October 2023 Events at the Octavia Fellin Public Library

Special Events

Understanding the Law Series
Join us at the Main Library on September 30th at 1:00 PM for the first of six presentations on understanding the Anglo-American model of law. Attorney David Eason presents What is Law - The Rule of Law as the starting point for learning about the principles and rules of our justice system. Snacks will be provided. Email tmoe@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

We READ, We TALK Book Club
Register at ofpl.online for a copy of Bury My Heart at Chuck E. Cheese’s by Tiffany Midge. A powerful and compelling collection of Tiffany Midge’s musings on life, politics, and identity as a Native woman in America. Artfully blending sly humor, social commentary, and meditations on love and loss, Midge weaves short, stand-alone musings into a memoir that stares down colonialism while chastising hipsters for abusing pumpkin spice. Discussions will be held in November. 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, 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. Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov, or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Preserving Goodness: An Introductory Class on Canning - Salsa (ages 19+)
Join us at the Main Library on October 5th at 4:00 PM to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month as we learn to make salsa with Elena Bowers from New Mexico State University, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences! Class is limited to 20 participants. Register at ofpl.online or the main library. Email ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.
Library Closure - Staff Development Day
The Octavia Fellin Public Library Main Library and Children & Youth Library will be closed on **Friday, October 6th** for Staff Development. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov), or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Library Closure - Indigenous Peoples’ Day
The Octavia Fellin Public Library Main Library and Children & Youth Library will be closed on **Monday, October 9th** in observance of Indigenous Peoples’ Day. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov), or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Job Fair at Rio West Mall
Join OFPL at the Rio West Mall on October 13th from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM for the annual Job Fair, hosted by Rio West Mall and NM Workforce Connection. Employers from the surrounding area including mall stores will be in attendance looking to hire. Visit our library booth to learn about free resources to help you search for jobs, write a resume, and prepare for job interviews. Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Solar Eclipse Party!
Join us at the Children & Youth Library on October 14th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM to observe the annular “Ring of Fire” solar eclipse which will be visible from eight states—including New Mexico. Join us for sun and moon themed snacks and crafts, and spend time outside viewing the eclipse with free eclipse-safe glasses. For those who wish to stay indoors during the eclipse, join us inside for a screening of *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*. Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Pumpkin Carving
Join us at the Children & Youth Library on October 20th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM for a free pumpkin carving workshop for all ages. Pumpkins and carving equipment will be provided, you bring the creativity! Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Cake Decorating Workshop
Join us at the Main Library on October 21st at 1:00 PM for a free Halloween-themed cake decorating workshop with Chef Sheila Begay, CSC of the Navajo Technical University Culinary Arts Program. All supplies will be provided. Class is limited to 20 participants. Register at the Main Library or at ofpl.online. Email [ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov](mailto:ctatsukawa@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Navajo Rug Weaving Workshop
Diné weaver Lois A. Becenti with Diné Be’ iínà – The Navajo Lifeway will offer weaving workshops at OFPL in-person at the Main Library on October 27th at 10:00 AM and every 4th Friday of each month in 2023. Learn the fundamentals and techniques of rug weaving in the traditional Diné style, including warping, carding, and spinning. Please bring your own weaving materials and projects to work on. Email [bmartin@gallupnm.gov](mailto:bmartin@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.
Recruiting Teen Advisory Board Members! (ages 13-19)
Are you a high schooler looking for leadership experience and opportunities? **OFPL is recruiting Teens to join its Teen Advisory Board (TAB).** TAB members will provide guidance and assistance for the library’s teen programming, space, and collections. They will also be non-voting members of the Library Advisory Board. The TAB will meet on the 4th Friday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Children & Youth Library. This month, our meeting will be on **October 27th**. Food will be provided. Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Halloween Escape Room at Rio West Mall (all ages)
Join **OFPL** at the Rio West Mall on **October 28th** from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM for some spooky Halloween escape room fun! A gnarly old Witch has plans to turn your group into rat pie. While the Witch is out capturing more victims, it’s time to plan your getaway. Solve each of the rune puzzles to escape within one hour! Email [pneilson@gallupnm.gov](mailto:pneilson@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Understanding the Law Series
Join us at the **Main Library** on **October 28th** at 1:00 PM with Attorney David Eason for the second of six presentations on understanding the Anglo-American model of law. We are exposed to contracts daily — agreeing to terms when downloading a computer program, hiring a contractor, and even ordering a meal at a restaurant. Knowing the principles of contracts is not just a skill needed by lawyers, it illuminates for everyone a crucial institution that we use all the time. Contracts are promises that the law will enforce. But when will the law refuse to honor a promise? What happens when one party does not hold to their part of the deal? Snacks will be provided. Email [tmoe@gallupnm.gov](mailto:tmoe@gallupnm.gov) or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

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.

