

Library awarded National Endowment for the Humanities Grant

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The Octavia Fellin Public Library has been awarded a Latino Americans grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and American Library Association. Latino Americans: 500 Years of History is a program created to explore the rich history of Latino Americans in this country and their contributions to the development of the United States. The \$3,000 grant will allow the Library to host Latino American programming throughout the year and purchase related library materials.

The Library will host special Hispanic programming beginning in September. There will be two viewings of the Latino Americans documentary with local scholar John Lewis Taylor. The Library will also host folk musician Dr. Cipriano Vigil, storyteller Mary Mortensen Dieker, and performer Rosalia de Aragon as la llorona. The Library will also be collecting oral histories as part of the Historias de Gallup initiative. Members of the community will be able to share their memories of Gallup and have them stored in our archives for future generations to listen to.

Over 200 grantees from around the country including libraries, museums, state humanities councils, historical societies and other nonprofits, selected through a competitive application process, are receiving funding and support to host festivals, collect oral histories, facilitate informed discussions and hold other public events about Latino American history and culture between July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016.

All grantees will also host scholar-led viewing and discussion events that feature the documentary film "Latino Americans," supported by an NEH grant and created for PBS by the WETA public television station.

For more information on programming related to the Latino American grant, please contact Markos Chavez at (505) 863-1291 or mdchavez@gallupnm.gov.

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