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June Events at the Octavia Fellin Public Library and El Morro Theatre

Special Events

Unearth A Story! Summer Reading Program

This summer, we're digging into discovery! From **June 1** to **July 25** our summer reading program **Unearth a Story** takes readers of all ages on an expedition through the ancient and the extraordinary — from the age of dinosaurs to the tools of paleontology, archaeology, and geology. All summer long, the library will offer programs and events that spark curiosity and bring the wonders buried beneath our feet to life. Come dig in with us—**register online at ofpl.online/summer or in person at the library today!**

#NMSummerReading, #ReadNM, #UnearthAStory

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

Route 66 Centennial Traveling Exhibit

Tuesday-Saturday | 11:00AM – 5:00PM | Rex Museum, 300 W Hwy 66

Celebrating the rich legacy of the Mother Road, America's Main Street, the Route 66 Centennial Traveling Exhibit will open to the public from **May 9th to December 31st** at the **Rex Museum**. Drawing from the documentary film series *Route 66: The Untold Story of Women on the Mother Road* by project director Katrina Parks, the traveling exhibit combines large-format interpretive panels, audiovisual materials, and educational activities designed for youth and family audiences. Together, these elements invite visitors to explore how Route 66 shaped American history, culture, and identity through the stories of the people who lived, worked, and traveled along it. Call **(505) 863-1291** for more information.

Google Career Certificates through Gallup Career Academy (GCA)

Boost your career potential with **Gallup Career Academy (GCA)**—a partnership between **OFPL's MakerSpace** and **Grow with Google**. Train for tech jobs in just six months with a flexible, two-hour daily commitment. Courses available for 10 in-demand fields with average starting salaries of \$63,600/year.

The **Summer 2026 Cohort open enrollment begins June 1st**. The deadline to apply is June

15th. Awardees will be notified by June 22nd. After the July 1st deadline we will enroll new learners by invitation only until our next open enrollment period beginning September 1st. Spring coursework must be completed by June 10th.

BONUS: GCA members also gain exclusive access to OFPL's MakerSpace on Wednesday nights between 6:00 & 8:00 PM featuring tools like:

- 3D printers & laser engravers
- Embroidery machines
- 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 for the Summer cohort at [ofpl.online](https://ofplonline.org)

Call (505) 863-1291 or email tmoe@gallupnm.gov for more information.

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

June 4th | 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 #GallupSeniors

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Picasso Babies: *Baby & Toddler Art Time*

June 5th | 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.

D&D Group

Roll for initiative! Whether you're a seasoned adventurer or a curious newcomer, the Octavia Fellin Public Library is opening its doors to the world of Dungeons & Dragons. Experienced players are welcome to continue an existing campaign, while beginners can create a brand-new character and jump into a "one-shot" adventure — a self-contained campaign that's the perfect introduction to the game and how it's played. All you need to bring is your imagination (and maybe your lucky dice).

- **Teens ages 12-18** are invited to join us at the **Children & Youth Library** on **Fridays, June 5th & June 26th** from **5:00 to 9:00 PM**.
- **Adults ages 19+** are welcome at the **Main Library** on **Saturdays, June 6th & June 27th** from **1:00 to 5:00 PM**.

No registration required — just show up ready to play!

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

Friday Night Vibes - *After-Hours for Teens (ages 12-18)*

June 5th | 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.

Join us for games, snacks, and creative fun. This month's MakerSpace activity is all about getting summer-ready — design and create your very own custom drawstring bag using sublimation printing! Choose your colors, add your art, and walk away with a one-of-a-kind bag that's totally yours. It's the perfect Friday night to hang out, make something cool, and enjoy the library like never before. No registration required — just show up and bring your creativity!

No registration required—just show up and bring your bravery!

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

Artist Talk - *Art of Stone*

June 6th | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

Stonemason Joe Dinwiddie ("Drystone Joe") brings nearly 30 years of experience building mortar-free stone walls, fences, and landscape features across the U.S. and Scotland — some of which incorporate astronomical alignments with the solstices, equinoxes, and lunar standstills. He'll share stories from his craft, including his recent work on a project near Gallup.

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

Loop by Loop - *Crocheted Dino Bookmarks*

June 9th | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.

Create your own playful prehistoric bookmark using simple crochet techniques! In this beginner-friendly program, participants will crochet a basic bookmark using a single stitch, then bring it to life by adding fun dinosaur-inspired spikes along the edge. Customize your colors to make a fierce T-Rex look or a friendly stegosaurus style. This project is perfect for those new to crochet or anyone looking for a quick, creative craft. All skill levels welcome—supplies provided.

