

Special Events

Honoring Larry Casuse: "50 YEARS: Community Remembrance Honoring Larry Casuse" is a community-wide, month-long event recognizing the 50th anniversary of Indigenous activist Larry Casuse's killing and striving for social justice with a focus on alcohol and issues of economic exploitation. A community Ofrenda and an archival display honoring Larry Casuse will be at Octavia Fellin Public Library through March. Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information. Also see the flyer above in "PSA's and Events", i.e., "Upcoming Gallup area events and services".

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Build-Your-Own-Bundle

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

We READ, We TALK Hybrid Book Club

Register at [ofpl.online](#) for a copy of *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. Based on the extraordinary life of National Book Award-winning author Louise Erdrich's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C. This powerful novel explores themes of love and death with lightness and gravity and unfolds with the elegant prose, sly humor, and depth of feeling of a master craftsman. Attend one of the discussions and keep the book! **Discussions will be in April via Zoom or in-person at the Main Library.** Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Returning to OFPL! - Navajo Rug Weaving - Diné weaver Lois A. Becenti with Diné Be' iiná – The Navajo Lifeway. **Starting in April**, Navajo Rug Weaving Classes are returning to OFPL every 4th Friday of the month, **BUT this month, only**, you may join OFPL *in-person* **at the Main Library on Friday, March 17th at 10:00 AM (then every 4th Friday, starting in April, 2023.)** Learn the fundamentals and techniques of rug weaving in traditional Diné style, including warping, carding and spinning. Please bring your own weaving materials and projects to work on. Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Teen Makers Club - Let's get creative! Join us *in-person* **at the Children & Youth Library on March 11th and March 25th at 2:00 PM** for the teen makers club! OFPL will provide a space where creative minds can give shape to their ideas, and help spread their passion. This month we focus on origami and zoetropes as we discover animation! Open to creative teens of all skill levels. Email jwhitman@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Rio West Mall - Join OFPL *in-person* **at the Rio West Mall on March 18th from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM** for hands-on science explorations with Explora! Engage in a new kind of learning with fun exhibits that nurture thoughtful experiments with wind, light, electricity, rotation, and more! Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Seed Starter Pots - Ostara has arrived! Join OFPL *in-person* **at the Main Library on March 21st at 4:00 PM** to make your own seed starter pot! The Spring Equinox is a time of fertility, rebirth, and renewal. Make a seed starter pot and discover how to use the seed library at OFPL! Learn more about spring celebrations from across the globe. Email jwhitman@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Painting & Mocktails - Join OFPL *in-person* **at the Main Library on March 24th at 6:00 PM** for an after hours step-by-step workshop to learn some basic painting techniques. Try something new with us, relax, have fun and be creative! Complete a full painting while sipping on mocktails after hours at the library. Space is limited. Includes all supplies, instruction and mocktails! **Register at [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.org)** to reserve your spot. Workshop is limited to **20** participants. Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Main Library Weekly Events

Midweek Matinee at OFPL

Join OFPL *in-person* 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 or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **March 15th - Where the Crawdads Sing (Women's History Month)**
2022 | PG-13 | 2 hrs. 5 mins.
A woman who raised herself in the marshes of the Deep South becomes a suspect in the murder of a man with whom she was once involved.
- **March 22nd - The Woman King (Women's History Month)**
2022 | PG-13 | 2 hrs. 15 mins.
A historical epic inspired by true events that took place in The Kingdom of Dahomey, one of the most powerful states of Africa in the 18th and 19th centuries.
- **March 29th - Everything Everywhere All at Once (Women's History Month)**
2022 | R | 2 hrs. 19 mins.
A middle-aged Chinese immigrant is swept up into an insane adventure in which she alone can save existence by exploring other universes and connecting with the lives she could have led.

