

Celebrate

HERITAGE MONTH **SEPT. 15 - OCT. 15**



Join MPL in celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month with engaging storytimes, creative DIY crafts honoring vibrant cultures, and insightful history presentations.

Children's Events

Storytime with Patty York Raymond Monday, September 8 at 6PM

Main Library | Children's Storytime Room Celebrate family and cultural heritage with a special storytime featuring a local author.

Books & Bonding: Hispanic Heritage Picnic

Monday, September 15 at 11AM

Lark Branch Library

Connect with your child through the magic of reading! This program provides a curriculum for parent-led storytime, helping you foster a lifelong love of books and create lasting memories together.

Toddler Time: Maraca Shake-Up! Tuesday, September 16 at 11AM

Lark Branch Library

Get ready to shake things up! Join us for a special Hispanic Heritage Month Toddler Time with a mini maraca craft and lively storytime.

La hora de los cuentos: Papel Picado Tuesday, September 16 at 11AM

Palm View Branch Library

Share bilingual stories, songs, rhymes and activities. ¡Ven a divertirte!

In-B-Tween Club: Loteria Tournament Wednesday, September 17 at 6PM

Palm View Branch Library

Celebrate the rich traditions of Hispanic Heritage Month with a fun-filled game of Lotería - a beloved Mexican game full of color, culture, and community. Meet new friends and win fun prizes!

Toddler Time: Cuentitos y cultura Thursday, September 18 at 11AM

Palm View Branch Library

An interactive Storytime for caregivers and toddlers to have fun and encourage early literacy through books, songs, finger plays, and body movement.

Hispanic History Scavenger Hunt Wednesday, September 22 All Day

Main Library | Children's Department

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a scavenger hunt to explore history and culture!

La hora de los cuentos: What Can You Do with a rebozo?

Tuesday, October 7 at 11AM

Palm View Branch Library

Share bilingual stories, songs, rhymes and activities. ¡Ven a divertirte!

Little Cocina

Saturday, October 11 at 11AM

Main Library

Children and their families are invited to make simple antojitos (snacks) in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

In-B-Tween Club: Conchas y alebrijes Wednesday, October 15 at 6PM

Palm View Branch Library

Let's celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by painting Alebrijes and enjoying traditional Mexican pastries - Conchas.

Teen Events

Alebreije Tile Art!

Monday, September 15 at 6PM

Lark Branch Library

Unleash your creativity as we paint tiles inspired by alebrijes—the magical, whimsical creatures of Mexican folk art! We will guide you in creating a vibrant masterpiece to take home.

Makerspace: Hojalata (Mexican Tin Art)

Wednesday, September 17 at 4:30PM

Palm View Branch Library

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an exploration of traditional folk art. Create your own Hojalata - intricate tin art - inspired by different motifs seen in Mexican culture. All materials will be provide. For teens in 6th – 12th grade.

Homeschool Art Zone: Frida Portraits

Wednesday, September 24 at 4:30PM

Lark Branch Library

Calling all homeschoolers! Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating self-portraits inspired by Frida Kahlo. Explore identity, creativity, and bold colors at the Homeschool Art Zone!

Dulce Dash!

Thursday, September 25 at 6:00PM

Main Library | Meeting Rm A

Challenge your skills to play the viral matching game with all your favorite Mexican candies and munch on conchas from La Concheria Café.

While supplies last.

Library Loteria

Tuesday, September 30 at 6PM

Lark Branch Library

Join us for a twist on the classic Mexican game of chance—Loteria! Just like the traditional version, but with a library theme. Win prizes and celebrate culture and community in this game night for all ages.

Loteria Night

Tuesday, September 30 at 6PM

Main Library | Teen Department

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by testing your luck with some rounds of Lotería and a chance to win some cool prizes!

Gamers Unplugged: Lotería Edition

Wednesday, October 1 at 4:30PM

Palm View Branch Library

Let's unplug with board games and cards - Lotería edition! Invite your friends to join in on the fun and win cool prizes!

Family Events

Mexican Fiesta

Saturday, September 13 at 1:30PM

Lark Branch Library

Join us for a family-friendly celebration of Hispanic culture! Enjoy a wonderful performance of traditional dances by the Mission Parks and Rec Folklorico Dancers, Nikki Rowe's Mariachi Azteca, a craft, and refreshments.

Chips & Salsa

Thursday, September 18 at 12PM

Palm View Branch Library | Community Center Gymnasium

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, enjoy a celebration of culture with Loteria, musical entertainment, and much more!



Adult Events

Consular Essentials

Wednesdays, September 10, 17 & 24

Main Library | Auditorium

Join us for a special program offering vital Consular Service information in collaboration with the Consulate of Mexico.