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

Special Library Hours – Friday, June 12

Open 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Please note that OFPL will operate with adjusted hours on **Friday, June 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.

Family Board Game Night

June 12th | 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.

Rediscover the magic of analog gameplay at our **Family Game Night!** We’re dusting off the dice and unearthing the timeless board games, card classics, and tabletop favorites that have brought generations together for decades. Whether you’re a strategic mastermind or just looking for a night of low-stakes laughter, this multigenerational event offers the perfect screen-free escape for kids, parents, and grandparents alike. Join us for a cozy evening of friendly competition, nostalgia, and community.

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

TED Democracy Live

June 13th | 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM | El Morro Theatre, 207 West Coal Ave.

Be part of a nationwide conversation about the future of democracy at this free, drop-in livestream of TED Democracy Philadelphia: Founding Futures — a daylong symposium of 15+ brand-new TED Talks streaming live from Philadelphia, the birthplace of modern democracy, on the eve of America's 250th anniversary. Talks continue throughout the day, so stop in for a single talk or settle in for several as we join more than 65 libraries across the country in hosting this community watch party.

Don't miss out! #OFPLatArtsCrawl#OFPLCreates
Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Junk Journaling Workshop - *Book Binding*

June 13th | 1:00 PM–3:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.

Join OFPL and local artist **Kim Esparza** for a junk journaling workshop and learn about book binding! A junk journal is a handmade book made up of recycled items such as papers from magazines, brochures, patterned paper, music sheets, envelopes, packaging, and more. With junk journaling, seemingly insignificant scraps are given new life and become a source of creativity. Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

MakerSpace at ArtsCrawl - *3D Printed Dinosaurs*

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

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

Roar into ArtsCrawl with us! Pick out a 3D-printed mini dinosaur, paint it however you like with acrylic markers, and take it home — and while you're at our table, watch one of our Bambu Lab 3D printers build a fresh dino in real time. A fun, hands-on look at what's possible in our MakerSpace. All materials are provided. Don't miss out!

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PlaySpace at ArtsCrawl

June 13th | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM | 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, designed to inspire children to create new environments. Enjoy classic games like chess, checkers, dominoes, cornhole, and ring toss, or try something different like table tennis! Draw with chalk and make giant bubbles. #OFPLatArtsCrawl #OFPLCreates

#OFPLPlays

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

Digging Up Bones

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

Join us, Denise Gard and the famous border collies, Joey and Kira, for an exciting adventure! When a time machine lands in Denise's backyard, Joey and Kira decide to travel back in time to

when dinosaurs roamed the Earth. Will Joey's dream of chewing on Dinosaur bones come true or will he and Kira become Dino food?
Call **(505) 863-1291** for more information.

Understanding the Law Club

June 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.

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
- Property Law and Contracts
- The President's Role in Foreign Policy
- The Executive Order: Uses and Abuses
- Unitary Executive Theory (UET)
- The Courts and Contempt
- The Limits of the Law
- What Happens When the Law Fails
- The Role of the District Attorney

Handouts from previous lectures are available upon request.

#UnderstandingTheLaw #LegalEducation #KnowYourRights #OFPLCaseLawClub

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

Cricut Workshop - Exclusively for members of the Northside Senior Center

June 18th | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Northside Senior Center, 607 N 4th St.

Members of the Northside Senior Center are invited to get creative in this hands-on Cricut workshop! Learn about our MakerSpace Cricut machines and create a unique, one-of-a-kind piece of art. 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.

Forkful of Knowledge - *Korean Yuja-Cha Honey Citron Tea*

June 18th | 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

Celebrate the arrival of spring and the vibrant traditions of the Korean Dano Festival with a hands-on culinary workshop! In this session, we'll dive into the history of this ancient holiday, traditionally a day to recharge spiritual energy and prepare for the summer heat, while crafting our own yuja-cha (Honey Citron Tea base). You'll learn how to preserve fresh, aromatic citrus in a sweet honey cure, creating a "sunshine in a jar" elixir that is as delicious as it is medicinal. Join us to sip, stir, and usher in a season of good fortune and wellness!

Space is limited — reserve your spot today at **ofpl.online**

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

Library Closure Notice

June 19th for Juneteenth

All library locations will be closed. Visit ofpl.online for ebooks, streaming media, and virtual programs.

Regular library hours will resume on Saturday, June 20, 2026.

