MPL Newsletter

September

From the Director:

Save the date for the 10th Annual South Texas Book Festival happening on Saturday, October 28th. Get the latest updates and author lineup, festival schedule and other family fun activities by going to www.southtexasbookfestival.com. Leading up to the book festival are some amazing events you won't want to miss. Check out the rest of our newsletter for event dates and details.

There is still time to get your tickets to the Casino Night & Taquiza Fundraiser on Saturday, September 30 to benefit this year's South Texas Book Festival. Tickets available now at bit.ly/stbftickets. Or call (956)681-3006 for more information.

Kate P. Horan, MLS
Library Director

Current Hours of Operation

Main Library

Monday - Thursday
9 AM - 9 PM

Friday - Saturday
9 AM - 6 PM

Sunday
1 PM - 9 PM

Lark & Palm View Branches

Monday - Thursday
10 AM - 9 PM

Friday - Saturday
10 AM - 5 PM

Sunday
1 PM - 9 PM

Introducing Marty, the charming mascot cat of McAllen Public Library! He's thrilled to extend a paw of invitation to you for the spectacular 10th Annual #STBF. Join us for literary wonders and exciting adventures happening from October 26th-31st! Don't miss out on the fun with Marty and friends. Keep up with the latest by visiting www.southtexasbookfestival.com.

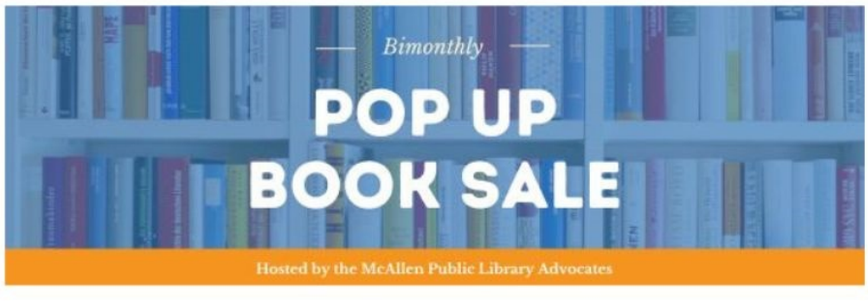
Prepare for an extraordinary journey as we present to you "Countdown to the Eclipse," featuring an array of captivating events across all MPL branches. Get set to embark on an unparalleled astronomical adventure that promises to leave you in awe! For updates and details, don't forget to stay connected with us on our STBF Facebook Page: @southtexasbookfestival. Get ready to be amazed!

Calling all RGV youth aged 5-18! Unleash your artistic talent in the 2023 #STBF Youth Bookmark Design Contest. This year's theme: "La Luna y El Sol." Shine bright & showcase your creativity! Get contest details on our website: bit.ly/stbfyouthcontest.

Don't miss this chance to make your mark! Deadline for submissions is Friday, October 6th at 5PM. Acceptable art tools include colored pencils, crayons, markers, pens, paint, watercolor, and digital illustration.

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, lotería, crafts, bilingual storytime, and much more! For details, visit www.mcallenlibrary.net/events/hhm.



Announcing the bimonthly Pop Up Book Sale at the MPL Book Store! Discover an excellent selection of gently used books featuring bestselling authors, select non-fiction, children's, romance, paperbacks, y libros en Español.

All proceeds go to support library services and programs. Sale sponsored by the McAllen Public Library Volunteer Advocates. All books (inside and outside of the bookstore) will be priced at:

