

April 2023 Events at Gallup's Octavia Fellin Public Library

Special Events

Google Career Certificate Scholarship

April is the last month to jump-start your career with a [Google Career Certificate scholarship](#). Take advantage of this opportunity to prepare for entry-level positions in Data Analytics, IT Support, Project Management, or User Experience (UX) design-no college degree or relevant experience required. Learn the skills to be job-ready in six month with opportunities to over 1.3 million jobs and an average starting salary of \$63,600 per year. [Apply](#) for a scholarship at [ofpl.online](#) . Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

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

Join OFPL for discussions 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. **Discussions will be April 11th at 6:00 PM and April 22nd at 2:00 PM via Zoom or in-person at the Main Library.** Attend one of the discussions and keep the book! Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Holiday Closure

The Octavia Fellin Public Library and Children & Youth Library will be closed on **Saturday, April 8th** so the library team can support Gallup's Easter Spring Fling and Arts crawl. Visit us at these events! During that time, OFPL's online services, as always, are available at [ofpl.online](#) featuring downloadable magazines, e-books, audio-books, streaming movies, virtual programs, the remote outdoor lockers, and many other resources. Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

OFPL at Gallup Spring Fling

Join OFPL at Ford Canyon Park on Saturday, April 8th for Gallup's Easter Spring Fling. As you enjoy this community Spring celebration, don't forget to stop by OFPL's table to play giant games with your family and test your wits against our Keva Plank engineering challenges. Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Friends of OFPL Book Sale at Arts Crawl

Join OFPL and Friends of the Library for a book sale at El Morro Theatre during Arts Crawl on April 8th from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Come to Gallup's monthly block party and browse hundreds of already-enjoyed books that have been hand-picked by our library staff. Fill up a bag with books for \$5. El Morro Theatre will be open for concession sales at 3:00 PM. Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Navajo Rug Weaving

Diné weaver Lois A. Becenti with Diné Be' iiná – The Navajo Lifeway will be offering weaving classes at OFPL *in-person* at the Main Library on April 28th at 10:00 AM and every 4th Friday of each month in 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.

Recruiting Teen Makers!

OFPL is recruiting Teens to help spread their passion. Get trained and certified on our MakerSpace equipment and become a Teen Ambassador for the MakerSpace! Teach others how to use our MakerSpace equipment, help shape the Teen Maker Club and advise the library staff! This is a great opportunity to develop marketable skills for employment and college admissions. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

A is for Artist!

Join OFPL *in-person* at the Children & Youth Library throughout the month of April for an interactive art exhibition and coloring contest featuring the work of local artist Tasha Nez. Participants are invited to add to a large piece of collaborative artwork, and to submit their own colored pieces by April 21st to participate in the contest. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Mixed Media Collage Workshop with Tasha Nez

Join OFPL *in-person* at the Children & Youth Library on April 14th from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM for a family art workshop led by local artist Tasha Nez. Participants will learn how to combine a variety of materials to design a piece of artwork inspired by a letter of the alphabet. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Teen Poetry & Creative Writing Night

Join OFPL and GallupArts *in-person* at the Art123 Gallery on Tuesday, April 18th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM for a teen poetry & creative writing night! Join us for a blackout poetry workshop from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM and an open mic session, during which participants are welcomed to share some of their own writing, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Earth Day Family Craft Celebration at Rio West Mall

Join OFPL *in-person* at the Rio West Mall on April 22nd from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM to Celebrate Earth Day! Learn ways to use recycled materials to make crafts and help beautify your community. 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.

