

February 2023 Events at Octavia Fellin Public Library

Special Events

Google Career Certificate Scholarship

Jump-start your career with a [Google Career Certificate scholarship](#). 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 months 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.

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.

Free Film Screening & Panel Discussion

Route 66: The Untold Story of Women on the Mother Road

Join OFPL *in-person* at El Morro Theatre on February 2nd at 6:00 PM with Director / producer Katrina Parks along with emeritus of the Center for Southwest Research, Tomas Jaen, author Sharon Niederman, and several special guests for a panel discussion following the film screening. It is the story of how women overcame segregation and gender discrimination on America's most beloved road. This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the NM Route 66 Association and the New Mexico Humanities Council. *Refreshments will be provided.* Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call 505-863-1291 for more information.

We READ, We TALK Book Club - Join us *in-person* at the Main Library or on Zoom for discussions of *Shutter* by Ramona Emerson. This blood-chilling debut set in New Mexico's Navajo Nation is equal parts gripping crime thriller, supernatural horror, and poignant portrayal of coming of age on the reservation. Discussions are **Saturday, February 4th at 2:00 PM and Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00 PM. Ramona Emerson will be in attendance on Saturday, February 4th!** Refreshments will be served! Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call 505-863-1291 for more information.

Family Storytime With Author Cameron Bourg

Join OFPL *in-person* at the Children & Youth Library on February 4th & 22nd at 2:00 PM for a special family storytime with Cameron Bourg, an Albuquerque-based special-education teacher, literacy tutor, and children's book author. He will be reading from his books and offering literacy tips for the whole family! Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Teen Paint Night

Join OFPL *in-person* at the Children & Youth Library on February 8th & 22nd at 5:00 PM to create Kawaii art using acrylics. In this immersive workshop, learn about Kawaii, a Japanese-inspired art as we build our drawing and painting skills. Supplies will be provided. Email jwhitman@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Valentine Art Swap

Show a little love for your neighbors with a Valentine-inspired work of art to share. Celebrate the season of love with OFPL by joining in the 3rd Annual Valentine Art Swap! Pick up a 5x5" canvas using the [Supply Request Form](#) at ofpl.online or pick one up at Art123 Gallery. Return your completed canvas by **February 10th** to receive LOVE in the form of a new piece of art. Pieces will be redistributed on Valentine's Day and you will receive original work from a fellow neighbor! All mediums welcome. 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 February 11th from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM for Heart-y Crafts! We all know that February is the month to celebrate Valentine's Day, but did you know that February is also National Heart Month? Come celebrate with us! Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Friends of the Octavia Fellin Public Library (FOFPL) Membership drive at

Rio West Mall - The Friends of the Octavia Fellin Public Library is having a membership drive *in-person* at the Rio West Mall on February 11th from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The Friends is a non-profit organization focused on investing in our library's continued success and growth, and enhancing the quality of life for the people in our community. Visit our booth to join Friends of OFPL for \$10 per year or \$25 for 3 years! Take advantage of member benefits like discounts at select local businesses and book sales, volunteer opportunities to fund-raise for the library, and early notification of new library materials! Support your library! Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Gallup Young Writers Conference

Attention **6th through 12th graders!** Join OFPL, in partnership with UNM-Gallup and Gallup-McKinley County Schools, for the **Gallup Young Writers Conference at UNM-Gallup on March 3rd from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** Engage in workshops on a variety of topics taught by local educators and writers. Have a chance to meet Kit Rosewater, New Mexico author of the *Derby Daredevils* series. Participation is FREE! Students must [apply](#) at [ofpl.online](#) by **February 20th**. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Holiday Closure

The **Octavia Fellin Public Library and the Children & Youth Library will be closed February 20th in observance of Presidents Day.** During that time, OFPL's online services, as always, will be available at [ofpl.online](#) featuring downloadable magazines, e-books, audio-books, streaming movies, virtual programs, and many other resources. 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 4:00 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.