Creative Corner

Join OFPL *in-person* at the Main Library every Friday at 4:00 PM. Create your own art using materials found around your home! Can't make the in-person workshop? Watch a video replay on our YouTube channel. Supply kits are available at OFPL on a first-come, first-served basis using the [Supply Request Form](#) at ofpl.online. Email jwhitman@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **March 17th - Creative Bookmarks** - Create a custom bookmark using a variety of recycled materials.
- **March 31st - Deity & Divine Art** - Celebrate and Honor Women's History Month by reflecting on the important role of women and create your own deity art.

Children & Youth Library Weekly Events

Eureka!

Join OFPL *in-person* at the Children & Youth Library every Monday at 4:00 PM for **STREAM** workshops and activities for kids and tweens (ages 5-12). Eureka! **STREAM** workshops explore topics in **S**cience, **T**echnology, **R**eading, **E**ngineering, **A**rt, and **M**aking. During the month of March, we will be exploring magnetism through a series of hands-on activities. Design, engineer, and create! Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **March 13th - Magnet-Powered Motor**
Use magnets, a battery, and copper wire to replicate one of the first electric motors!
- **March 20th - Build a Compass**
Explore the magnetism of Earth by building your own working compass then use it to complete a navigational challenge.
- **March 27th - MagLev Train**
Learn how to build a train with no wheels using magnets! Discover this real-world method by building your own mini maglev train.

Chess Club

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. Friday we will compete in a tournament-style format. 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 or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Family Storytime

Join OFPL *in-person* at the Children & Youth Library every Monday and Wednesday at 11:00 AM for storytime activities, songs, rhymes, finger-plays, and read-aloud stories! This month, our story times will explore different forms of transportation. Ages 0-5. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

March 13th
Trucks

March 15th
Trucks

March 20th
Trains

March 22nd
Trains

March 27th
Planes

March 29th
Planes

Tinker Tech

Join OFPL *in-person* at the Children & Youth Library every Wednesday at 4:00 PM for an interactive, hands-on tech program for tweens & teens. Stimulate your creative thinking and learn how to use computer coding to create art, tell stories, and design games! This month, we will be learning how to use 3D modeling software to create objects that can be printed on a 3D printer! Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **March 15th - 3D Tangram Puzzle**
Use Tinkercad to design a 3D printable tangram puzzle that you can have your friends try to solve!
- **March 22nd - 3D Stamp**
Use Tinker-cad to design and 3D print a stamp with your own custom phrase on it!
- **March 29th - 3D Jewelry**
Use Tinkercad to design and 3D print jewelry for yourself or to give as a gift to someone special!

Crafty Kids

Join us *in person* 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 on a first-come, first-served basis using the [Supply Request Form](#) at [ofpl.online](#). Email hetsitty@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **March 9th - Creative Tape Painting Art**
Construct your own colorful patterned art using tape and acrylic paint.
- **March 16th - Panda Craft**
Celebrate National Panda Day by using recycled materials to create your own panda.
- **March 23rd - Puppy Puppet Craft**
Celebrate National Puppy Day by making your own puppet.
- **March 30th - Vanishing Hand Craft**
Watch your hand disappear and reappear with this craft using recycled materials.

Get up and Game

Join us *in person* at the **Children & Youth Library every Friday** anytime between **1:00 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 virtual reality! Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Kidz Cinema - Join us *in-person* at the **Children & Youth Library every Saturday at 2:00 PM** for weekly family oriented film screenings. Celebrate and honor Disability Awareness Month by watching films dedicated to the stories and successes of those with developmental and physical disabilities. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **March 11th - Dolphin Tale - 2011 | PG | 1 hr. 53 mins.**
A story centered on the friendship between a boy and a dolphin whose tail was lost in a crab trap.
- **March 18th - Wonder - 2017 | PG | 1 hr. 53 mins.**
Based on the New York Times bestseller, this movie tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters the fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.
- **March 25th - Mask - 1985 | PG-13 | 2 hrs.**
A teenager with a massive facial skull deformity and biker gang mother attempt to live as normal a life as possible under the circumstances.

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