



WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

MPL Receives Congressional Record!

In May of 2024, Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz addressed the House of Representatives to congratulate McAllen Public Library for its 10th consecutive year receiving the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA) Achievement of Library Excellence Award. In her speech, the Congresswoman called our Library "a cornerstone of our community." She closed by saying that, "This award recognizes past achievement and is a testament to the enduring impact our library has on enriching lives and fostering community growth."

On October 29, I was honored to stand with our Library Advisory Board President, Dr. Joseph K. Ryan, to receive a Congressional Record from Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz. A Congressional Record is the official record of the United States Congress, to document the proceedings of the House. MPL received a beautiful certificate and also a bound copy of the May 7, 2024 proceedings to commemorate the recognition bestowed upon MPL.

Photo 1: L to R: Kate Horan, Library Director; Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz; Dr. Joseph K. Ryan, Library Advisory Board President

Photo 2: L to R: Isaac Tawill, City Manager; Kate Horan, Library Director; Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz; Omar Quintanilla, City Commissioner; Yajaira Flores, Director Convention Facilities

Photo 3: L to R: Kate Horan, Library Director and Dr. Joseph K. Ryan, Library Advisory Board President



New Integrated Library System!

By the time you read this, MPL's migration to a new Integrated Library System – which includes our catalog at MPL and our shared catalog with Hidalgo County Libraries – will be nearly completed. While we regret the interruption to some services like Interlibrary Loan, we hope that you will be delighted with the simplicity of usability of our new system. Please be patient with staff while they become more familiar with the new system's operations. If we can be of any assistance to you in your catalog searches, please do let us know. We are here to help!

Clear Fines and Support Our Community!

An annual tradition, Food for Fines will run from November 1 – December 8. Patrons are invited to clear their overdue library fines by donating food items to support our local food bank. Each donated item will remove \$3 from the patron account.

All acceptable food donations must be non-perishable and sealed, not expired, and multi-serving. No glass items will be accepted. Patrons may donate at any MPL location. Don't have fines? Your donations are welcome!

What is your favorite book genre? And why?
Biographies and really anything nonfiction. I'm not someone who looks to escape into another world, but prefer to engage in the stories of people and the journey of who they are or become.

Do you have any hidden talents?
When I'm not working at the library, I am a voice actor specializing in audiobook narration. I've produced nearly twenty titles available for digital download on Amazon, Audible and iTunes and have voiced commercials and imaging promos for Christian radio stations across the country.

MPL Kids Program Highlights

Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
Mini Masterpieces Wed. Nov. 6 1:00PM	Once Upon a Time at Lark Mondays, Nov. 4, 11, & 18 11:00AM	Bilingual Storytime Every Tuesday 11:00AM
Gratitude Tree Nov. 18 - 24 All Week	Color Corner: ThankFALL Thu. Nov. 14 11:00AM	In-B-Tween Club: Woven Baskets Wed. Nov. 6 6:00PM
Thanksgiving Treats Mon. Nov. 25 2:00PM	Saturdays at Lark Sat. Nov. 30 10:00AM	Stay & Create: Harvest Foodie Craft Wed. Nov. 20 6:00PM

[Check Out More MPL Kids Programs!](#)

MPL Teens Program Highlights

Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
Spooky Stories Sun. Nov. 17 6:00PM	Tween Scene: DIY Aprons Thu. Nov. 7 6:00PM	Makerspace: Dream Catchers Tue. Nov. 5 4:30PM
Relationships 101 Tue. Nov. 19 6:00PM	Painting Pots Tue. Nov. 12 2:00PM	High School 101 Sat. Nov. 9 12:30PM-2:00PM
K-POP Club Mon. Nov. 25 3:00PM	Water Harvest: Comucopia Craft w/ MPU Mon. Nov. 18 6:00PM	Makerspace: Zine & Hot Cocoa Tue. Nov. 19 4:30PM

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MPL Adults Program Highlights

Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
MPL Anime/Manga Club Thu. Nov. 7 7:00PM	Emergency Preparedness Thu. Nov. 7 10:00AM	Crochet Club: Coffee Cosy Mon. Nov. 4 11:00AM
Author Showcase: Code Name: Baker Catcher Mon. Nov. 11 6:00PM	Lark Book Club Thu. Nov. 14 6:30PM	Citizen Day: Honoring Jose Lopez Thu. Nov. 14 2:00PM
Praisesong For The People Sat. Nov. 23 11:00AM	Magic the Gathering Sat. Nov. 30 1:30PM	Palmview Book Club Mon. Nov. 25 11:30AM

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E-Branch Spotlight!

Try Libby.
Thousands of ebooks, and audiobooks waiting for you in the Libby app.

The **one-tap reading** app from your library.

Visit All Our MPL Locations!

Main Library	Lark Branch	Palm View Branch
4001 N 23rd St, McAllen, TX 78504 PH: (956) 681- 3000	2601 Lark Ave, McAllen, TX 78504 PH: (956) 681- 3100	3401 Jordan Rd W, McAllen, TX 78503 PH: (956) 681- 3110
Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00AM - 9:00PM Friday - Saturday 9:00AM - 6:00PM Sunday 1:00PM - 9:00PM	Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00AM - 9:00PM Friday - Saturday 10:00AM - 5:00PM Sunday 1:00PM - 9:00PM	Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00AM - 9:00PM Friday - Saturday 10:00AM - 5:00PM Sunday 1:00PM - 9:00PM

