Vibes - After-Hours for Teens (ages 12-18)

December 5th | 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave. Teens ages 12-18, get ready for an epic after-hours hangout at the Children & Youth Library! Unwind with video games, movies, and snacks, and this month's MakerSpace activity: cozy sublimation mugs. Create your own festive winter design and then heat-press it to create the perfect mug for hot drinks that will keep you going all winter long!!
Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

MakerSpace Workshop: Laser Engraved Ornaments

December 6th | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave. Get into the holiday spirit by creating your very own laser-engraved wooden ornament! Using our XTool laser engraver, participants will personalize a circular ornament with a simple design and names (or year)! This hands-on workshop blends creativity with technology, giving you a unique keepsake to hang on your tree or gift to someone special. Space is limited—reserve your spot today at ofpl.online!

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Knit Together: Knitted Mug Cozies

December 8th | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

Keep your mug toasty warm this winter with a sweet knitted mug cozy! Liana Allday shows you how to knit this tri-colored cozy in a linen stitch. Along the way, you'll learn how to keep track of right and wrong sides and which color you're using, and how to create a button loop by chaining with a crochet hook. The resulting cozy makes for a great holiday gift, especially when paired with a special mug. **Space is limited**—reserve your spot today at <u>ofpl.online!</u>

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Understanding the Law Club

December 9th & 23rd | 5:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

Understanding the legal system and its impact on our daily lives is increasingly important. We offer a dynamic lecture series and discussion group, led by Attorney David Eason, that delves into the historical legal foundations and modern-day applications, making complex legal topics accessible to all.

- December 9th The Role of the District Attorney
- December 23rd Racketeering

Each session involves an in-depth exploration of key legal principles and insightful discussions on the laws shaping our society. Whether you're a student, professional, or simply curious about how the legal system works, this series offers an excellent opportunity to expand your knowledge in good company.

Past Topics Include:

- The Amendments and how they affect Tech Censorship and Surveillance
- Property Law and Contracts
- The President's Role in Foreign Policy
- The Executive Order: Uses and Abuses
- Unitary Executive Theory (UET)
- The Courts and Contempt
- The Limits of the Law
- What Happens When the Law Fails
- Stump the Lawyer With Your Questions

Handouts from previous lectures are available upon request.

#UnderstandingTheLaw #LegalEducation #KnowYourRights #OFPLCaseLawClub

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Cricut Workshop - Holiday Cards

Exclusive for members of the Northside Senior Center

December 11th | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Northside Senior Center, 607 N 4th St.

Northside Senior Center members are invited to get creative in this hands-on Cricut workshop! This month, we'll create festive holiday cards to give to the special people in your life! Learn about our MakerSpace Cricut machines and how you can create unique one of a kind art. Not a member? Contact the Northside Senior Center at (505) 722-4740 to find out how to join. Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Picasso Babies: Baby & Toddler Art Time

December 12th | **10:30 AM** – **11:30 AM** | **Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.** Join us for a fun-filled morning of creativity at *Picasso Babies!* This free program is designed for toddlers and their caregivers. It is a beautiful opportunity to explore the world through art. Join experienced early childhood intervention therapists from *The Therapy Academy*, who will guide you and your little one in creating beautiful and unique pieces together. We hope to see you there!

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

OFPL at Rio West Mall - Cricut Holiday Cards

December 13th | 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Rio West Mall, 1300 West I-40 Frontage Road

Join us at the Rio West Mall to create a festive holiday card to give to the special people in your life! Learn about our MakerSpace Cricut machines and how you can create unique one of a kind art.

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Special Library Hours – Saturday, December 13

Open 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Please note that OFPL will operate with adjusted hours on **Saturday**, **December 13**, opening at **12:00 PM and closing at 4:00 PM**. Visit <u>ofpl.online</u> for ebooks, streaming media, and virtual programs.

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Ribbon Skirt Workshop

December 13th | 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

Have you always wanted to learn to sew a ribbon skirt? This class is the perfect place to start! In this fun and relaxed session, you'll learn the fundamentals of using a sewing machine and create your very own ribbon skirt. **Space is limited**—reserve your spot today at <u>ofpl.online</u>!

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Sew Happy: Microwaveable Quilted Bowl Cozies

December 15th | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

Join us for this ideal entry point for absolute beginners, covering all the basic machine skills. Seasoned seamstresses are encouraged to join for a fun, fast-paced project that incorporates small but rewarding challenges, including fundamental quilting techniques woven into the construction. Everyone leaves with a finished bowl cozy!. **Space is limited**—reserve your spot today at <u>ofpl.online</u>!

