

**TAKE NOTICE THAT A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LIBRARY BOARD
OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS
WILL BE HELD AT CITY HALL, COMMISSIONERS' ROOM,
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS
COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

In compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes annotated (Open Meeting Act), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LIBRARY BOARD OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS will be meeting in a regular called meeting to consider and discuss the following.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A) Roll call and possible action on the excusing of any absent member.

2. REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION:

A) Approval of Minutes for September 19, 2024 - Regular Called Meeting

3. PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A) Library Director's Report
- B) DRC Branch Manager's Report
- C) Reference Department Report
- D) Children's Department Report

4. ADJOURNMENT:

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Meeting of the Library Board of the City of Pharr was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the City's web page at www.pharr-tx.gov. This Notice was posted on the 14th day of November 2024 at 4:00 p.m. and will remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated (Open Meetings Act).

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 14th day of November 2024




IMELDA PEREZ, TRMC
CITY CLERK



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: Pharr Memorial Library Board

AGENDA ITEM #: 2.A.

DATE SUBMITTED:

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2024

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Administration

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Approval of minutes for September 19, 2024- Regular Called Meeting

Classification: Regular

(* If closed session, City Attorney must review and approve.)

Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

ROUTING:

LINDA DEL TORO
Adolfo Garcia
City Management Office

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MINUTES
PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
118 S CAGE 2ND FLOOR

The Pharr Memorial Library Board met in a regular called meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024, and following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cristina Espinoza
Anita Vela
Olga L. Cardoza
Rosana Gutierrez
Dahnya Trejo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Q Gonzalez

STAFF PRESENT: Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Linda Coronado, Administrative Assistant
Ruby Ramirez, Children’s Supervisor
Jose Miguel Singleterry, DRC Manger
Paola Del Angle, Reference Supervisor

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A) ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER

Chairperson, Olga Cardoza, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Olga Cardoza moved to excuse absent board members. Anita Vela seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 2. REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION:

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR November 16, 2023, REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Chairperson Olga Cardoza introduced the item.

Olga Cardoza **moved** to approve of the minutes as submitted. Anita Vela seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried it unanimously.

ITEM 3: PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A) LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairperson Olga Cardoza introduced the item.

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, reported the door gate count to date was 25,000 at the Development and Research Center (DRC) and the gate count at the main library was 120,791 and stated the traffic has increased. He further reported circulation transactions at the Main Library were 47,898 and for the Development and Research Center were 5,602.

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, also reported the revenues at the Development and Research Center were \$6,879 for fax services, copies, late fees and other services and the revenue at the Main Library was \$39,848 and over \$21,993 at the Cafe. He further reported on future events, trail of terror, veterans' day parade, and upcoming Christmas events. Lastly, he reported the upgraded new furniture for main library and new computers for Development and Research Center (DRC).

B) DRC BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

Jose M. Singleterry, Branch Manager, stated the water department increased staff from 1 to 4 employees and patrons can pay for utilities and fiber internet at this location. He also stated there was a new generator installed, and the DRC will serve as a shelter during natural disasters.

Mr. Singleterry also reported on events held at the Development and Research Center (DRC) for the months of July and August 2024. He further reported the events that took place were Arise Citizenship/ESL Classes, Border Perspectives, Pharr TXDOT (mental health training), Customs and Border Protection (C.B.P), and Pharr Events (Night Under The Stars), Region One (Gear Up Pathways to the Future) and Lucha Libros.

C) REFERENCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Paola Del Angel, Reference Department Supervisor, went over the events held for the teens and adults at the Reference Department for the months of June, July, August 2024. She introduced members of a current reading program, "Club de Lectura" (CLAAP).

D) CHILDRENS'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruby Ramirez, Children's Supervisor, went over the events held for the children's department in the months of June through August 2024. She reported statistics and went over future calendar for the upcoming events for the month of October.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the Library Advisory Board, Olga L. Cardoza **moved** to adjourn the meeting and Anita Vela seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD

Olga Cardoza Chairperson

ATTEST:

Linda Del Toro, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED DATE: _____



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: Pharr Memorial Library Board

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.A.

DATE SUBMITTED:

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2024

FROM: Itzel Armendariz, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Library Director's Report

Classification: Regular

(* If closed session, City Attorney must review and approve.)

Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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Memorial Library



Library Board Meeting
November 21, 2024

Library Director's Report



Family Place Libraries
Building Foundations for Early Learning



Library Statistics FY '23- '24 YTD (end of FY 23-24)

DRC Library Gate Count	26,851
Main Library Gate Count	135,301
Total	162,152
DRC Circulation	6,246
Main Library Circulation	52,304
DRC Library Revenue	\$7,540
Library Revenue	\$43,485
Café 121	\$24,153

Library Budget FY '23-24

Amount Budgeted	\$1,807,100
YTD Expenses	\$1,695,579
Percent Used	92%
<u>Current FY 24-25</u>	
\$1,668,400	
YTD Expenses	\$96,941 (5%)

Library Recap

- **Goals for FY 23-24 met at 100%**
- **New FY, lower budget**
- **Goals for FY 24-25**
 - **Increase programming**
 - **Quality programs for Teens & Adults**
- **Provide a quality customer service**
- **Better building maintenance**
- **Restripe parking lots at main & DRC facilities**

Budgeted Projects for main and DRC:

- * **Roof maintenance at main**
- * **Restripe parking lots at both Main & DRC**
- * **Continue with Family Place Libraries**



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: Pharr Memorial Library Board

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.B.

DATE SUBMITTED:

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2024

FROM: Itzel Armendariz, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: DRC Branch Manager's Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

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Events held at the DRC for the month of September 2024

Sept 5 – C.B.P

Sept 9 – Pharr Public Utilities Staff Training

Sept 17 – Border Perspective / Pharr Youth Eco Alliance

Sept 19– C.B.P

Sept 20 – Border Perspective

Sept 24 – Gabriella Robledo, Cancer Fundraiser Bingo

Sept 26 – Pharr Bridge Connect

Sept 30 – Texas Children in Nature Network
Girl Scout Troop Meeting



Events held at the DRC for the month of October 2024

Oct 2 – Lincoln Heritage Life Insurance (Lobby)

Oct 3 – C.B.P

Oct 10 – TxDOT Mental Health Training
Pharr Community Theater (Path of Marigolds)

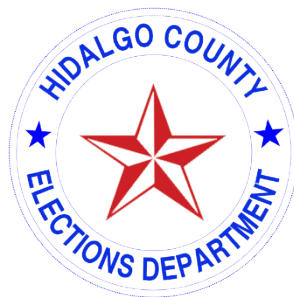


Oct 11 – Pharr Bridge (Trade Talks)

Oct 16 – Superior Health (baby shower) Medicaid
for Pregnant Women

Oct 21 – Children in Nature Network

Oct 28-31- Hidalgo County Elections Department
General Elections Early Voting Site





AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: Pharr Memorial Library Board

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.C.

DATE SUBMITTED:

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2024

FROM: Itzel Armendariz, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Reference Department Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

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TEEN AND ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

FALL 2024

TEENS (12 – 18)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
9/17/24	Candle Decorating	Creating DIY candles with paint markers	6
10/15/24	Spooky Tree Painting	Halloween-inspired painting session	3
10/29/24	Chills & Thrills Movie Night	Movies, pizza and Halloween decorations raffle	5
11/12/24	Origami Workshop	Step-by-step basics to create paper-folding art	TBA
11/19/24	Colorful Turkey Art	Thanksgiving-inspired painting session	TBA

ADULTS (18+)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
Mondays	Computer Assistance	One-on-one help with computer/Internet basics	46
Mondays	The Feel-Good Book Club	Encourages self-improvement and spirituality	7-10
Wednesdays	Hub City Toastmasters	To learn and practice public speaking skills	5 – 8
Thursdays	Club de Lectura (CLAAP)	Promotes self-help and peer-support	12-15 (+ virtual)
Once a Month	Beyond Borders Book Club	Advocates for social change through reading	10 – 12
Every 2 nd & 4 th Monday Until Nov.	Senior Social Hour	Offers free info about Medicare and primary care	9

MIXED (12+)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
Ongoing	Puzzles & Coloring	To spread awareness about the benefits of coloring and puzzles on the brain	N/A
Saturdays	Pharr-fetched Coders	To learn the Python programming language and work toward getting Harvard CS50P certification	7-15
Sep 28 through Oct 28	10 th Annual Pharr From Normal Writing Contest	To promote creative writing in our community through the submission of paranormal stories	32
10/19/24	Frankenstein-themed Dungeons & Dragons	Encourages storytelling and teamwork	4
11/21/24	Meet the Artist: Zach & Roy	Two local artists capture aspects of life, travel and people through photography and paintings	TBA
11/22/24	DIY Seasonal Wreath	Hands-on wreath making workshop	TBA

