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November Events at the Octavia Fellin Public Library

Stories, cultural heritage, hands-on creativity, gaming, wellness, and community connection fill November at OFPL. All programs are free unless otherwise noted. Visit ofpl.online to find registration links and the latest schedule.

Main Library: 115 W. Hill Ave. | Children & Youth Library: 200 W. Aztec Ave. | (505) 863-1291

Special Events

Forkful of Knowledge | Diabetic Meal Planning (Ages 12+)

Mondays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30 | 3:30–6:30 p.m. | Main Library

Join registered dietitian Daisy Arsenault and Patricia Largo, M.Ed., for practical cooking and meal-planning sessions to support people living with diabetes. Learn approachable food-preparation techniques in a supportive group setting.

Registration required: visit ofpl.online.

Friday Night Vibes | Book Nook in a Jar (Ages 12–18)

Friday, November 6 | 6:00–9:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library

The library is yours after hours! Meet friends for games, snacks, and creative projects. Create a miniature literary world inside a jar, complete with tiny details and a little sparkle. No registration required.

Sew Happy | Mini Cubed Pouch Workshop (Ages 12+)

Saturday, November 7 | 2:00–4:00 p.m. | Main Library

Build confidence at the sewing machine while making a compact zippered cube pouch. Learn to measure, cut fabric, thread the machine, sew straight stitches, install a zipper, and sew a three-dimensional shape. Take home your finished creation.

Registration required; limited to 10 participants. Visit ofpl.online.

Veterans Day | Libraries and Rex Museum Closed

Wednesday, November 11 | All OFPL locations & Rex Museum

OFPL and Rex Museum will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. Explore eBooks, audiobooks, streaming content, and other online resources anytime at ofpl.online.

Lit Happens Teen Book Club | Project Hail Mary (Ages 12–18)

Friday, November 13 | 6:00–7:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library

Teens can explore Andy Weir's science-fiction adventure, exchange theories with fellow readers, and enjoy book-themed snacks during the second discussion. New readers are welcome to join the conversation.

More details: ofpl.online. First discussion held October 24.

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

Saturday, November 14 | 2:00–4:00 p.m. | Main Library and Zoom

Join the second discussion of Elizabeth Arnott's novel, which explores unlikely friendship and the work of rebuilding a life after notoriety. Share your perspective with fellow readers in person or online. Attend at least one discussion to keep your book at no cost.

Registration: ofpl.online. First discussion held October 20.

Welcome to Hogwarts | Harry Potter 25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, November 14 | 2:00–4:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library (All Ages)

Celebrate 25 years of the Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone film with wizarding-inspired crafts, a magical photo booth, giveaways, and creative MakerSpace activities. The first 20 guests in line receive a special gift. No registration required

Roll for Creativity | Custom Dice (Ages 12+)

Monday, November 16 & Tuesday, November 17 | 4:00–6:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library

Make a custom set of polyhedral dice in this two-part MakerSpace workshop. Explore resin casting, then return to demold, smooth, decorate, and finish the pieces. Beginner and experienced makers are welcome.

Registration available on the calendar: ofpl.online.

Community Narcan Training

Tuesday, November 24 | 12:00 p.m. | Main Library

Learn how to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and respond using Narcan. This free community training offers practical information and connections to local support, in partnership with the City of Gallup Behavioral Health Department.

Thanksgiving and Friday Closure

Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27 | All OFPL locations & Rex Museum

The libraries and Rex Museum will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday. Digital library resources remain available at ofpl.online. Regular hours resume Saturday, November 28.

Main Library Weekly Events

Midweek Matinee

Wednesdays, November 4, 18 & 25 | 3:00 p.m. | Main Library

- Join us for an afternoon film screening. November 4: **Smoke Signals** (PG-13). Released in 1998, **Smoke Signals** is a groundbreaking comedy-drama following two young Coeur d'Alene men, Victor and Thomas, as they travel from their Idaho reservation to Phoenix, Arizona, to collect the ashes of Victor's estranged, alcoholic father.

- Join us for an afternoon film screening. November 18: **Indigenous Short Films** (G) Narrative Sovereignty: Indigenous filmmakers retain complete creative control, allowing them to tell their own stories from an insider perspective rather than through a colonial lens. Diverse Genres span all cinematic styles, including adaptations of traditional oral storytelling, contemporary dramas, experimental documentaries, sci-fi ("Indigenous futurism"), and animation. Global Scope: While prominent in North America (Native American and First Nations), this vibrant global movement includes Māori (New Zealand), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Australia), and Sámi (Arctic Europe) filmmakers. Attendees receive the following Indigenous filmmaking resources:
    - • A list of award-winning Indigenous short films to watch
    - • Profiles of prominent Indigenous directors in the short film space
    - • Where to stream Indigenous cinema online

- Join us for an afternoon film screening. November 25: **Masters of the Universe** (PG-13). **Masters of the Universe** is a 2026 live-action epic fantasy adventure film directed by Travis Knight that revitalizes the legendary Mattel franchise for the big screen.