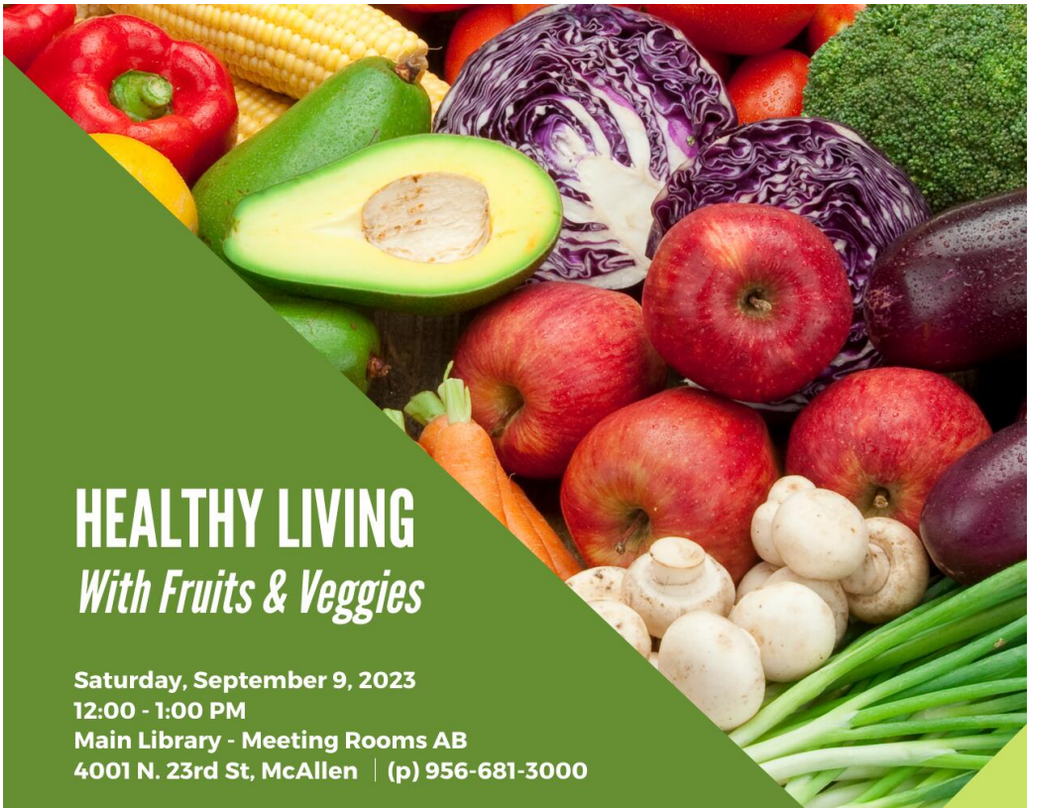
Hardbacks: $1.00 / Paperbacks: $0.50

Credit Cards & Debit Cards Only.

Roll the Dice for a Cause at our Fiesta! Casino Night & Taquiza Fundraiser! Play your favorite casino games - blackjack, poker, roulette, and more! Indulge in a mouthwatering taquiza and sip on delicious drinks! Strike a pose at the 360° photo booth and capture unforgettable memories! Win incredible prizes!

Date: Saturday, September 30th
Time: 6-10PM
Location: Main Library

All proceeds from this fantastic evening go towards the 2023 #STBF, so every bet you make and every chip you stack supports something truly special. Don't miss out on the most exciting night of the year! Buy your tickets now at bit.ly/stbftickets or call 956-681-3006. Let's come together for an unforgettable night of entertainment and making a difference. See you at the tables!



September is National Fruit & Veggie Month!

Join Joanne Ureste, from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, as she discusses tips for adding fruits and veggies to your diet, their health benefits, cooking strategies and great new recipes! Participants will receive a FREE set of blank recipe cards, while supplies last. Registration is Required.

Scan QR Code to register

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Hispanic Heritage Month
Valley Roots Series

Courtesy of Margaret H. McAllen Memorial Archives

MUSEUM OF SOUTH TEXAS HISTORY

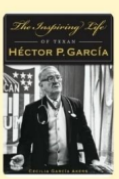
Dr. Garcia's Gold & Legacy

DAY
Sunday, September 17, 2023

TIME
7:00PM

LOCATION
Main Library - Auditorium, 4001 N. 23rd St., McAllen
956- 681-3000

DESCRIPTION
In 1933, Dr. José García, a country doctor from San Diego, Texas, buried about 500 American gold coins under his home. 69 years later, the gold coins were unearthed. Join us and the Museum of South Texas History to learn more about this fascinating mystery.



