

**THURSDAY, NOV. 30 -
SUNDAY, DEC. 3**

42ND RED ROCK BALLOON RALLY

@ Red Rock Park (825 Outlaw Rd., Church Rock). Don't miss the most beautiful ballooning in New Mexico, flying high over the red rocks.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

BOOK COVER BINGO

5 pm @ OFPL's Main Library (115 W. Hill Ave.). It's just like the classic game you know and love but with book covers! Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

BARBIE EXHIBIT

@ OFPL's Main Library (115 W. Hill Ave.). View various Barbie dolls through history and the story behind how Ruth Handler created the iconic doll.

FRIENDS OF OFPL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Friends of the Octavia Fellin Public Library is having a membership drive through the end of the year.

UNWRAP THE GIFT OF READING

Throughout the month of December select a wrapped book to check out, unwrap, and read! Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

CHESS CLUB

4:30 pm @ OFPL's Children's Branch (200 W. Aztec Ave.). Join the chess club at OFPL! Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

GET UP AND GAME

3 pm - 5 pm @ OFPL's Children's Branch (200 W. Aztec Ave.). Every Friday, come to the children's library to unwind from a busy week! Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

CHRISTMAS PARADE

1 pm. In partnership with the Red Rock Balloon Rally, the Gallup-McKinley County Chamber of Commerce hosts a Christmas parade every year.

K-POP PARTY

Community Calendar December 1 - December 7, 2023

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6 pm @ OFPL's Children's Branch (200 W. Aztec Ave.). Dress up and mingle with K-POP fans, synchronize your dance moves to your favorite K-POP idols and artists, have your picture taken on the green screen, and create and trade K-POP merch all in celebration of Jung Kook's first solo album release! The party is for people age 6 and up.

KIDZ CINEMA

2 pm every Saturday @ OFPL's Children's Branch (200 W. Aztec Ave.) for weekly family oriented film screenings. This week's movie is *The Santa Clause 2* (2002). Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

GALLUP 9TH ST. FLEA MARKET

9 am - 5 pm @ 340 9th Street. The Gallup 9th Street Flea Market is one of the largest Native American markets in the United States.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

3 pm @ the Gallup Masonic Lodge (4501 E. Hwy. 66). The Community Grief Support Group will hold a holiday remembrance program for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. This is a free event open to the public. For more information text (505) 615-8053.

MONDAY, DEC. 4

FAMILY STORYTIME

11 am @ the Children's Branch (200 W. Aztec Ave.). This December, our story times will celebrate the holiday season and beginning of winter. Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

EUREKA!

4 pm @ OFPL's Children's Branch (200 W. Aztec Ave.). Explore chemistry by learning about the preserving power of salt. Then, make your own holiday decorations out of salt dough. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

TUESDAY, □ DEC. 5

CRICUT 101

5 pm @ OFPL's Main Library (115 W. Hill Ave.). Learn the basics of using your Cricut to cut and shape paper. Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

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WEDNESDAY, □ DEC. 6

MIDWEEK MATINEE AT OFPL

4 pm every Wednesday @ OFPL's main library (115 W. Hill Ave.). This week's film is *Last Christmas*

FAMILY STORYTIME

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OPEN MAKERSPACE TIME

4 pm - 6 pm @ the Children's Branch (200 W. Aztec Ave.). OFPL's MakerSpace is a collaborative work space for making, learning, and exploring. Participants ages 5 and up can come in to create their own design for the 3D printers or explore the many engineering activities and equipment!

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

9TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY IN NEW MEXICO

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm @ UNM-Gallup Gurley Hall. Free entertainment, a visit from Santa, and a closing ceremony for a student art exhibit. For more information, call (505) 863-7542 or email richardreyes12@unm.edu.

DECEMBER FILMS: HAPPY HOLIDAYS

4 pm @ the UNM-Gallup Zollinger Library (705 Gurley Ave.). Get in the holiday spirit with these fun films. This week's film is *Christmas Trade*.

CRAFTY KIDS

4 pm @ OFPL's Children's Branch (200 W. Aztec Ave.). This week, celebrate the holidays by making a greeting card to share. For more information email: bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291.

