

## September 2025 Events at Gallup's Octavia Fellin Public Library

### Special Events

#### **We READ, We TALK Book Club – The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina**



#### **Explore Identity, History, and Resilience Through Literature**

The **We READ, We TALK Book Club**, invites you to read and discuss *The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina* by **Zoraida Cordova**—The Montoyas are used to a life without explanations. They know better than to ask why the pantry never seems to run low or empty, or why their matriarch won't ever leave their home in Four Rivers—even for graduations, weddings, or baptisms. But when Orquídea Divina invites them to her funeral and to collect their inheritance, they hope to learn the secrets that she has held onto so tightly their whole lives. Instead, Orquídea is transformed, leaving them with more questions than answers.

#### **Discussion Dates & Details:**



First Discussion: **Oct 25 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM**



Second Discussion: **Nov 3 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM**



Location: **Main Library & via Zoom**

How to Participate:

Register now at <https://ofpl.online/>. **Attend one of the discussions in person or via Zoom to keep the book at no cost!**

#WeREADWeTALK #BookClub #HispanicHeritageMonth #OFPL #GallupReads



#### **Library Closure Notice**

#### **September 1st for Labor Day**

All library locations will be closed. Visit [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.online/) for ebooks, streaming media, and virtual programs.



Call **(505) 863-1291** for more information

## **Trump's Redux - *A Case for Understanding Club***

**September 2nd & 16th | 5:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave**

Understanding the legal system and its impact on our daily lives is increasingly important. We offer a dynamic lecture series and discussion group, led by **Attorney David Eason**, that delves into the historical legal foundations and modern-day applications, making complex legal topics accessible to all.

### ● **September 2nd - Trump Redux**

Each session involves an in-depth exploration of key legal principles and insightful discussions on the laws shaping our society. Whether you're a student, professional, or simply curious about how the legal system works, this series offers an excellent opportunity to expand your knowledge in good company.

Past Topics Include:


- The Amendments and how they affect Tech Censorship and Surveillance
- Property Law & Contracts
- The President's Role in Foreign Policy
- The Executive Order: Uses and Abuses
- Unitary Executive Theory
- The Courts and Contempt
- The Limits of the Law
- What Happens When the Law Fails
- Stump the Lawyer – With Your Questions

Handouts from previous lectures are available upon request.

#UnderstandingTheLaw #LegalEducation #KnowYourRights #CaseLawClub


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## **Friday Night Vibes - *After-Hours for Teens (ages 12-18)* - September 5th | 6:00 PM**

**– 9:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.** Teens, ages 12-18, are invited to join us for our Friday Night Vibes, a chill hangout time for teens at the library! Unwind with video games, movies, and snacks. Unleash your creativity in our MakerSpace with plot cutters, 3D printers, laser engravers, button making, and more! **This month, create a custom laser-engraved school-year planner in our Makerspace!**  Call (505) 863-1291 for more info.

## **Makerspace Workshop - *Engraved Pet Tags* - September 6th | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM |**

**Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.** Celebrate the pets you love! In this hands-on workshop, you'll design and laser engrave a custom wooden tag for your furry (or feathered!) friend using the **XTool S1**. Choose from a variety of tag shapes, add your pet's name or a special message, and make something truly one-of-a-kind. All materials will be provided, including wood and key rings. **Space is limited—reserve your spot today at [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.org)!**


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### **DIY Plant Holders - *Macrame Workshop***

**September 9th | 4:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave**

Discover the relaxing and rewarding craft of macrame in this beginner-friendly workshop. Our experienced instructor will guide you step-by-step through the fundamental knots of macrame, teaching you how to create a unique and eye-catching plant holder. You'll learn essential techniques for starting, knotting, and finishing your piece, leaving you with a beautiful handmade creation ready to display your favorite plant. All necessary cords and a wooden ring will be provided. No prior macrame experience is required.

**Space is limited—reserve your spot today at [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.org)!**


 **Call (505) 863-1291** for more information.

### **HelloTech! - *We Help You Use Your Technology Tools* for members of the Northside Senior Center.**

**September 11th | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Northside Senior Center, 607 N 4th St.**

Members can join **OFPL** at the **Northside Senior Center** for help with their technology. OFPL staff will provide individual technology assistance and answers to your technology questions. Learn about your electronic devices and feel more confident using them! Contact the Northside Senior Citizens Center for information on becoming a member at (505) 722-4740.