No film screening on November 11 due to the holiday and library closure.

Stress Reduction Clinic with Acudetox (Ages 19+)

Thursdays, November 5 & 12 | 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 21 | 2:00 p.m. | Main Library

Take time to decompress with OFPL's stress reduction clinic. Acudetox ear acupuncture and needle-free ear-seed acupressure are offered in a welcoming setting. Walk-ins welcome.

No clinic on November 26 due to the holiday and library closure.

Children & Youth Library Weekly Events

Crafters Anonymous (All Ages) | Gratitude & Gathering

Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17 & 24 | 4:00–6:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library

Bring a project or start something new at this friendly, open craft gathering. Share ideas, swap skills, and enjoy November's theme of Gratitude & Gathering. We welcome knitting, crochet, paper crafts, embroidery, drawing, and other creative pursuits.

Minecrafters Anonymous (Ages 6–11)

Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17 & 24 | 4:00–6:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library

Explore creative challenges and collaborative builds in Minecraft. Practice problem-solving, imagination, and teamwork in a library-friendly setting.

Family Storytime (Ages 0–5)

Wednesdays, November 4, 18 & 25 | 11:00 a.m. | Children & Youth Library

Stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and playful discovery help young children and caregivers build early language and literacy skills together. **No Storytime on November 11 due to the holiday and library closure.**

Open MakerSpace (Ages 6+)

Wednesdays, November 4, 18 & 25 | 4:00–6:00 p.m.; Fridays, November 6, 13 & 20 | 3:00–5:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library

Discover hands-on making with OFPL's creative technology, from 3D printing to design and fabrication tools. Explore new skills and bring your own ideas. MakerSpace access may depend on equipment and safety requirements.
No Open MakerSpace on November 11 and 27 due to the holiday and library closure.

MakerSpace 101 (Ages 6+)

Wednesdays, November 4, 18 & 25 | 6:30 p.m. | Children & Youth Library

Learn essential equipment skills through guided MakerSpace training.

- November 4: - 3D Printing
  November 18 - xTool laser equipment
- November 25 - 3D Printing.

Registration is available on the calendar and ofpl.online.
No MakerSpace 101 on November 11 and November 27 due to the holiday and library closure.

Crafty Kids (All Ages) Thursdays, November 5, 12 & 19 | 4:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library

Young makers and their families can explore materials, patterns, and creativity in guided craft sessions.

- **November 5**: Weaving Flower, celebrating Native American Heritage Month through an introductory weaving-inspired craft.
- **November 12**: Felt Teddy Bear.
- **November 19:** Pumpkin Craft.
- **November 26:** Stuffed Paper Bag Turkey take-home kit planned for Thanksgiving closure; confirm pickup arrangements at ofpl.online or (505) 863-1291. Limited hands-on kits, so get your take-home kit early!

Teen Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 13–18)

Fridays, November 6 & 20 | 5:00–9:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library

Find your party and enter a shared world of adventure. Build characters, use strategy and imagination, and tell stories together around the table. New players are welcome; arrive early for help creating a character.

Get Up and Game (Ages 6+)

Fridays, November 6, 13 & 20 | 3:00–5:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library

Move, play, and have fun with interactive video games on systems including Nintendo Switch, Xbox Kinect, and Nex Playground. Practice teamwork, friendly competition, and problem-solving through active play.
No Get Up and Game on November 27 due to the holiday and library closure.

Kidz Cinema (All Ages)

Saturdays, November 7, 14, 21 & 28 | 2:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library

Bring the family for a relaxed weekend movie.

- November 7: Big Hero 6 (PG);
- November 14: Chicken Run (G);
- November 21: James and the Giant Peach (PG);
- November 28: The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (PG).

Monday Night Magic | Magic: The Gathering (Ages 6+)

Mondays, November 9 & 23 | 4:00–6:00 p.m. | Children & Youth Library

New to Magic: The Gathering? Learn with provided cards and supportive instruction. Experienced players can bring their decks for friendly strategy, reading, math, and face-to-face fun. No registration required.