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Navigating AI Group

December 16th | 5:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

Join us for Navigating AI, a monthly discussion group empowering you to use AI tools confidently. Each session blends educational content and guided discussions on AI's societal impact with practical, hands-on tutorials. This session will explore how biases get embedded in AI, the potential consequences, and what's being done to create more equitable AI.

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Christmas Book Cover Bingo

December 19th | 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

Book lovers of all ages are invited to discover classic literature, must reads, holiday reads, and more as we have an afternoon of book cover bingo and holiday trivia. It's just like the classic game you know and love, but with books! Join us for a fun time and prizes! Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

MakerSpace Workshop: 3D Printed Cookie Cutters

December 20th | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.

Get into the holiday spirit by designing and creating your very own 3D printed cookie cutters! In this workshop, participants will learn how to use the online tool CookieCAD and explore the process of 3D printing. Whether you want to design a classic cookie shape or something totally original, this workshop brings together holiday fun and creative tech in a relaxed, beginner-friendly way. **Space is limited**—reserve your spot today at <u>ofpl.online</u>!

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Hot Cocoa Bombs

December 22nd | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.

Join us to get creative and make your own decadent **Hot Cocoa Bombs**! Participants will learn how to melt and mold chocolate to create the perfect shell. Then, they will customize their bombs by filling them with hot cocoa mix, mini marshmallows, and their favorite treats like crushed peppermint and chocolate candies. Take your beautiful, custom-made hot cocoa bombs home to enjoy—just drop one in a mug of hot milk and watch the magic happen! All supplies provided. **Space is limited**—reserve your spot today at ofpl.online!

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Library Closure Notice

December 24th and 25th for the Christmas Holiday

All library locations will be closed. Visit <u>ofpl.online</u> for ebooks, streaming media, and virtual programs.

Regular library hours will resume on Friday, December 26, 2025.

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information

Navajo Rug Weaving Workshop (Ages 19+)

December 26th | 10:00 AM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

Explore the art of traditional Diné rug weaving with master weaver **Lois A. Becenti**. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn essential techniques such as warping, carding, and spinning. Looms are available for public use—just bring your own supplies and current project.

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Community Narcan Training

December 30th | 12:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

Join **OFPL** and the **City of Gallup Behavioral Health Department** for a free training that could save a life. This session will cover how to recognize and respond to opioid overdoses using Narcan, while also connecting you with essential local support resources. Open to all ages, this event is designed to empower community members with vital, life-saving knowledge. Be part of the solution—come learn how you can make a difference.

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Special Library Hours – Wednesday, December 31

Open 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Please note that OFPL will operate with adjusted hours on **Wednesday**, **December 31**, opening at **11:00 AM and closing at 4:00 PM**. Visit <u>ofpl.online</u> for ebooks, streaming media, and virtual programs.

Regular library hours will resume on Friday, January 2, 2026.

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Google Career Certificates through Gallup Career Academy, Winter 2025

Cohort coursework must be completed by February 10th, 2026. Boost your career potential with Gallup Career Academy (GCA)—a partnership between OFPL's MakerSpace and Grow with Google. Through Google Career Certificates, you can train for high-demand jobs in just three months with a flexible, two-hour daily commitment. Courses cover nine in-demand fields and prepare you for roles with average starting salaries of \$63,600/year. GCA members also gain exclusive access to OFPL's MakerSpace at the Children & Youth Library (Aztec & 2nd), featuring tools like:

- 3D printers & laser engravers
- Cricut die-cut machines (paper & vinyl)
- Button maker & heat transfer printing
- Sublimation and inkjet printers
- Studio space for painting, CAD, animation, and modeling
- Photographer and lighting equipment

Enroll at ofpl.online / Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Main Library Weekly Events

Stress Reduction Clinics

Thursdays | 4:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

OFPL hosts *Acudetox* ear acupuncture clinics. Treatments can help relieve stress, insomnia, anxiety, depression, and irritability. Both seed and needle treatments are available. Thin, sterile needles are inserted into the outer ear for 30 minutes and can induce a relaxing calm. Acupressure using tiny seeds placed in the outer ear is an alternative to needles with similar

No clinic on December 25th, due to library closure.

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Midweek Matinee at OFPL

benefits. Walk-ins are welcome.

Wednesdays | 3:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

Escape into the world of cinema with **OFPL's** *Midweek Matinee*! Enjoy weekly screenings of award-winning classics, documentaries, new releases, and hand-picked films.

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information. Don't miss out on these movie moments!

• December 3rd - The Nativity Story

2006 | PG | 1 hrs. 41 mins.

A drama that focuses on the period in Mary and Joseph's life where they journeyed to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus.

• December 10th - Ghostbusters 2

1989 | PG | 1 hrs. 48 mins.

The discovery of a massive river of ectoplasm and a resurgence of spectral activity allows the staff of Ghostbusters to revive the business.