#TechForSeniors #OFPL

 **Call (505) 863-1291** for more information.

### **Picasso Babies: *Baby & Toddler Art Time***

**September 12th & 26th | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.**

Join us for a fun-filled morning of creativity at *Picasso Babies*! This free program is designed for toddlers and their caregivers. It is a beautiful opportunity to explore the world through art. Join experienced early childhood intervention therapists from *The Therapy Academy*, who will guide you and your little one in creating beautiful and unique pieces together. We hope to see you there!

 **Call (505) 863-1291** for more information.

### **Special Library Hours – Friday, September 12**

**Open 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Please note that OFPL will operate with adjusted hours on **Friday, September 12**, opening at **12:00 PM and closing at 5:00 PM**. This change allows our team to prepare for and support a weekend full of ArtsCrawl festivities! We hope to see you downtown on Saturday for an evening of creativity, art, and community celebration during Gallup's ArtsCrawl.

 **Call (505) 863-1291** for more information.


### **MakerSpace at ArtsCrawl - *Kakemono***

**September 13th | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM | El Morro Event Center, 210 South 2nd St.**

**Join OFPL's MakerSpace at ArtsCrawl!**

Discover your inner maker with OFPL's MakerSpace at this month's ArtsCrawl! Stop by to explore creative crafting using our high-tech equipment. This month, we are exploring sublimation printing and heat press applications. Learn the full process from design to execution and create your one-of-a-kind *kakemono* wall scroll. Whether you're a seasoned maker or brand new to crafting, this is the perfect opportunity to get inspired and make something amazing. All materials are provided. Don't miss out! #OFPLatArtsCrawl #OFPLCreates

#OFPLTurningJapanese


 Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **OFPL PlaySpace at ArtsCrawl**

**September 13th | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Outside El Morro Event Center, 210 South 2nd St.**

Join OFPL's PlaySpace at ArtsCrawl for family fun and get creative! Build with our Big Blue Blocks and Dino Bones, made to inspire children to design new environments. Enjoy classic games like chess, checkers, dominoes, cornhole, and ring toss, or try something different like badminton and shuffleboard! Draw with chalk and make giant bubbles.

#OFPLatArtsCrawl #OFPLCreates #OFPLPlays

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### **IRS Community Visit - *Temporary Taxpayer Assistance Center***

**September 15th - September 18th | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave.**

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will open a temporary Taxpayer Assistance Center, giving community members the chance to meet directly with IRS staff. Taxpayers can address their concerns, receive answers to their questions, and get the information they need—all without making an appointment.

This special event provides an opportunity for face-to-face assistance on a variety of tax-related matters. Walk-ins are welcome.

 Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Friendship Bracelet Workshop**

**September 15th | 4:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.**

Join us and celebrate your friends with friendship bracelets! Twinkie Chan's Creativebug class will teach you five very cool bracelet designs, plus four different ways to finish and secure them. They're fun and simple to make. Make them for yourself, give them as gifts, or go old-school and trade them with your besties.

**Space is limited—reserve your spot today at [ofpl.online!](https://ofpl.org)**


 Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### **Makerspace Workshop - *Engraved Sketch Books***

**September 20th | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.**

**Make your mark before Inktober begins!** Join us in the **OFPL MakerSpace** to design and engrave a custom leather-covered sketchbook using our **XTool S1**. Personalize it however you like and take home a unique sketchbook ready for all your October art challenges. All supplies provided – limited to 14 spots, registration required.

**Space is limited—reserve your spot today at [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.org/online)!**

 **Call (505) 863-1291** for more information.

### **Navigating AI Discussion Group - *AI Fundamentals***

**September 23rd | 5:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave**

Join us for Navigating AI, a monthly discussion group empowering you to confidently use AI tools. Each session blends educational content and guided discussions on AI's societal impact with practical, hands-on tutorials. This month, we will start with the fundamentals: defining artificial intelligence and understanding the basic processes involved in its creation, as well as looking at how to use some common text-based generative AI tools.

 **Call (505) 863-1291** for more information.

### **Cricut Sublimation Workshop - *Custom Bookmarks***

**September 25th | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Northside Senior Center, 607 N 4th St.**

Northside Senior Center members are invited to get creative in this hands-on Cricut workshop!

Seniors will be able to customize a book mark using preprinted sublimation paper. Make it yours by adding your name, important dates or a small design.


Not a member? Contact the Northside Senior Center at (505) 722-4740 to find out how to join.