- **October 4th**- Easter Sunday
  2022 | PG-13 | 1hrs. 36 mins.
  A man returns home for an Easter celebration with his riotous, bickering, eating, drinking, laughing, loving family, in this love letter to the Filipino-American community.

- **October 11th**- Love, Simon
  2018 | PG-13 | 1 hr. 49 mins.
  Simon is a closeted high schooler who falls for an anonymous online pen pal from his school who is also gay. When a blackmailer obtains his candid emails, Simon must decide how to reveal his sexuality to his friends and family while attempting to turn his online flirtation into a real-life romance.

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- **October 18th- It’s Kind of a Funny Story**  
  *2010 | PG-13 | 1 hr. 41 mins.*  
  A stressed teen checks himself into a mental hospital, where he makes friends with a wacky inmate and flirts with a cute girl who has also been institutionalized.

- **October 25th- A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**  
  *2019 | PG | 1 hr. 47 mins.*  
  Lloyd Vogel is tasked with creating a profile of Fred Rogers, the creator and star of the successful children's program Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. He dutifully goes to the studio where his subject is filming his show, and soon enough, he is sitting down with him, asking him probing questions. However, Fred seems to have a different plan in mind. The interviewee suddenly becomes the interviewer, and he starts to help the writer sent for him in unexpected ways.

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. Because of the solar eclipse crossing over New Mexico in October, this month we will be exploring the science of the sun, moon, and eclipses through hands-on activities. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **October 2nd- Build Your Own Sun Clock**  
  Construct your own Sun Clock – small enough to keep in your pocket – and explore how to orient your clock correctly for it to function accurately.

- **Monday, October 9:** **Build a Solar Eclipse Viewer**  
  Use a shoebox and other common materials to create a safe way to view the Sun during a solar eclipse.

- **Monday, October 16:** **What is Sunlight Made Of?**  
  Learn about the “ingredients” in the light that we get from the sun, and make a sculpture out of beads that react to ultraviolet light from the sun.

- **Monday, October 23:** **Parker Solar Probe Models**  
  NASA’s Parker Solar Probe is humanity's first-ever mission to a star, where it is directly exploring the Sun's large atmosphere. It will eventually zoom to within just 3.9 million miles of the Sun's surface, facing heat and radiation like no spacecraft ever has! Build your own paper model of the Parker Solar Probe.

- **Monday, October 30:** **Halloween Candy Science**  
  Celebrate Halloween with science! Join us for a series of hands-on experiments based on Halloween candy!
Kidz Cinema
Join us at the Children & Youth Library every Saturday at 2:00 PM for weekly family-oriented film screenings. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **October 7th** - Lilo & Stitch 2
  2005 | PG | 1 hrs. 9 mins.
  In this sequel to the original Disney hit, the alien Stitch is plagued by a molecular deficiency and Lilo is flummoxed by a theme for her hula competition.

- **October 14th** - Sherlock Gnomes
  2018 | PG | 1 hr. 26 mins.
  When garden decor starts going missing, Gnomeo, Juliet and their colorful crew of friends enlist detective Sherlock Gnomes and Watson to take the case. The lawn ornaments must traverse London to save their fellow decorations from being smashed.

- **October 21st** - Back to the Future
  1985 | PG | 1 hr. 46 mins.
  An eccentric scientist builds a time machine, which accidentally transports a high-school student back to the 1950s, where the teen inadvertently interferes with the budding romance between his future parents. The boy must figure out how to set things right, or risk completely altering the future.

- **October 28th** - Inkheart
  2008 | PG | 1 hr. 45 mins.
  A father and daughter who have the ability to bring fictional book characters to life battle a fairy-tale villain who wants to use their powers for his own evil doings.

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 or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Family Storytime
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! This month, we will explore the theme of Space: Earth, moon, sun, planets, and stars! Ages 0-5. Email 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 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 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.

- **October 5<sup>th</sup>- DIY Spin Hand Drum**
  Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by learning how to make your own spin drum.

- **October 12<sup>th</sup>- Astronaut Craft**
  Celebrate the annular “ring of fire” solar eclipse by making your own astronaut.

- **October 19<sup>th</sup>- Leaf Stamp Painting**
  Explore Fall (and all its beautiful colors) with this fun leaf stamping craft.

- **October 26<sup>th</sup>- Halloween Painting**
  Create your own spooky painting that you can use to decorate your home for Halloween.

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 or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

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