Call (505) 863-1291 for more information

Pint Sized Polkas: Music & Magic You Can Dig

June 20th | 2:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.

Grab your shovels — award-winning accordionist Mike Schneider brings his Pint Size Polkas show to town with "Music & Magic You Can Dig," a high-energy family program tied to this year's summer reading theme, Unearth a Story. Expect catchy polka tunes, magic tricks, trivia, and plenty of silliness in a musical adventure the whole family will love.

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

Human Library

June 23rd | 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

Join us for a unique afternoon of conversation and connection. At the Human Library, our "books" are people, and their "titles" represent groups in our community who often face prejudice or social exclusion. This is your chance to step into someone else's shoes, ask the "unaskable" questions, and unjudge someone.

Register in advance at ofpl.online or in person the evening of the event.

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

Navajo Rug Weaving Workshop (Ages 19+)

June 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 to work on during the workshop. The looms are available to work on anytime the library is open.

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

OFPL@Rio West Mall - *Dinosaur Escape Room*

June 27th | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Rio West Mall, 1300 West Maloney Ave.

Bring the family out to the Octavia Fellin Public Library at Rio West Mall for an all-ages dinosaur adventure escape room! While visiting Dinosaur Island—a theme park featuring real dinosaurs—a lightning strike causes all of the park's security systems to shut down and all gates and barriers to unlock and open. Can you work together as a team to figure out how to turn on the backup power before the dinosaurs escape and overrun the island?

No registration required — come by anytime between 12:00 and 4:00 PM, but time slots are first come, first served.

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

Community Narcan Training

June 30th | 12:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

Join **OFPL** and the **City of Gallup Behavioral Health Department** for a free training that could save a life. This session will cover how to recognize and respond to opioid overdoses using Narcan, while also connecting you with essential local support resources. Open to all ages, this event is designed to empower community members with vital, life-saving knowledge. Be part of the solution—come learn how you can make a difference.

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

Main Library Weekly Events

Stress Reduction Clinics

Thursday the 4th, 11th & 25th | 4:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave

Saturday the 20th | 2:00 PM | Main Library, 115 West Hill Ave


OFPL hosts *Acudetox* ear acupuncture clinics every Thursday, except on the third week of the month, when we provide treatment on Saturday. 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 June 18th, that week join us on **Saturday, June 20th, 2:00 - 4:00 PM**. 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!

- **June 3rd - *The Wedding Banquet***

2025 | R | 1 hr. 43 mins.

A gay man makes a deal with his lesbian friend: a green-card marriage for him, in exchange for in vitro fertilization treatments for her. Plans evolve as Min's grandmother surprises them with a Korean wedding banquet.

- **June 10th - *One Battle After Another***

2025 | R | 2 hrs. 41 mins.

When their enemy resurfaces after 16 years, a group of ex-revolutionaries reunite to rescue the daughter of one of their own.

- **June 17th - *The Birdcage***

1996 | R | 1 hr. 57 mins.

A gay cabaret owner and his drag queen companion agree to put up a false straight front so that their son can introduce them to his fiancée's right-wing, conservative parents.

- **June 24th - *Send Help***

2026 | R | 1 hr. 53 mins.

An overworked analyst and her arrogant nepo-baby boss survive a plane crash near Thailand and must cooperate to survive on a remote jungle island while their workplace power dynamic collapses around them.

Children & Youth Library Weekly Events

Family Storytime (*ages 0-5*)

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

Join **OFPL** for storytime activities, songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and read-aloud stories!

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

Eureka! (*ages 6-11*)

June 1st & 29th | 4:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.

Eureka! is a hands-on STEM program for elementary and middle school-aged children. Join us for a series of projects that explore STEM topics through hands-on experimentation and building.

- **June 1st - Reduce, Reuse, Recyclosaurus**

Raid the recycling bin and unleash your inner paleontologist — build your favorite dinosaur from salvaged materials and give new life to old stuff!

- **June 22nd - Dino Egg Drop**

The dinos are counting on you! Engineer a protective nest from limited materials to keep your Dino Egg safe from a sky-high drop!

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

Minecraft Archaeology

Tuesday the 2nd, 16th & 30th | 3:00 PM– 5:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave

Grab your brushes and get ready to dig! Join us at the library for a bi-weekly Minecraft Archaeology Challenge. We're hunting for ancient pottery sherds hidden deep within desert pyramids and ruins. Can you find all four pieces to construct a legendary decorated pot? Join our server for 120 minutes of exploration, crafting, and history!

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

Monday Night Magic

June 8th & 22nd | 4:00 PM– 6:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.