 **Call (505) 863-1291** for more information.

### **Navajo Rug Weaving Workshop (Ages 19+)**

**September 26th | 10:00 AM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave**

Explore the art of traditional Diné rug weaving with master weaver **Lois A. Becenti**. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn essential techniques such as warping, carding, and spinning. Looms are available for public use—just bring your own supplies and current project.

 **Call (505) 863-1291** for more information.

### **Dumpling Cooking Workshop (Ages 19+)**

**September 26th | 4:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave.**

Join **OFPL** and **Chef Brian Tatsukawa** from Navajo Technical University's Culinary Department, to make dumplings for *National Dumpling Day*! Increase your food knowledge and cooking skills while learning about other cuisines.


**Space is limited—register now at [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.org/online)**

 **Call (505) 863-1291** for more information.

### **Teen Advisory Board Meeting**

**September 26th | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.**


Teens are invited to join OFPL for our monthly **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** meeting. The TAB advises the library on our teen collections, space, and events; all teens are welcome to attend. This is an excellent opportunity for students and student organizations to gain service hours and leadership experience. Food is served!

 Call **(505) 863-1291** for more information.

### **OFPL at Rio West Mall - *Fall for Wellness Health Fair***

**September 27th | 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Rio West Mall, 1300 West I- 40 Frontage Road**


Join us and other organizations from around the community for fun activities, free screenings, learn more about the resources and tools they offer and much more!

 Call **(505) 863-1291** for more information.

### **Preserving Goodness: *Spicy Jams and Jellies* (Ages 19+)**

**September 29th | 4:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave.**


Join OFPL and **Patricia Largo** from NMSU College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, to make spicy Jams or Jellies! This class on canning will teach you about food preservation, alternative food storage, and reducing waste, all while creating your own preserves. **Space is limited—register now at [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.org/online)**

 Call **(505) 863-1291** for more information.

### **STEM Activities with ¡Explora! (Ages 6-11)**

**September 29th | 4:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.**

Get ready to explore the exciting world of STEM with the ¡Explora! children's museum right here at the library! Join us for a hands-on session packed with creative building, engineering challenges, and scientific fun.

 Call **(505) 863-1291** for more information.

## Google Career Certificates through Gallup Career Academy

Fall 2025 Cohort: **Application deadline August 31st.** Awardee notification by **September 3rd**  
Summer 2025 Cohort Deadline: Coursework must be completed by **September 10th.**

Boost your career potential with Gallup Career Academy (GCA)—a partnership between OFPL’s MakerSpace and Grow with Google. Through Google Career Certificates, you can train for high-demand jobs in just three months with a flexible, two-hour daily commitment. Courses cover nine in-demand fields and prepare you for roles with average starting salaries of \$63,600/year.

GCA members also gain exclusive access to OFPL’s MakerSpace at the Children & Youth Library (Aztec & 2nd), featuring tools like:

- 3D printers & laser engravers
- Cricut die-cut machines (paper & vinyl)
- Button maker & heat transfer printing
- Sublimation and inkjet printers
- Studio space for painting, CAD, animation, and modeling
- Photographer and lighting equipment

Enroll at [ofpl.online](https://ofpl.online)

 Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

## Main Library Weekly Events

### Stress Reduction Clinics

**Thursdays | 4:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave**

OFPL hosts *Acudetox* ear acupuncture clinics. Treatments can help relieve stress, insomnia, anxiety, depression, and irritability. Both seed and needle treatments are available. Thin, sterile needles are inserted into the outer ear for 30 minutes and can induce a relaxing calm.


Acupressure using tiny seeds placed in the outer ear is an alternative to needles with similar benefits. Walk-ins are welcome. **NO clinic on September 18th.**

 Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

## ***Midweek Matinee at OFPL***

**Wednesdays | 3:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave**

Escape into the world of cinema with **OFPL's** *Midweek Matinee*! Enjoy weekly screenings of award-winning classics, documentaries, new releases, and hand-picked films.

 Call **(505) 863-1291** for more information. Don't miss out on these movie moments!

- **September 3rd - *The Neverending Story***

*1984 | PG | 1 hrs. 42 mins.*

A troubled boy dives into a wondrous fantasy world through the pages of a mysterious book.

- **September 10th - *The Shawshank Redemption***

*1994 | R | 2 hrs. 22 mins.*

A banker convicted of uxoricide, forms a friendship over a quarter century with a hardened convict, while maintaining his innocence and trying to remain hopeful through simple compassion.