- **April 5th - Bones and All (New Film Release)**
2022 | R | 2h 11min.
Maren, a young woman, learns how to survive on the margins of society.
- **April 12th - Ticket to Paradise (National Ex-Spouse Day)**
2022 | PG-13 | 1h 44 min.
A divorced couple teams up and travels to Bali to stop their daughter from making the same mistake they think they made 25 years ago.
- **April 19th - When in Rome (National Coin Week)**
2010 | PG-13 | 1 hr. 31 min.
Beth is a young, ambitious New Yorker who is completely unlucky in love. However, on a whirlwind trip to Rome, she impulsively steals some coins from a reputed fountain of love, and is then aggressively pursued by a band of suitors.
- **April 26th - A Dog's Purpose (National Kids and Pets Day)**
2017 | PG | 1 hr. 40 mins.
An adaptation of the best-selling novel of the same name by W. Bruce Cameron, which follows a dog voiced by Josh Gad as he is reincarnated as different breeds belonging to various owners. Over the course of multiple lifetimes, the canine's existence intersects with that of a young boy who rescued him in 1962.

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 Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Making. This April, celebrate National Kite Month & the International Day of Human Spaceflight—as well as the lovely spring winds of New Mexico—with hands-on **flight**-related experiments and activities. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **April 3rd -Paper Airplane Lab**
Explore wing shapes and other factors affecting lift by building and testing your own paper airplanes.
- **April 10th - Design and Launch Bottle Rockets**
Discover what makes rockets fly by designing and launching your own! Add different features, like fins, a nose cone, and a parachute to find out how these alter the flight!
- **April 17th - Engineer a Parachute**
Design a parachute for a miniature action figure. Tissue paper or a plastic bag and a few strings is all it takes to make your figure into an expert skydiver.
- **April 24th - How do Tails Help Kites Fly?**
Learn how some features of a kite, such as its tail, affect how it flies. Build your very own kite and use it to investigate how tails help kites fly.

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, fingerplays, and read-aloud stories! Celebrate National Pet Day this month as our story times will explore our favorite animal companions!. Ages 0-5. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

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.

- **April 5th - 3D Print a Desk Caddy**
Use Tinkercad to model a 3D-printable desk caddy to keep track of your pens, pencils, paper clips, and more!
- **April 12th - 3D Print a Photo Frame**
Use Tinkercad to design a 3D printable photo frame to help you show off your memories in style!
- **April 18th - 3D Print an Impossible Box**
Use Tinkercad to design and 3D print a shape that appears impossible to the eyes.
- **April 26th - 3D Print a Treasure Box**
Use Tinkercad to design and 3D print a special storage box for yourself that you can use to hold jewelry or other small treasures.

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.

- **April 6th - Brown Bag Easter Bunny**
Celebrate Easter by constructing your favorite Easter Bunny.
- **April 13th - Cherry Blossom**
Celebrate the National Cherry Blossom Festival using tissue paper to make your own cherry blossom.
- **April 20th - Earth Day**
Celebrate Earth Day by using recycled materials to create a paper plate Earth.
- **April 27rd - Superhero Bookmark**
Celebrate National Superhero Day by making your own superhero bookmark.

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 the Nintendo Switch, Xbox Kinect and Oculus 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 National Pet Day by watching films that show the special bonds that we have with our furred, scaled, and feathered companions! Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **April 1st - The Secret Life of Pets**

2016 | PG | 1 hr. 30 mins.

Two mismatched mutts get lost in New York City due to their feuding, and must work together to find their way home.

- **April 8th - *The Children & Youth Library will be closed on this day.***

- **April 18th - 101 Dalmatians**

1961 | G | 1 hr. 20 mins.

This delightful Disney tale pits puppies' parents against dognapper Cruella de Vil.

- **April 22nd - The Aristocats**

1970 | G | 1 hr. 18 mins.

A feline and her three kittens are set to inherit their owner's vast fortune---but must contend with a butler determined to get his own paws on the money.

- **April 29th - Rio**

2011 | G | 1 hr. 36 mins.

A rare macaw named Blu is brought to Rio de Janeiro to mate with a female of his species, but the pair are kidnapped by a gang of greedy animal smugglers, forcing them to stage a daring escape with the help of some new friends.

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