

# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH September 15 - October 15, 2022

National Hispanic Heritage Month is an annual celebration from September 15th to October 15th recognizing the many contributions of Hispanic Americans that have enriched our communities.

At MPL, we are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting programs throughout the month that spotlight our Hispanic community. Such programs will include book discussions, art classes, loteria, crafts, bilingual storytime, and much more!

# **PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

Baby Storytime: HHM Saturday, September 12, 19, & 26 at 10:00AM | Saturday, October 3rd & 10th at 10:00AM Main Library Children's Department Read bilingual stories, sing Spanish songs, and learn traditional Hispanic rhymes with your baby!

Saturday Storytime: Abuelitos Day Saturday, September 10th at 11:00AM | Main Library Children's Department Get ready for weekend fun with great stories and activities for the whole family!

Family Storytime: Mexican Folktales Monday, September 12th at 5:00PM | Palm View Branch Library Come and celebrate with fun activities for the whole family!



Crafty Kids: Mexican Mirror Art Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00PM | Lark Branch Library Get creative with arts and crafts! Draw, paint, sculpt, and express your creative side.



Bilingual Storytime: Celebremos Mexico Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00PM | Palm View Branch Library Share bilingual stories, songs, rhymes and activities!

Once Upon a Time at Lark: Crazy Colores! Monday, September 19th at 11:00AM | Lark Branch Library Children and their caregivers are invited for virtual stories, songs, rhymes, special performers, and activities

Family Storytime: F is for Fiesta Tuesday, September 20th at 11:00AM | Lark Branch Library Join us at the Lark Branch Library for storytime! Each week children will listen to stories, sing songs, and get creative with fun craft activities. Children of all ages are welcome.

Crafty Kids: Mexican Sunflower Wednesday, September 21st at 6:00PM | Lark Branch Library Get creative with arts and crafts! Draw, paint, sculpt, and express your creative side.

Saturday Storytime: Hispanic Heritage Saturday, September 24th at 11:00AM | Main Library Children's Department Get ready for weekend fun with great stories and activities for the whole family!



# **PROGRAMS FOR TEENS**

Alebrije Art

Wednesday, September 28th | Main Library Teen Department

Let's celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by painting our own bright and whimsical alebrijes! Learn more about this popular and traditional Mexican Folk art!



# **PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

# Adult Painting Class: Mexican Art

Saturday, September 10th 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 Art". Our painting program allows attendees of any skill level to participate. Registration is required.

# Chips and Salsa Event

# Thursday, September 15th at 10:00AM | Palm View Branch Library

Our Hispanic Heritage Month kicks off with our annual Chips and Salsa event. Come by and join us for some fun playing Mexican Loteria and other enjoyable activities!

# Lark Branch Book Club: The House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea

#### Thursday, September 15th at 6:30PM | Lark Branch Library

Hosted by the Lark Branch Library, this book club meets every month to discover new authors and discuss with fellow members the selected book. September's book selection is The House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea.

# Mexican Fiesta

# Saturday, September 17th at 1:30PM | Lark Branch Library

Join us for an afternoon celebrating our Hispanic culture! The Mission Parks and Recreation Folkorico Dancers will share with us a wonderful performance of traditional dances from the various states of Mexico. These presentations are a crowd favorite. You don't want to miss them! We will also do a craft and have light refreshments.

# Paper Pop Up Fans Craft

Thursday, September 29th at 6:00PM | Lark Branch Library

Want to learn how to make a fan easily? We are here to provide you with all supplies and prepare you how to make it. Bring your talent and creativity. Visit us on this day and enjoy a relaxing time by making a craft with us.

# Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park

# Saturday, October 1st at 1:00PM | Main Library Auditorium

The National Park Service preserves the only Mexican War battle site, north of the border. Join us as Daniel Ibarra discusses the history of the battlefield and Mexican-American War.



Pathways to Freedom through South Texas and into Mexico Sunday, October 2nd at 2:00PM | Main Library Auditorium Prior to the Civil War, families of mixed races made their way south and into Mexico. Roseann Bacha-Garza will discuss the movement through South Texas after slavery was abolished in Mexico.

Diverse Voices Book Club

Thursday, October 13th at 6:30PM | Main Library Board Room Join MPL's New Diverse Voices Book Club! Enjoy a variety of literary works and meaningful discussion amongst peers! This month, we'll be reading A Ballad of Love and Glory by our featured South Texas Reads! author Reyna Grande.

Attend an author presentation with Reyna Grande during the South Texas Book Festival at the Main Library on Saturday, October 29th at 5:00PM!

Lark Branch Book Club

Thursday, October 13th at 6:30PM | Lark Branch Library

This month, the Lark Adult Book Club will be participating in South Texas Reads!, which is a region-wide literary event encouraging the Rio Grande Valley community to read and discuss the same book. The featured book will be A Ballad of Love and Glory by Reyna Grande.

Make sure to attend the South Texas Book Festival for presentation by the author at the Main Library on Saturday, October 29th at 5:00PM!

# For questions about our events, please call us at:

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