a. February 1st - Harriet (Black History Month)

2019 | PG-13 | 2 hrs 5 min

The extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes, whose courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history.

b. February 8th - Hidden Figures (Women in Science Day)

2016 | PG | 2 hrs 7 min

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.

c. February 15th - Marry Me (Valentine's Day)

2022 | PG-13 | 1 hr 52 min

Music superstars Kat Valdez and Bastian are getting married before a global audience of fans. But when Kat learns, seconds before her vows, that Bastian has been unfaithful, she instead decides to marry Charlie, a stranger in the crowd.

d. February 22nd - Nope (Black History Month)

2022 | R | 2 hrs 10 min

The residents of a lonely gulch in inland California bear witness to an uncanny and chilling discovery.

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.

- **February 3rd - Origami 101**
Learn the ancient Japanese art of folding paper into decorative shapes and figures.
- **February 17th - Watercolor and Colored Pencil Art (CreativeBug)**
Create art using watercolor paints and colored pencils. Inspired by Joy Ting's CreativeBug course!

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**. Celebrate International Creativity Month by discovering the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Design, engineer, and create! Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **February 6th - Matchbox Microphone**
Be inspired by the work of Dr. James West, co-inventor of the microphone, and create your own simple working microphone!
- **February 13th - Grow a Sweet Potato**
Be inspired by the groundbreaking work of botanist George Washington Carver by starting to grow your very own sweet potato plant!
- **February 20th - Build a Paper Computer (Virtual)**
Be inspired by the work of inventor and engineer Mark Dean by building your own computer out of paper.
- **February 27th - Traffic Light Tinkering**
Be inspired by Garret Morgan, the inventor of traffic lights by designing your own switchable traffic light with LEDs.

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 celebrate and honor Black History Month. Ages 0-5. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Monday:	February 6th To the Moon	Wednesday:	February 8th To the Moon
	February 13th P, B, & J		February 15th P, B, & J
	February 20th Holiday Closure		February 22nd Stop and Go!
	February 27th We All Scream for Ice Cream!		March 1st We All Scream for Ice Cream!

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! Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **February 1st - Banana Piano**
Learn how to use the Makey Makey circuit board to attach everyday objects (like bananas!) to your computer to use them as inputs.
- **February 8th - Is it Conductive?**
Use a Makey Makey circuit board to design a device that can test whether or not an item is conductive, then code a simple computer app to work with your device!
- **February 15th - Draw A Playable Instrument**
Invent your own new musical instrument by drawing it on paper with conductive pencil lead, then use the Makey Makey circuit board to connect it to an app to let you play it!
- **February 22nd - Build Sensors and Switches**
Learn how to craft your own sensors and switches and then use them to interact with the computer.

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.

- **February 2nd - Groundhog Stick Puppet (Groundhog Day)**
Celebrate Groundhog Day by creating a cute groundhog! Will he see his shadow?
- **February 9th - Stamped & Sewn Valentine's Pouch**
Hand-sew your own felt envelopes!
- **February 16th - Black History Month Craft**
Celebrate and honor Black History Month with an afternoon of assorted crafts!
- **February 23rd - Bean Craft**
Create a bean mosaic using assorted colored beans and other craft supplies!

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. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **February 11th - Hidden Figures**
2016 | PG | 2 hrs. 7 min.
Three female African-American mathematicians provide crucial calculations for NASA's space race against the Soviets, all while dealing with the racist and sexist assumptions of their white co-workers.
- **February 18th - Akeelah and the Bee**
2006 | PG | 1 hr. 52 min.
An inner-city girl strives to become a spelling champ in this uplifting family film.
- **February 25th - The Princess and the Frog**
2015 | PG | 1 hr. 37 min.
A prince is transformed into a frog and accidentally curses a beautiful princess with an amphibian form as well when he kisses her in an attempt to break the spell. The two then go on a wild journey through the bayous of Louisiana in hopes of finding a voodoo priestess who may be able to restore their true forms.

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