Remembering and Honoring Dr. Hector P. Garcia

DAY
Wednesday, September 27, 2023

TIME
6:00PM

LOCATION
Main Library - Auditorium, 4001 N. 23rd St., McAllen
956- 681-3000

DESCRIPTION
Join us for a special presentation on Remembering and Honoring Dr. Hector P. Garcia with Cecilia Garcia Akers, author of The Inspiring Life of Texan Hector P. Garcia, and South Texas College Professor Elizandro Muñoz as they both share the history and legacy of the late Civil Rights leader, Dr. Hector P. Garcia. Book signing and reception to follow.

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The Texas Master Naturalist Series
South Texas Chapter

Bat Chat

DESCRIPTION
Welcome to the world of Bats! Join speaker, Patricia Ramirez, from the South Texas Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists, as she discusses the different bat species, their benefits to the environment, eating habits and migration patterns. Registration is required.

DAY / TIME
Saturday, September 23, 2023
3:00-4:00PM

LOCATION
Main Library - Meeting Room AB
4001 N. 23rd St., McAllen
(p) 956.681.3000

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Hispanic Heritage Month

DAY
Thursday, September 14, 2023

TIME
11:30AM

LOCATION

Children's Programs at MPL

For more information on children events, visit the MPLKids Facebook!

Spotlight Event
Eclipse Explorers
September 29th at 4 PM

Are y'all ready for the eclipse?
Learn all about the eclipse and pick up your eclipse glasses! Join us for an afternoon of solar eclipse crafts and a presentation from the UTRGV Astronomy Club!

For ages 3 and up

Toddler Time
Tuesdays 10 AM

Kinder Kids
Wednesdays at 10 AM

Bilingual Storytime
Thursdays at 10 AM

Sunday Storytime
September 3rd & 17th at 2 PM

STEM Sunday
September 10th at 2 PM

Baby Storytime
September 11th, 18th & 25th at 1 PM

Nintendo Night
September 21st at 5 PM

Once Upon a Time
(Lark)
Tuesdays at 11 AM

Mas Musica
(Lark)
Wednesdays at 11 AM

Coloring Day
(Lark)
September 6th & 20th at 6 PM

Crafty Kids
(Lark)
September 13th & 27th at 6 PM

Once Upon a Time
(Lark)
September 7th,11th,14th, 18th, & 25th at 11 AM

Bilingual Storytime
(Palm View)
Tuesdays at 11 AM

Toddler Time
(Palm View)
Thursdays at 11 AM

Stay and Create
(Palm View)
September 6th & 27th at 5 PM

In B-Tween Club
(Palm View)
September 14th & 28th at 5 PM

Teen Events at MPL

For more information on teen events, visit MPLTeenFacebook!

Spotlight Event
Cine y Cafè: Selena
September 17th at 6 PM

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us! Sip on delicious café as we screen the iconic movie "Selena," celebrating the trailblazing talent of this legendary singer. While supplies last.

DIY Bookmarks
September 5th at 6 PM

TAC Meeting
September 9th & 23rd at 6 PM

Tween Takeover: Game On!
September 13th at 6 PM

Mazes & Monsters Club
September 14th at 6 PM

Homeschool Hangout: Nerf Wars
September 19th at 2 PM

Lucha Bots
September 28th at 6 PM

Interactive Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol 3
(Lark)
September 2nd at 2 PM

Fall Mug Candle
(Lark)
September 5th at 6 PM

DIY Bookmarks
(Lark)
September 7th at 6 PM

Morning Yoga
(Lark)
September 13th at 11 AM

DIY Talavera Dish
(Lark)
September 19th at 6 PM

Leaf Sun Catchers
(Lark)
September 26th at 6 PM

La Luna y El Sol
(Palm View)
September 5th at 4 PM

Tutor.com Bingo!
(Palm View)
September 7th at 4 PM

Library Card Holder
(Palm View)
September 19th at 4 PM

Conchas & Alebrijes
(Palm View)
September 21st at 4 PM

Adult Events at MPL

For more information on adult events, visit the MPL Adults Facebook!

