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# October Events at the Octavia Fellin Public Library

*Books, creativity, civic learning, wellness, technology, and a packed ArtsCrawl weekend*

October at OFPL is full of ways to read, make, play, learn, connect, and take part in community life. Programs are free unless otherwise noted. Registration is required where indicated at [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.online).

## ArtsCrawl Weekend at a Glance | October 9-10

| When                                      | What is happening                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fri., Oct. 9                              | Special library hours: 12:00-5:00 p.m.   Family Board Game Night: 3:00-5:00 p.m., Open MakerSpace: 3:00-5:00 p.m., Children & Youth Library.                                                                  |
| Sat., Oct. 10   2:00 p.m.                 | Kidz Cinema: Frankenweenie   Children & Youth Library.                                                                                                                                                        |
| Sat., Oct. 10   4:00-6:00 p.m.            | Poetry Is Medicine with New Mexico State Poet Laureate Manuel González   Main Library   Registration required.                                                                                                |
| Sat., Oct. 10   ArtsCrawl, 7:00-9:00 p.m. | Live community poetry reading during the evening; Kids Vote! youth mock election and button-making; Open MakerSpace prop-making; OFPL PlaySpace; and the Friends of OFPL Annual Book Sale & Membership Drive. |

## Special Events

### We READ, We TALK Book Club | *The Secret Lives of Murderers' Wives*

**First discussion: Tuesday, October 20 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Main Library, 115 W. Hill Ave. & Zoom**

**Second discussion: Saturday, November 14 | 2:00-4:00 p.m. | Main Library & Zoom**

Read, reflect, and join the conversation about identity, history, resilience, and the complicated lives of women rebuilding after their husbands' notorious crimes. Attend at least one discussion in person or by Zoom and keep the book at no cost.

**Registration:** [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.online)

### Lit Happens Teen Book Club | *Project Hail Mary*

**First discussion: Saturday, October 24 | 4:00-5:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

**Second discussion: Friday, November 13 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library**

Teens can dive into Andy Weir's *Project Hail Mary*, meet other readers, and enjoy themed discussion and snacks. Registration remains open in October while free book copies last.

**Registration:** [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.online)

### Friday Night Vibes: After-Hours for Teens (Ages 12-18)

**Friday, October 2 | 6:00-9:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Take over the library after hours for games, snacks, and creative fun. This month's MakerSpace activity turns tiny pumpkins, bats, and ghosts into sparkling disco decor for spooky season.

## Veterans Wellness Conference & Stand Down/Hand Up Project (All Ages)

**Friday, October 2 | 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. | Red Rock Park, 825 Outlaw Rd., Church Rock, NM**

OFPL joins the City of Gallup, Navajo Division of Behavioral & Mental Health Services, and community partners to connect veterans and families with behavioral health, housing, and community resources.

## Roll for Creativity | Mini Figurines (Ages 12+)

**Thursday, October 8 & Monday October 19 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Design a custom tabletop mini from idea to finished print. October 8 focuses on 3D modeling in Tinkercad; October 19 explores the 3D-printing process and brings designs to life.

**Registration required: [ofpl.online](#)**

## Forkful of Knowledge | Kitchen Creations

**Mondays, October 5, 19 & 26; Monday, November 9 | 3:30-6:30 p.m. | Main Library, 115 W. Hill Ave.**

Registered dietitian Daisy Arsenault and Patricia Largo, M.Ed., lead a supportive cooking series focused on meal planning, healthy cooking skills, and practical strategies for living with diabetes.

**Registration required: [ofpl.online](#)**

## ArtsCrawl Weekend | October 9-10

### Special Library Hours on Friday, October 9

**Friday, October 9 | 12:00-5:00 p.m. | OFPL**

OFPL will operate on adjusted hours as staff prepare for a full weekend of library programs and ArtsCrawl activities.

## Family Board Game Night (All Ages)

**Friday, October 9 | 3:00-5:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Step away from the screens and gather around the table for classic favorites, newer games, friendly competition, and easy family fun.

## Poetry is Medicine with New Mexico State Poet Laureate Manuel González

**Saturday, October 10 | 3:30-6:30 p.m. | Main Library, 115 W. Hill Ave.**

Join Manuel González for an intergenerational, participatory workshop blending poetry, reflection, writing, and conversation about place, memory, resilience, identity, family, culture, joy, grief, and community. No writing experience is needed; accessible prompts will help participants enter through their own lives and stories, with sharing always optional.