• December 17th - Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory

 $1971 \mid G \mid 1 \text{ hrs. } 40 \text{ mins.}$

A poor but hopeful boy seeks one of the five coveted golden tickets that will send him on a tour of Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory.

• December 24th - No Midweek Matinee, Closed for Christmas Holiday

• December 31st - Gremlins 2, the New Batch

1990 | PG-13 | 1 hrs. 46 mins.

The Gremlins are back, and this time, they've taken control of a New York City media mogul's high-tech skyscraper.

Children & Youth Library Weekly Events

Family Storytime (ages 0-5)

Mondays & Wednesdays | 11:00 AM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave Join OFPL for storytime activities, songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and read-aloud stories! This month, storytimes will focus on all things winter.

No Storytime on 12/24/25 due to library closure.

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Lego Club (ages 6-11)

December 1st, 15th & 29th | 4:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.

Let Your Imagination Click into Place at the Library's New LEGO® Club!

The Octavia Fellin Public Library invites kids ages 6–11 to join our **LEGO® Club**—a space where creativity, building, and fun come together! Young builders can gather **every other Monday afternoon** to design incredible structures, take on exciting challenges, and make new friends who love to create. The library provides all the LEGO® bricks—you just bring your imagination! Please note that all materials must stay at the library. We encourage families to bring a camera to capture their child's creations. To keep favorite sets safe, we ask that personal LEGO® pieces stay at home.

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Open MakerSpace at the Children & Youth Library (Ages 6+) Wednesdays | 4:00 PM-6:00 PM | Fridays 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave

Let your imagination run wild in **OFPL's MakerSpace**! This open, hands-on environment is perfect for young creators (ages six and up) to explore design and engineering through activities that utilize 3D printers, vinyl cutters, laser engravers, embroidery machines, and more.

No Open MakerSpace on 12/24/25 or 12/31/25 due to library closure and special library hours.

Call (505) 863-1291 | rlasiloo@gallupnm.gov or tmoe@gallupnm.gov for more information

Crafty Kids (all ages) - Thursdays | 4:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave - Join OFPL 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 http://ofpl.online. Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **December 4th** *DIY Sock Snowman* Join us to use your creativity and imagination to build a sock snowman in honor of National Sock Day.
- **December 11th** *Gingerbread House Craft* Build and design a gingerbread house out of cardboard, construction paper and other recycled material in honor of Gingerbread House Day, 12/12/25.
- **December 18th** *Christmas Ornament Craft* Join us to let your imagination and creativity run wild to make a unique Christmas ornament to put on your tree or give to someone special.
- **December 25th [VIRTUAL]** *Shredded Animal Craft* Join us to make your animal out of shredded paper, there is no limit to what your imagination can create!

Get up and Game (ages 6+) - Fridays | 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave - Join us at the Children & Youth Library 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 our new Nex Playground system! Call (505) 863-1291 for info.

Kidz Cinema (all ages) - Saturdays | 2:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave - Looking for the perfect weekend outing? Bring the whole family to Kidz Cinema! Enjoy a screening of a fun, family-friendly film. It's a great way to relax and spend quality time together. Watch. Enjoy. For more information, call (505) 863-1291

- **December 6th** *Polar Express* 2004 | G | 1 hr. 40 mins. On Christmas Eve, a young boy embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on the Polar Express, while learning about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas.
- **December 13th** *Rise of the Guardians* 2012 | PG | 1 hr. 37 mins. When the evil spirit Pitch launches an assault on Earth, the Immortal Guardians team up to protect the innocence of children all around the world.
- **December 20th** *Dog Man 2025* | *PG* | *1 hr. 29 mins.* After a policeman and his police dog are fused together to turn into Dog Man, he must stop the villainous Petey the Cat from cloning himself and creating an evil kitten, doubling his evil abilities.
- **December 27th** *Abominable 2019* | *PG* | *1 hr. 37 mins.* Three teenagers must help a Yeti return to his family while avoiding a wealthy man and a zoologist who want him for their own needs.

9

El Morro Theatre

Zootopia 2

November 26th to December 18th | Weekdays 6:30 PM | Weekends 12 PM, 3 PM, 6 PM

Brave rabbit cop Judy Hopps and her friend, the fox Nick Wilde, team up again to crack a new case, the most perilous and intricate of their careers.

The Spongebob Movie: Search for SquarePants

December 19th to January 8th | Weekdays 6:30 PM | Weekends 12 PM, 3 PM, 6 PM

SpongeBob journeys to the ocean's depths to face the Flying Dutchman's ghost, encountering challenges and uncovering marine mysteries.

Explore the full lineup of events and buy tickets at www.elmorrotheatre.com

###