Spotlight Event
Mexican Fiesta (Lark)
September 16th at 1:30 PM

Join us for an afternoon celebrating our Hispanic culture! The Mission Parks and Recreation Folkorico Dancers will share with us wonderful performances. We will also do a craft and have light refreshments. We invite you to a great event for the whole family.

Region One GED Classes
Wednesdays at 9 AM

Assistance with Enrollment in Health Insurance with MPH
Thursdays at 9 PM

Deaf Awareness
September 3 at 5 PM

Basic Computer Class/Clase de Computacion Bascia
September 6th & 13th

Cook Book Club
September 10th at 7 PM

Region One GED Classes
September 11th ,18th, & 25th

Tech Help
(Lark)
Saturdays at 10 AM & 2pm

Knitting Group
(Lark)
Tuesdays at 2 PM

Painting Class
(Lark)
September 9th at 1:30 PM

Sketching Class
(Lark)
September 12th and 26th at 2 PM

Basic Computer Class Beginners
(Lark)
September 14th at 6 PM

Virtual Panting Class
(Lark)
September 15th at 2 PM

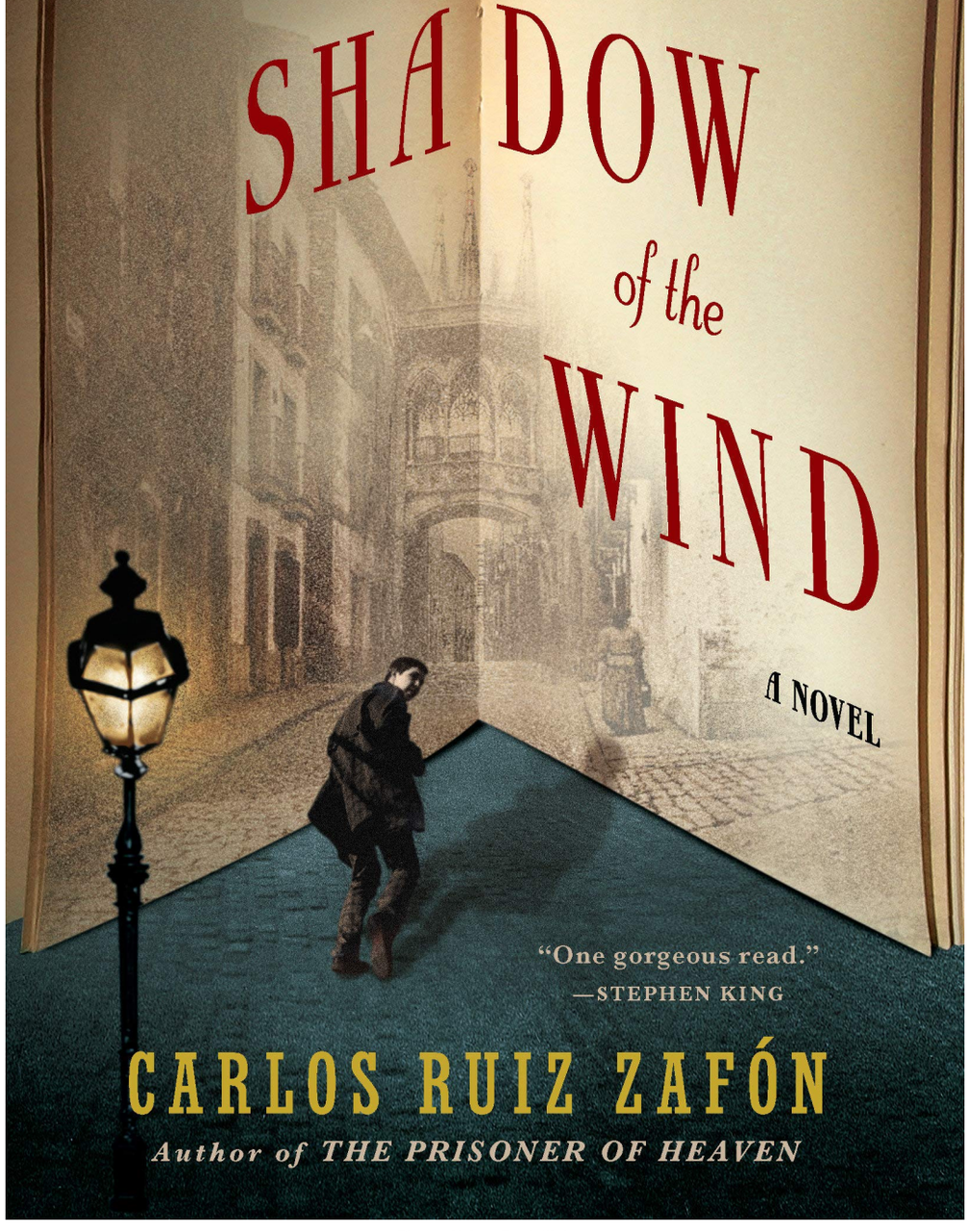
Adult Coloring
(Lark)
September 27th at 6 PM