**Registration required: [ofpl.online](#)**

*ArtsCrawl community reading: ArtsCrawl begins at 7:00 p.m. Workshop participants who wish to share will be invited to read their work during the evening.*

## Kids Vote! A Youth Mock Election

**Saturday, October 10 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | El Morro Event Center, 210 S. Second St.**

Young voters can step into a mock polling place, learn how ballots and voting work, cast an age-appropriate practice ballot, and make an "I Voted" button. Created with OFPL's Teen Advisory Board, Gallup Community Health, the Children's Museum, and ART123, the project is designed to make civic participation understandable, hands-on, and engaging for children and teens. *The mock election launches at ArtsCrawl.*

*Voting will continue at OFPL, Gallup Children's Museum, Gallup Community Health, and ART123 through November 4. Results will be tallied and shared after voting closes.*

## **Open MakerSpace at ArtsCrawl | Prop-Making (Ages 6+)**

**Saturday, October 10 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Create steampunk-inspired props with faux leather, mock screws and bolts, and decorative details. Drop in, experiment, and enjoy the mix of art, design, and technology; materials are provided.

## **OFPL PlaySpace at ArtsCrawl (All Ages)**

**Saturday, October 10 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | In front of the Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Play big downtown with Big Blue Blocks, Dino Bones, chess, checkers, dominoes, cornhole, ring toss, table tennis, sidewalk chalk, giant bubbles, and more.

## **Friends of OFPL | Annual Book Sale & Membership Drive**

**Saturday, October 10 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | El Morro Event Center, 210 S. Second St.**

Browse hundreds of hand-picked, previously enjoyed books, fill a bag for a great price, and learn how Friends membership supports the library. Membership is \$20 per year or \$50 for three years, with local business discounts included.

## **Library Closure | Indigenous Peoples' Day**

**Monday, October 12 | All OFPL locations closed**

OFPL will be closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. Digital collections and online resources remain available at [ofpl.online](http://ofpl.online); regular hours resume Tuesday, October 13.

## **Memory Making: Hispano Artists of the New Deal (All Ages)**

**Tuesday, October 13 | 6:00 p.m. | Main Library, 115 W. Hill Ave.**

Join gallupARTS and Tey Marianna Nunn as our guest lecture exploring the Hispana and Hispano artists who shaped New Mexico's New Deal art in the 1930s and 1940s - and the stories behind artists whose names have too often been forgotten.

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

**Friday, October 23 | 10:00 a.m. | Main Library, 115 W. Hill Ave.**

Explore traditional Diné rug weaving with master weaver Lois A. Becenti and practice foundational techniques including warping, carding, and spinning. Library looms are available; bring your current project and supplies. Visit [ofpl.online](http://ofpl.online) for the supply list.

## **Teen Advisory Board | Meeting (Ages 13-19)**

**Friday, October 23 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Help shape teen collections, spaces, and programs while building leadership experience and service hours. All teens are welcome, and food is served.

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

**Monday, October 26 | 4:00-5:30 p.m. | Main Library, 115 W. Hill Ave. & Zoom**

The public is invited to attend the quarterly Library Advisory Board meeting in person or online.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89589272631>

## Community Narcan Training

**Tuesday, October 27 | 12:00 p.m. | Main Library, 115 W. Hill Ave.**

Learn how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose using Narcan and connect with local support resources. Presented with the City of Gallup Behavioral Health Department; open to all ages.

## Bangtan Bash: BTS Celebration

**Tuesday, October 27 | 5:00-8:00 p.m. | El Morro Event Center, 210 S. Second St.**

ARMY, this one is for you: music, crafts, games, activity stations, and BTS fan energy all evening. The first 20 attendees receive a custom sublimated BTS license plate and BTS-themed cake pop; bring your library card for an extra raffle ticket.

## Pirate Dogs: Joey and Kira (Kids & Families)

**Friday, October 30 | 4:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Set sail for tricks, treats, and a pirate-themed performance by storyteller Denise Gard and her dogs, Joey and Kira. Costumes are encouraged, and an early Halloween treat will be waiting at the front desk.

## Blood on the Clocktower: A Halloween Murder Mystery (Ages 15+)

**Friday, October 30 | 6:00 p.m. | Main Library, 115 W. Hill Ave.**

Enter the library after hours for a night of deception, deduction, and social strategy. Beginners and experienced players are welcome; a Storyteller will guide the game, costumes are encouraged, and mocktails and coffee will be served. Seating is limited.

## OFPL at the Gallup Airport Fly-In

**Saturday, October 31 | 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | Gallup Airport, 2111 W. Historic Highway 66**

Bring the family to the Fly-In and stop by OFPL for PlaySpace games, hands-on fun, and information about library programs and services for all ages.

## Main Library Weekly Events

### Midweek Matinee at OFPL

**Wednesdays in October | 3:00 p.m. | Main Library, 115 W. Hill Ave.**

Spend Wednesday afternoon at the movies with a rotating mix of dramas, classics, documentaries, and seasonal favorites.