Lark Book Club

Thursday, September 11 at 6:30PM

Lark Branch Library

"Luis Jaramillo weaves a captivating tale of family, tradition, and the enduring power of love. His vivid prose and intriguing plot make his novel hard to put down!"—Reyna Grande, author of *A Ballad of Love and Glory*

Crafty Corner: Tortilla Warmer

Thursday, September 11 at 12PM

Palm View Branch Library

Attention all Crafters! Come learn tips and tricks on different crafting techniques. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, create your own colorful Tortilla Warmer. Registration Required.

Learning Nahuatl

Monday, September 15 at 6PM

Lark Branch Library

Connect with indigenous roots! Learn Nahuatl, the language of the Aztec people, with author and professor David Bowles.

Sunday Book Club

Sunday, September 14 at 2:00PM

Main Library | Boardroom

Join us for our Sunday Book Club where we dive into great stories, share insights, and enjoy thoughtful conversations. Our September selection is *The House of Broken Angels* by Luis Alberto Urrea.

Diverse Voices Book Club

Thursday, September 18 at 6:30PM Main Library | Conference Room A

Enjoy a variety of literary works and meaningful discussion amongst peers! Our September selection is *My Mother Cursed My Name* by Anamely Salgado Reyes. Don't forget to meet the author at the South Texas Book Festival!

Adult Painting Class

Saturday, September 20 at 1:30PM

Lark Branch Library

Socialize and follow along as you paint your own themed work of art to take home! This month's theme is "Mexican Guitar". "Our class welcomes all skill levels. Registration is required, call Lark Branch at 956-681-3100.

Papel Picado

Wednesday, September 24 at 1:30PM

Lark Branch Library

In honor of Hispanic Heritage month, come and make Papel picado, a traditional Mexican decorative craft made by cutting elaborate designs into sheets of tissue paper. Families are invited to participate!

Craft and Chat: Paper Molas

Saturday, September 27 at 3PM

Main Library | Conference Room B

Join us this September for a chance to relax and get crafty through a series of different craft activities, open to all skill levels! This month's featured activity is Paper Molas. Registration Required.

Painting with Dora's Cozy Art Studio

Friday, September 29 at 12PM

Palm View Branch Library

Unleash your creativity through painting with Dora's Cozy Art Studio! Whether you are a beginner or seasoned artist, get ready to explore your artistic side, relax, and enjoy a fun afternoon of art and socializing. All materials provided—just bring your imagination!

Valley Roots Series: The History of Tortillas

Tuesday, September 30 at 7:00PM

Main Library | Auditorium

Discover the fascinating history of tortillas with culinary historian Melissa Guerra as she explores the cultural roots and lasting impact of tortillas, one of Latin America's most iconic foods.

Valley Roots Series: Psychology of Mariachi

Thursday, October 2 at 7:00PM

Main Library | Auditorium

Join us for a memorable Hispanic Heritage month presentation with Professor Fabián López that explores songs and structures in mariachi culture through a psychological and historical lens. The event will feature the music of José Alfredo Jiménez, Jorge Negrete, and Vicente Fernández, along with live performances by Mariachi Nuevo Tradición.

Craft and Chat: Catrina Dolls

Saturday, October 4 at 3PM

Main Library | Conference Room B

Join us this September for a chance to relax and get crafty through a series of different craft activities, open to all skill levels! This month's featured activity is Catrina Dolls. Registration Required.

Pan y Plática

Thursday, October 9 at 12PM

Palm View Branch

Do you want to see a new program offered at the Library? Come and tell us! Enjoy pan dulce and cafecito to stir the conversation with your librarians and other members of our community.

Book Displays at MPL

September is Hispanic Heritage Month

Children chapter fiction books.

Location: Main Library | Children's Department

Libros Populares en Español

Children's chapter books in Spanish.

Location: Main Library | Children's Department

Hispanic Heritage Month

A wide selection of books celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Location: Main Library | Reference Department

Café con Libros

Collection of YA spanish fiction

Location: Main Library | Teen Department

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

A wide selection of Hispanic Heritage books for all ages.

Location: Palm View Branch Library

Sunday Book Club

Sunday, October 12 at 2PM

Main Library | Boardroom

Join us for our Sunday Book Club where we dive into great stories, share insights, and enjoy thoughtful conversations. Our October selection is *Vampires of El Norte* by Isabel Canas. Don't forget to meet the author at the South Texas Book Festival!

Diverse Voices Book Club

Thursday, October 16 at 6:30PM

Main Library | Conference Room A

Join MPL's Diverse Voices Book Club! Enjoy a variety of literary works and meaningful discussion amongst peers! Our October selection is *Everyone Knows You Go Home* by Natalia Sylvester.

Mexican American Folk Medicine

Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30PM

Main Library | Meeting Rm A

Discover local folk medicine traditions rooted in centuries-old practices from the Old World and the Americas. Explore how diverse cultures have shaped curanderismo and reflect on your own connection to these healing practices in a presentation by Dr. Servando Z. Hinojosa, Professor of Anthropology at UTRGV.

For Questions About Our Events, Please Contact Us At:

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