

## March 2024 Events at the Octavia Fellin Public Library

### Special Events

#### We READ, We TALK Book Club

Register now at [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.online) for a copy of *Blood Sisters* by Vanessa Lillie. A visceral and compelling mystery about a Cherokee archeologist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs who is summoned to rural Oklahoma to investigate the disappearance of two women...one of them her sister. Discussions will be held this **April at the Main Library** or on zoom. Attend one of the discussions and keep the book! Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call 505-863-1291 for more information.

**New Mexico Grown: Gardening Series (all ages)** - Join OFPL and Master Gardeners from Tumbleweed Farms at the **Main Library** for a gardening series. Get tips and instructions to plan a space for your garden and manage your crops from Master Gardeners Jason Elliott and Natalja Varezkina - Elliot. Classes will be held on **Fridays from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**. Email [ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov](mailto:ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **March 1<sup>st</sup> Plan Out Your Garden Space:** Learn about soil types, irrigation, mulching, construction of your garden and use of your space.
- **March 22<sup>nd</sup> Seed Starting:** Discover how to read the seed packet and learn which seeds can be used in our area.

**Dr. Seuss Day @ OFPL** - Join OFPL at the **Children & Youth Library** on **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM** for a day of Seussical Fun! Share a Dr. Seuss book together in our Dr. Seuss Reading Corner; make yourself a healthy Dr. Seuss-themed snack; get folding with an Dr. Seuss-themed origami craft; get your picture taken in our Dr. Seuss photo booth; enjoy an interactive viewing of *The Lorax* including props and snacks. We hope to see you there! Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

**Understanding the Law Series** - Join OFPL and Attorney David Eason presents The Bill of Rights spells out Americans' rights in relation to their government and guarantees civil rights and liberties to the individual—like freedom of speech, press, and religion. Snacks will be provided. Email [tmoe@gallupnm.gov](mailto:tmoe@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **Main Library on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM** - Constitution Amendments.
- **March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM** - Civil War Amendments - 13th, 14th and 15th.

## **Spring Break STREAM with Explora!**

Are you looking for fun ways to stretch your brain during spring break? Join OFPL at the **Children & Youth Library** from **1:00 PM to 3:00 PM** for some open-ended STREAM activities, hosted by Explora! Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

**Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - Kaleidoscope Crazed:** Explore hinged mirrors, designs, and making kaleidoscopes.

**Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> -In a Spin:** Explore spinning images and tops.

## **Cricut Workshop - Leather Mini Journal (12+)**

Join OFPL at the **Main Library** on **March 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM** create a mini journal cover and customize the cover using the iron on vinyl. Design your mini leather journal with these easy and creative tutorials using your Cricut. Supplies provided. Advance registration at [ofpl.online](http://ofpl.online) is required. Email [ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov](mailto:ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

## **OFPL and Explora! at Rio West Mall (all ages)**

Join **OFPL and Explora** at the **Rio West Mall** on **March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM** for some interactive exhibits and activities in science, technology, engineering, math, art and fun for the whole family! Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

## **HelloTech! - Help with your Technology**

Join OFPL at the **Main Library** on **March 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 2:00 PM** for a **Job Search & Resume Writing Workshop** followed by **Help with your Technology from 2:00 - 5:00 PM**. Get your technology questions answered by OFPL staff who will be available to provide individual technology assistance. We can help you learn about your electronic devices so that you feel more confident using them! Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

## **Navajo Rug Weaving Workshop**

OFPL and Diné weaver Lois A. Becenti will offer weaving workshops *in-person* at the **Main Library** on **March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM**. **The Library will provide looms for the public to use!** Please bring supplies and a project to work on. Learn the fundamentals and techniques of rug weaving in the traditional Diné style, including warping, carding, and spinning. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information

## **Korean Kimbap Workshop (19+)**

Join OFPL and Chef Brian Tatsukawa of the NTU Culinary Department at the **Main Library** on **March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM** for a Korean Kimbap workshop! Learn how to make this Korean seaweed rice roll filled with delicious fillings. On the menu is: vegetarian spring rolls! All supplies will be provided. Class is limited to 20 participants. Advance registration at [ofpl.online](http://ofpl.online) is required. Email [ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov](mailto:ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Cricut Workshop - LED Night Light (12+)**

Join OFPL at the **Main Library on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM** customize a night light with the engraving tool. Design your own night light with these easy and creative tutorials using your Cricut. Supplies provided. Advance registration at [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.online) is required. Email [ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov](mailto:ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Library Closure - Spring Holiday**

The Octavia Fellin Main Library and Children & Youth Library will be **closed** on **March 29<sup>th</sup>** for Spring Holiday. During that time, OFPL's online services, as always, will be available at [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.online) featuring downloadable magazines, e-books, audio-books, streaming movies, virtual programs, and many other resources. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov), or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Free Narcan Training (all ages)**

Join OFPL *in-person* at the **Main Library on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM** for **Free** Community Narcan training. A Paramedic and a case manager from the FR-CARA Program (First Responders Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act) will present available resources and Narcan training every last Tuesday of the month. ***Each individual will get a box of Narcan.*** A Q&A to follow. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov), or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