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

FRIENDS OF OFPL BOOK SALE

10 am - 4 pm @ the El Morro Events Center (210 S. Second St.). Browse hundreds of already-enjoyed books that have been hand-picked by our library staff at OFPL. Buy one book for \$1 or fill up a bag with books for \$5.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

GALLUP ELKS HOOP SHOOT

11:30 am @ JFK Middle School (600 Boardman Dr.).

SELF CARE AT RIO WEST MALL

12 pm - 4 pm @ Rio West Mall (1300 W. Maloney Ave.). Join OFPL at the Rio West Mall for a self care DIY activity this holiday season! Make your very own Holiday Sugar Scrub to gift or enjoy!

ARTSCRAWL

7 pm - 9 pm @ Downtown Gallup. Come experience local and professional art, artist demonstrations, gallery openings, live music, hands-on crafts, and games for the kids.

SHOW OPENING: 8TH ANNUAL MEMBER ARTIST GROUP SHOW

12 pm - 6 pm @ ART123 Gallery (123 W. Coal Ave.). See new work by 13 of your favorite local artists.

MINI WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL

1 pm - 5 pm @ ART123 Gallery (123 W. Coal Ave.). Thirty-three local artists will be present. A family craft and hot cocoa will be available.

SCREENING OF 'IN THE DIRT'

6:30 pm @ El Morro Theatre (207 W. Coal Ave.). After the movie, members of the cast will be available for questions.

**MONDAY, DEC. 11 -
FRIDAY, DEC. 15**

ELF ON THE SHELF SCAVENGER HUNT

@ the UNM-Gallup Zollinger Library (705 Gurley Ave.). Help Zollinger Library find the Elf on the Shelf! Look high and low for your chance at a special prize.

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

SEW HAPPY

4 pm @ OFPL's main library (115 W. Hill Ave.). Learn how to select, layout, and cut patterns, use a sewing machine, seam finishes, and hand sew to finish. The class is for people age 12 and up.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

PAINT AND SIP: HOT AIR BALLOON

6 pm - 9 pm @ ART123 Gallery (123 W. Coal Ave.). Have a creative night out! Registration is \$35/person.

POKÉMON GO HOLIDAY GATHERING

5 pm @ the UNM-Gallup Zollinger Library (705 Gurley Ave.). Participants may bring a food item to share or just come and enjoy the company of fellow Pokémon trainers. For questions, please call 505-863-7531 or email markos@unm.edu.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

CHUNKY KNIT SCARF WORKSHOP

5 pm @ OFPL's main library (115 W. Hill Ave.). Learn how to make a super-soft, chunky cowl! No equipment needed - all you need is a skein of yarn (and your arm)! Supplies provided. Advance registration at ofpl.online is required.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

OFPL MAKERSPACE ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm @ OFPL's Children's Branch (200 W. Aztec Ave.). Create your own custom ornaments using the library's MakerSpace equipment. Email pneilson@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.

ONGOING

POP-UP HOLIDAY ART MARKET OPENS

Tuesday-Friday 2 pm - 6 pm, Saturday 12 pm - 6 pm @ ART123 Gallery (123 W. Coal Ave.). Find the perfect one-of-a-kind, hand-made gift by a local artist for everyone on your list! The Pop-up Market runs until Dec. 21.

WE READ, WE TALK BOOK CLUB

The WE READ, WE TALK book club is currently voting on the books they will read in 2024! To cast your vote, visit [ofpl.online](https://ofplonline.org). Registration for the next book will begin in January.

FREE HIV, SYPHILIS, AND HEPATITIS C TESTING

@ First Nations Community HealthSource-Gallup (1630 S. Second St.). First Nations Community HealthSource-Gallup offers Free Rapid HIV, Syphilis and Hep C Testing, Monday – Friday from 1 pm to 6:30 pm by appointment. Get your results within minutes. To schedule an appointment call (505) 863-8827.

BUILD-YOUR-OWN-BUNDLE

OFPL staff who will create a bundle of material specially for you! Let them know what type of materials and genres you are interested in, and they'll browse for you and create a custom bundle of material for you to pick-up curbside. Email bmartin@gallupnm.gov or call (505) 863-1291 for more information.