- **October 7-** Hamnet | 2025 | PG-13 | 2 hr. 5 min. - A family in late 16th-century England is tested by distance, silence, and grief.
- **October 14-** A Little Prayer | 2023 | R | 1 hr. 31 min. - A father tries to protect his daughter-in-law after learning his son is having an affair.
- **October 21-** East Side Sushi | 2014 | PG | 1 hr. 46 min. - A single mother takes a chance on a restaurant job and pursues her dream of becoming a sushi chef.
- **October 28-** Sleepy Hollow | 1999 | R | 1 hr. 45 min. - Ichabod Crane investigates a series of killings linked to the legendary Headless Horseman.

## Stress Reduction Clinics

**Thursdays, October 1, 8, 22 & 29 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Main Library, 115 W. Hill Ave.**

**Saturday, October 17 | 2:00-4:00 p.m. | Main Library**

Drop in for Acudetox ear acupuncture or needle-free ear-seed acupressure designed to support relaxation. There is no clinic Thursday, October 15; the third-week clinic moves to Saturday, October 17.

## Children & Youth Library Weekly Events

### Family Storytime (Ages 0-5)

**Wednesdays | 11:00 a.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Build language, listening, and early literacy skills through stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music, movement, and playful STREAM learning for young children and caregivers.

### Open MakerSpace (Ages 6+)

**Wednesdays | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Fridays | 3:00-5:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Bring an idea and explore hands-on design, technology, and engineering with tools including 3D printers, vinyl cutters, laser engravers, embroidery machines, and more.

### MakerSpace 101 (Ages 6+)

**Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Learn the foundational skills needed to use MakerSpace tools safely and confidently.

- **October 7-** **3D Modeling:** Create, modify, and export models in tools such as Tinkercad and Sculptris.
- **October 14-** **Smart Cutters:** Learn material loading, cutting pressure, project setup, and Cricut Design Space basics.
- **October 21-** **Laser Cutters:** Explore xTool F2 and S1 engravers, material setup, settings, and xTool Creative Space.
- **October 28-** **3D Printing:** Practice filament loading, bed leveling, safe printing, supports, and bed adhesion.

**Registration required: [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.org)**

### Crafty Kids (All Ages)

**Thursdays | 4:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Create along with simple step-by-step projects for all ages and skill levels. Supply kits are available through the Supply Request Form at [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.org).

- **October 1-** Fall Color Tree Craft
- **October 8-** Fire Prevention Day Craft
- **October 15-** Paper Roll Monster Craft
- **October 22-** Creative Halloween Characters
- **October 29-** DIY Felt Halloween Masks

### Monday Night Magic (Ages 6+)

**Monday, October 26 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Play Magic: The Gathering in a welcoming all-skill-level session. Cards and beginner instruction are provided; experienced players may bring their own decks.

## Crafters Anonymous (All Ages)

**Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Bring an unfinished project or start something new in a relaxed drop-in craft space for knitting, crochet, painting, cardboard builds, mixed media, and more.

## Teen Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18)

**Fridays, October 2 & 16 | 5:00-9:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Build characters, solve problems, and shape the story together. Experienced players can continue the ongoing campaign, while beginners can jump into a self-contained one-shot adventure.

## Kidz Cinema (All Ages)

**Saturdays | 2:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Make the library part of your weekend with a family-friendly movie every Saturday afternoon.

- **October 3-** [Te Ata](#) | 2016 | PG | 1 hr. 45 min.
- **October 10-** [Frankenweenie](#) | 2012 | PG | 1 hr. 27 min.
- **October 17-** [Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban](#) | 2004 | PG | 2 hr. 22 min.
- **October 24-** [Hocus Pocus 2](#) | 2022 | PG | 1 hr. 43 min.
- **October 31-** [Something Wicked This Way Comes](#) | 1983 | PG | 1 hr. 35 min.

## Minecrafters Anonymous (Ages 6-18)

**Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 3:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Take on a new Minecraft challenge each week and put your building, problem-solving, and creativity to the test.

- **October 6-** [Halloween Build Battle](#)
- **October 13-** [Potion Brewing Race](#)
- **October 20-** [Haunted House Build Challenge](#)
- **October 27-** [Graveyard Defense](#)

## Get Up & Game (Ages 6+)

**Fridays, October 2, 16, 23 & 30 | 3:00-5:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library, 200 W. Aztec Ave.**

Move, compete, and play with Nintendo Switch, Xbox Kinect, and Nex Playground. There is no Get Up & Game on Friday, October 9; join Family Board Game Night instead.

## More information

Octavia Fellin Public Library | (505) 863-1291 | [ofpl.online](http://ofpl.online)