Unleash your inner strategist at our bi-weekly Magic: The Gathering sessions, open to kids, teens, and adults of all skill levels! Whether you're a seasoned Planeswalker or picking up a deck for the first time, our community is the perfect place to play. We provide all the cards and instruction you need to get started, but experienced players are welcome to bring their own decks to challenge new rivals. Join us every other Monday at 4:00 p.m. for a free afternoon of spells, strategy, and social fun - no experience necessary and no registration required! Call **(505) 863-1291** for more information.

MakerSpace 101 at the Children & Youth Library (*Ages 6+*)

June 3rd & 17th | 6:00 PM–8:00PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave.

Learn the fundamental skills needed to explore design and engineering through activities that utilize OFPL's MakerSpace machines and equipment.

- **June 3rd - 3D Printers**

Master the machine in this hands-on introduction to the world of 3D printing. You'll learn the essential "shop skills" of a maker, including how to load and unload filament, level the bed, and safely start a print. We will also dive into slicer software, where you'll learn how to prepare a digital file for the physical world by mastering critical settings like supports and bed adhesion.

- **June 17th - Cricut Cutters**

Master the machine in this hands-on introduction to the world of vinyl cutting and design. You'll learn the essential "shop skills" of a maker, including how to load and unload materials, set cutting pressure, and safely run a project from start to finish. We will also dive into Cricut Design Space, where you'll learn how to prepare a digital design for the physical world.

Call **(505) 863-1291** or email rlasiloo@gallupnm.gov for more information.

Crafter's Anonymous

Tuesdays | 4:00 PM– 6:00 PM | Children & Youth Library, 200 West Aztec Ave

Bring your unfinished projects or start something new in our welcoming open craft space! This drop-in program allows crafters of all skill levels to work at their own pace. Whether you're knitting, crocheting, building with cardboard, painting, or creating mixed media art, there's space and supplies for you at the Library!

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

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

Wednesdays | 4:00 PM– 6:00 PM | Fridays 3:00 PM – 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.

No Open MakerSpace on June 19th due to holiday closure.

Call **(505) 863-1291** | rlasiloo@gallupnm.gov or 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 ages and skill levels.

Supply kits are available at **OFPL** using the [Supply Request Form](#) at <http://ofpl.online>.

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

- **June 4th - *Felt Cat Craft***

Join us to celebrate Hug Your Cat Day! Use your creativity to make a cute cuddly cat that is simply irresistible and impossible not to hug.

- **June 11th - *Aquarium Craft***

June is Aquarium Month! A paper plate aquarium is a fun, easy, and customizable craft that turns two paper plates into a vibrant underwater scene. Add paper fish or seaweed to create a 3D ocean scene and a plastic wrap window to "seal" the water.

- **June 18th - *Plastic Canvas Bookmarks***

Let your imagination and creativity run wild with this craft! Plastic canvas is the perfect foundation to make a one of a kind bookmark that is truly you.

- **June 25th - *Handprint Dinosaurs***

For the dino lovers of all ages! Dinosaur Handprint crafts are an adorable, simple activity they will love! All you need are a few other simple supplies to recreate this craft!

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, Xbox Kinect, and our

new Nex Playground system!

No Get up and Game on June 12th, join us for Family Board Game Night!

No Get up and Game on June 19th due to holiday closure.

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**

- **June 6th - *Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark***

1981 | PG | 1 hr. 55 mins.

In 1936, archaeologist Indiana Jones is tasked by Army Intelligence to help locate a legendary ancient power, the Ark of Covenant, before the Nazis get it first.

- **June 13th - *The Good Dinosaur***

2015 | PG | 1 hr. 33 mins.

In a world where dinosaurs and humans live side-by-side, an Apatosaurus named Arlo makes an unlikely human friend.

- **June 20th - *No Kidz Cinema, Join us for Pint Sized Polkas!***

- **June 27th - *Strange World***

2022 | PG | 1 hr. 42 mins.

The legendary Clades are a family of explorers whose differences threaten to topple their latest and most crucial mission.

El Morro Theatre

Star Wars: The Mandalorian & Grogu

2026 | PG-13 | 2 hr. 12 mins.

May 22nd to June 11th | Weekdays 6:30 PM | Weekends 12 PM, 3 PM, 6 PM

Once a lone bounty hunter, Mandalorian Din Djarin and his apprentice Grogu embark on an exciting new Star Wars adventure.

Explore the full lineup of events and buy tickets at www.elmorrotheatre.com

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