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

The public is invited to attend the Library Advisory Board (LAB) monthly meeting *in-person* at the **Main Library on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM** at the library or on Zoom. The meetings are scheduled the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 4:00 PM**. Email [tmoe@gallupnm.gov](mailto:tmoe@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Build-Your-Own-Bundle**

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

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## Main Library Weekly Events

**Midweek Matinee at OFPL** - Join OFPL 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](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **March 6<sup>th</sup> - Hidden Figures** - 2016 | PG | 2hrs. 7 mins.  
The story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program.
- **March 14<sup>th</sup> - She said** - 2022 | R | 2hrs. 9 mins.  
Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey's quest to break the Harvey Weinstein scandal.
- **March 21<sup>st</sup> - Promising Young Woman** - 2020 | R | 1hrs. 53 mins.  
A young woman, traumatized by a tragic event in her past, seeks out vengeance against those who crossed her path.
- **March 28<sup>th</sup> - The Creator** - 2023 | PG-13 | 2 hr. 13 mins.  
Against the backdrop of a war between humans and robots with artificial intelligence, a former soldier finds the secret weapon, a robot in the form of a young child.

## Children & Youth Library Weekly Events

### Eureka!

Join OFPL at the Children & Youth Library every Monday at 4:00 PM for **STREAM** workshops and activities for kids and tweens (ages 6-12). Eureka! **STREAM** workshops explore topics in Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Making. In celebration of Black History Month by exploring the incredible contributions of African Americans in STREAM. Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **March 4<sup>th</sup> - Fossil Fun** - Learn about and be inspired by the work of paleontologist Myria Perez, then learn about the fossilization process by creating your own trace fossils..
- **March 11<sup>th</sup> - Ice Cream Science** - Learn about and be inspired by the work of tech entrepreneur and ice cream maker Robyn Fisher, and then try your hand at making your own ice cream.
- **March 18<sup>th</sup> - Harnessing the Wind's Power** - Learn about and be inspired by the work of engineer and surfboard builder Valerie Duprat, and then try your hand at building your own wind-powered vehicle.
- **March 25<sup>th</sup> - Blast off! Balloon Rockets** - Learn about and be inspired by the work of aerospace engineer and CEO Jasmine Sadler, and then try your hand at creating your own model rocket which uses the principle of Newton's Third Law to propel itself, just like a real rocket.

### **Chess Club (ages 8-18)**

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, and Friday participants will build their skills through play. 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](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Family Storytime (Ages 0-5)**

Join OFPL at the **Children & Youth Library every Monday and Wednesday at 11:00 AM** for storytime activities, songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and read-aloud stories! Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Open MakerSpace Time**

Join OFPL at the **Children & Youth Library every Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM** for open MakerSpace time! OFPL's MakerSpace is a collaborative workspace for making, learning, and exploring. Participants ages 6 and up can come in to create their own designs for our 3D printers or explore our many engineering activities and equipment! Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Crafty Kids (all ages)**

Join us 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 using the [Supply Request Form](#) at [ofpl.online](http://ofpl.online). Email [hetsitty@gallupnm.gov](mailto:hetsitty@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **March 7<sup>th</sup>- Under the Sea Craft**  
In honor of Sea Week, create your own under the sea craft!
- **March 14<sup>th</sup>- St. Patrick's Day**  
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a lucky craft!
- **March 21<sup>st</sup> - Puppetry**  
In honor of World Puppetry Day, make your very own puppet!
- **March 22<sup>nd</sup>- Fork Painting Easter Bunny**  
Make an Easter bunny using a fork!

### **Get up and Game**

Join us at the **Children & Youth Library every Friday** anytime between **3:00 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](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

## **Kidz Cinema (all ages)**

Join us **at the Children & Youth Library every Saturday at 2:00 PM** for weekly family-oriented film screenings. Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **March 2<sup>nd</sup> - The Lorax**  
*2012 | PG | 1 hr. 26 mins.*  
A 12-year-old boy searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. To find it he must discover the story of the Lorax, the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world.
- **March 9<sup>th</sup> - Moana**  
*2016 | G | 1 hrs. 47 mins.*  
In ancient Polynesia, when a terrible curse incurred by the demigod Maui reaches Moana's island, she answers the Ocean's call to seek out Maui to set things right.
- **March 16<sup>th</sup> - Space Jam: A new legacy**  
*2021 | PG | 1 hrs. 55 mins.*  
A rogue artificial intelligence kidnaps the son of famed basketball player LeBron James, who then has to work with Bugs Bunny to win a basketball game.
- **March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Encanto**  
*2021 | PG | 1 hrs. 42 mins.*  
A Colombian teenage girl has to face the frustration of being the only member of her family without magical powers.
- **March 30<sup>th</sup> - Wish**  
*2023 | PG | 1 hrs. 35 mins.*  
A young girl named Asha wishes on a star and gets a more direct answer than she bargained for when a trouble-making star comes down from the sky to join her.

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