Computer Class
(Palm View)
September 11th, 18th, and 25th at 1 PM

Clase de Computacion
(Palm View)
September 13th, 20th, and 27th at 1 PM

DIY Flower Crown
(Palm View)
September 21st at 11 AM

Coffee & Crochet Club
(Palm View)
September 27th at 11 AM



Diverse Voices Book Club
Thursday, September 27th at 6:30 PM

Join MPL's New Diverse Voices Book Club! Enjoy a variety of literary works and meaningful discussion amongst peers! In Septermber, the book will be, *Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. *The Shadow of the Wind* is ultimately a love letter to literature, intended for readers as passionate about storytelling as its young hero."
—Entertainment Weekly (Editor's Choice)

SUNDAY BOOK CLUB

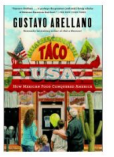
DAY
Sunday, September 10, 2023

TIME
2:00PM

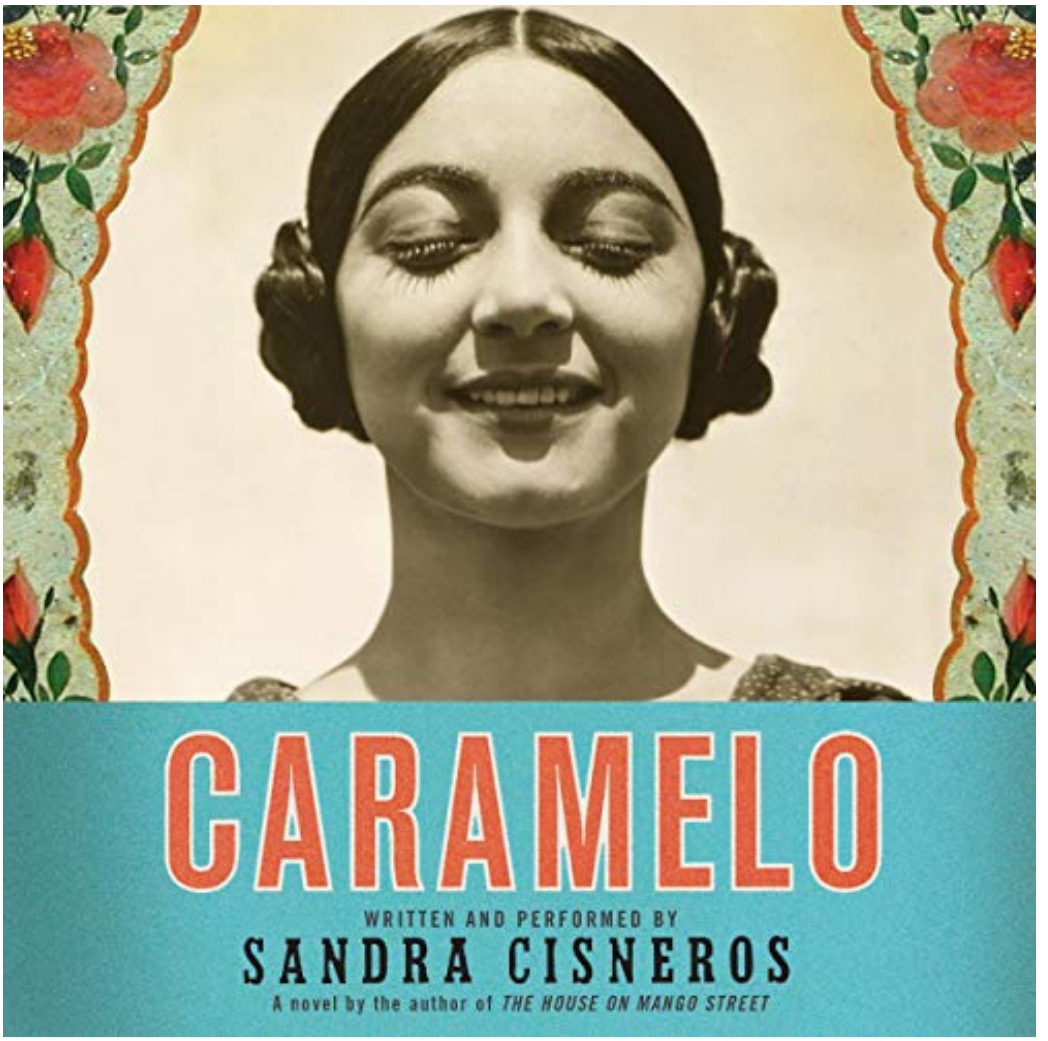
LOCATION
Main Library - Board Room
4001 N. 23rd St., McAllen | (p) 956.681.3000

DESCRIPTION