- **September 17th - **NO MOVIE**, Join us and the IRS for their temporary Taxpayer Assistance Center.**

- **September 24th - *Venom: The Last Dance***

*2024 | PG-13 | 1 hrs. 50 mins.*

Eddie Brock and Venom must make a devastating decision as they're pursued by a mysterious military man and alien monsters from Venom's home world.




## Children & Youth Library Weekly Events

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

**Mondays & Wednesdays | 11:00 AM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave**

Join OFPL for storytime activities, songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and read-aloud stories! This month, our storytimes will explore the theme of opposites!

 Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.


### ***Lego Club (ages 6-11)***

**September 8th & 22nd | 4:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.**

**Let Your Imagination Click into Place at the Library's New LEGO® Club!**

The Octavia Fellin Public Library invites kids ages 6–11 to join our brand-new **LEGO® Club**—a space where creativity, building, and fun come together! Starting this month, young builders can gather **every other Monday afternoon** to design incredible structures, take on exciting challenges, and make new friends who love to create.


The library provides all the LEGO® bricks—you just bring your imagination! Please note that all materials must stay at the library. We encourage families to bring a camera to capture their child's creations. To keep favorite sets safe, we ask that personal LEGO® pieces stay at home.

 Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### ***OctaKnights Chess Club (all ages)***

**Tuesdays | 4:30 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave**

Join OFPL's chess club starting on **August 19th**! Through chess, club members can bond and improve their chess skills! We learn and practice chess theory and strategy. Participants build their skills through play. All ages are welcome, although this is targeted at the **8-18 age range**. Participants do not need to attend every event.

 Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

### ***Open MakerSpace at the Children & Youth Library (Ages 6+)***

**Wednesdays | 4:00 – 6:00 PM | Fridays 3:00 – 5:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave**

Let your imagination run wild in OFPL's **MakerSpace**! This open, hands-on environment is perfect for young creators (ages six and up) to explore design and engineering through activities that utilize 3D printers, vinyl cutters, laser engravers, embroidery machines, and more.

 Call (505) 863-1291 | [rlasiloo@gallupnm.gov](mailto:rlasiloo@gallupnm.gov) or [tmoe@gallupnm.gov](mailto:tmoe@gallupnm.gov) for more information

***Crafty Kids (all ages) - Thursdays | 4:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave*** - Join OFPL 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](http://ofpl.online) at <http://ofpl.online>.

☎ Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

- **September 4th - Safari Animal Bookmarks** - Join us to make a bookmark in honor of **National Wildlife Day**, celebrated annually on September 4th. This day is focused on raising awareness of wildlife conservation and protecting endangered species.
- **September 11th - Pom Pom Monsters** - Join us to make these adorable yarn monsters, that is sure to be one of your favorites!
- **September 18th - Fall Tree Handprints** - Capture the essence of the fall season with this hands-on project that brings together the wonderful colors of fall.
- **September 25th - Comic Newspaper Magnets** - Join us to make a refrigerator magnet in honor of **National Comic Book Day**, celebrated on September 25th. It honors the art, artists and stories of comic books

***Get up and Game (ages 6+) - Fridays | 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave*** - Join us at the **Children & Youth Library** to unwind from a busy week!

*Get up and Game*, with video games and fun for the whole family, including the Nintendo Switch and Xbox Kinect! ☎ Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

***Kidz Cinema (all ages) - Saturdays | 2:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave*** - Looking for the perfect weekend outing? Bring the whole family to ***Kidz Cinema!*** Enjoy a screening of a fun, family-friendly film. It's a great way to relax and spend quality time together. Watch. Enjoy. ☎ For more information, call (505) 863-1291

- **September 6th - How to Train Your Dragon - 2025 | PG | 1 hr. 41 mins.**  
As an ancient threat endangers both Vikings and dragons alike on the isle of Berk, the friendship between Hiccup, an inventive Viking, and Toothless, a Night Fury dragon, becomes the key to both species forging a new future together.
- **September 13th - Snow White - 2025 | PG | 1 hr. 49 mins.** - A princess joins forces with seven dwarfs and a group of rebels to liberate her kingdom from her cruel stepmother the Evil Queen.
- **September 20th – Coco - 2017 | PG | 1 hr. 45 mins.** - Aspiring musician Miguel, confronted with his family's ancestral ban on music, enters the Land of the Dead to find his great-great-grandfather, a legendary singer.
- **September 27th - Lilo & Stitch - 2025 | PG | 1 hr. 48 mins.** - A lonely Hawaiian girl befriends a runaway alien, helping to mend her fragmented family.

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