

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we celebrate Hispanic and Latino Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society. Join us all month as we recognize their important presence in the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH TRIVIA

Monday, September 16 – Tuesday, October 15

Help us celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and stop by the YS Desk to test your knowledge about famous Hispanic heroes! Each day we'll have a different icon on display, answer correctly for a sweet treat!

CUENTOS & CRAFTS: DÍA DE LA INDEPENDENCIA

Monday, September 16 at 5:30 p.m.

AGES: 0 to 8 years old

Join Ms. Priscyla to learn more about Independence Day for Guatemala and Mexico during this special bilingual storytime! Stay until the end for a fun craft that the whole family can enjoy! Registration is not required to attend this event, but space and supplies are limited on a first-come, first-served basis.

MAKING MINI VOLCANOES

Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.

AGES: 3 years old and up, adults welcome

Join us for a special DIY program celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month! Bring the whole family and make an erupting model volcano out of paper mache, baking soda, and vinegar! While you're building, you will learn about some notable Central American volcanoes. Registration is not required to attend this event, but space and supplies are limited, and patrons will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

All of the programs occurring during Hispanic Heritage Month will be presented bilingually in both English and Spanish.



LOTería

Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.

AGES: 3 years old and up, adults welcome

Families and patrons of all ages can head to the Library for a special bilingual night of gaming! We will be playing lotería, a popular game at festivals and parties in Mexico — if you like Bingo, give lotería a try! As we play, all ages can earn special Bingo Bucks to redeem for prizes. Registration is not required, but space is limited to the first 50 children and adults, players will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



MARIACHI SON DE FUEGO

Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. | All ages!

Started by students at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Mariachi Son de Fuego has quickly grown to be one of the most exciting mariachi ensembles in Chicago. Join us for a special performance as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!



LATIN CUISINE

Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Latin cuisine contains a diverse mixture of ingredients, seasonings, and techniques that have been drawn from many different cultures; from people native to the Americas and Europe as well as even more distant places like Asia and Africa. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by trying these Latin foods and learning something new about a different culture!



HECTOR DUARTE: ARTIST OPEN HOUSE

Monday September 30 – Wednesday, October 2 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Come watch internationally-known artist/muralist Hector Duarte complete a mural painting here at the Bensenville Community Public Library! As part of Hispanic Heritage Month, Hector Duarte will be creating a unique work of art that will be permanently displayed in our front meeting room that honors our multicultural community and highlights the importance of literacy. This presentation and artwork is funded in part thanks to a grant from the Bensenville Arts Council.

HECTOR DUARTE: BCPL UNVEILING CEREMONY

Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Couldn't make it to the Library to see Hector Duarte work on the painting? Come to the unveiling ceremony where we will get a first look at the finished mural and hear Hector discuss his process and the meaning behind the Library's newest work of art. Light refreshments will be served. Funded in part thanks to a grant from the Bensenville Arts Council.



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RITMO DE MIS ANCESTROS: BALLET FOLKLÓRICO MEXICANO

Saturday, October 12 at 2:00 p.m. | All ages

Join us for a special dance performance in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month as we welcome Northwestern University student organization, Ritmo de



Mis Ancestros! This group strives to preserve their Mexican culture by showcasing folkloric dancing and performing traditional Mexican dance to increase awareness of Mexican ancestry and to serve as a catalyst for others to take pride in their own backgrounds. Bring the whole family out to enjoy this exciting performance!

CRAFTING COLORFUL PAPEL PICADO

Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m.

AGES: 3 years old and up, adults welcome

Bring the entire family out for an evening celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month! Papel picado is the Mexican art of making flags out of colorful paper, a popular Mexican celebration of the Day of the Dead, or Día de los Muertos. We'll be creating papel picado art for children and adults of all ages. We'll also take a look at the various types of flags and symbols in Latin culture. Space is limited, and artists will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



CUENTOS & CRAFTS: DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

Monday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. | AGES: 0 to 8 years old

Join Ms. Priscyla to learn more about the Day of the Dead celebrated in many Latin American countries bilingually. There will be Mexican sweet bread and hot chocolate to enjoy after the cuentos and crafts hour.

FREE FILM SHOWING: DISNEY/PIXAR'S COCO

Monday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Rated PG, run time: 1 hr 45 min

Join us for movie night at the Library and watch *Coco* on our big screen! Despite his family's baffling generations-old ban on music, Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol, Ernesto de la Cruz. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colorful Land of the Dead following a mysterious chain of events. Along the way, he meets charming trickster Hector, and together they set off on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history. **Please note: *Coco* will be presented in English**



DAY OF THE DEAD: DIY CALAVERAS

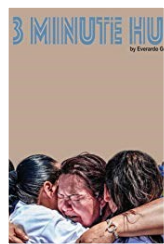
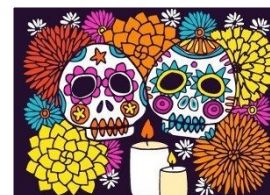
Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. | AGES: 13 years old and up

Day of the Dead (or Día de los Muertos) is an important holiday in Mexican culture — family and friends gather to pray for their dead loved ones' journey in the afterlife with parades, food, and ceremonial altars. One traditional offering left on altars are intricately decorated calaveras, or skulls. Join us as we will be painting small ceramic calaveras in the traditional Mexican style. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited. Doors to the event will open at 6:45 p.m. Participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and seats cannot be held.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS ARTE

Saturday, November 2 at 1:00 p.m. | AGES: Children of all ages

Día de los Muertos is a Latin American holiday that honors the lives of those who have passed away while celebrating life and is celebrated from October 31 to November 2. Stop by the Youth Services Department to complete some Día de los Muertos themed art. All children must be attended by an adult. All adults must be accompanied by a child. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH FILM FESTIVAL

Join us as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a collection of Spanish language films! All film showings will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Library's Lifelong Learning Center.

Monday, September 16 — *El Cantante*

Puerto Rican singer Héctor Lavoe emigrates to the United States and becomes a pioneer of salsa music. (2007) Rated R, 1 hr 46 min

Monday, September 23 — *3 Minute Hug*

This mini-documentary shows people in exactly this scenario as families are separated at the US-Mexico Border. (2018) Not rated, 30 min

Monday, September 30 — *La Mujer De Mi Hermano*

A young woman's search for passion after nearly a decade of marriage leads her to turn to her husband's brother. (2006) Rated R, 1 hr 29 min

Monday, October 14 — *Cuba and the Cameraman*

Documentary. Life in Cuba over the course of 45 years, from the early 1970s to the harrowing 1990s after the fall of the Soviet Union and the 2016 death of Fidel Castro. (2017) Not rated, 1 hr 53 min



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