Join the Sunday Book Club for a spirited conversation on our latest read at 2:00PM.

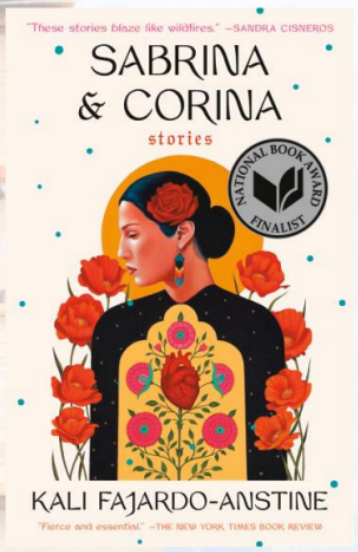


The book we will be discussing this month is *Taco U. S. A.* by Gustavo Arellano.



Lark Book Club
Tuesday, September 12th, at 6:30 PM

"Lovingly, passionately woven from dust and glory. . . A sweeping family history that somehow manages to interlace not just the Reyeses—those conjurers, enticers and troublemakers—but also all the rest of us, the good and bad together, the bitter and, of course, the sweet."
—Miami Herald



DAY

Wednesday
September 20th, 2023

TIME

6:30PM

LOCATION

Palm View Branch Library
Study Room A
3401 Jordan Rd. W., McAllen
(p) 956.681.3114

DESCRIPTION

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, our book club will feature "Sabrina & Corina" by Kali Fajardo-Anstine. "Here are stories that blaze like wildfires, with characters who made me laugh and broke my heart."—Sandra Cisneros.

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