Reference Team: Paola Del Angel (Supervisor), Jaime Serna (FT), Olivia Salazar (FT), Enrique Martinez (FT), Aaron Salinas (PT), Natalia Rodriguez (PT)

NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Programs will be offered while supplies last. Activity supplies will be provided on a first-come- first-serve basis. For more information please call the Reference Department at 956-402-4650.</p>					1	2 TEENS & ADULTS Pharr-Phetched Coders Ages 15+ 2 PM - 4 PM
3	4 ADULTS Feel Good Book Club 10AM - 12 PM	5	6 ADULTS Toastmasters: Learn to speak in public 12 pm - 1 pm Computer Assistance 10 AM - 7 PM	7 ADULTS Club de Lectura 6:30 pm - 8 pm	8	9 TEENS & ADULTS Pharr-Phetched Coders Ages 15+ 2 PM - 4 PM
10	11 VETERAN & MILITARY LIBRARY CLOSED	12 TEENS Teen Origami Workshop 5 PM - 7 PM	13 ADULTS Toastmasters: Learn to speak in public 12 pm - 1 pm Computer Assistance 10 AM - 7 PM	14 ADULTS Club de Lectura 6:30 pm - 8 pm	15	16 TEENS & ADULTS Pharr-Phetched Coders Ages 15+ 2 PM - 4 PM
17	18 ADULTS Feel Good Book Club 10AM - 12 PM	19 TEENS Colorful Turkey Art 5 PM - 7 PM	20 ADULTS Toastmasters: Learn to speak in public 12 pm - 1 pm Computer Assistance 10 AM - 7 PM	21 ADULTS Club de Lectura 6:30 pm - 8 pm Meet the Artist: Zach & Roy 6:30 pm - 8 pm	22 TEENS & ADULTS DIY Seasonal Wreath 2 PM - 4 PM Session 1	23 TEENS & ADULTS Pharr-Phetched Coders Ages 15+ 2 PM - 4 PM
24	25 ADULTS Senior Social Hour 9 - 10 AM Feel Good Book Club 10 AM - 12 PM	26 TEENS & ADULTS DIY Seasonal Wreath 2 PM - 4 PM Session 2	27 ADULTS Toastmasters: Learn to speak in public 12 pm - 1 pm Computer Assistance 10 AM - 7 PM	28 LIBRARY CLOSED	29 LIBRARY CLOSED	30

TEEN EVENTS

TEEN ORIGAMI WORKSHOP
(Tues. November 12th @ 5 PM)
- Ready to fold, twist, and create? Join us for a hands-on origami workshop where you'll turn simple paper into awesome art.

COLORFUL TURKEY ART
(Tues. November 19th @ 5 PM)
- Shake up your fall with a splash of color! Join us for a turkey painting session where you'll turn a blank paper into a bold feathered masterpiece.

ADULTS & TEENS EVENTS

DIY SEASONAL WREATH
(Friday, Nov. 22nd @ 2 PM)
- Add a personal touch to your holiday decor! Join us for a fun, hands-on wreath making workshop to craft something unique and festive.

PHARR-PHETCHED CODERS
(Saturdays @ 2 PM)
- Ask the Reference Department for information about upcoming sessions. Sign up to learn about Python CS50 using a free Harvard-guided curriculum. Basic computer skills needed. Ages 15+ welcome!

PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
121 E. CHEROKEE AVE. PHARR, TX 78577
(956) 402-4650

NOVEMBER

EVENTS FOR ADULTS & TEENS

ADULT EVENTS

FEEL GOOD BOOK CLUB FOR WOMEN
(Mondays @ 10 AM)
- Embrace your spirituality through devotionals based on biblical scripture.

SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR
(Every 2nd and 4th Monday @ 9 AM)
- Adults 60+ join us for a morning of crafts and medicare basics. Sponsored by WellMed.

COMPUTER ASSISTANCE
(Wednesday by appointment)
- Want to learn how to use the computer or need help with an email/résumé? Register for one-on-one assistance.

HUB CITY TOASTMASTERS
(Wednesdays @ 12 PM)
- Learn more by visiting these public speaking sessions.

CLUB DE LECTURA: CLAAP
(Thursdays @ 6 PM)
- Sharing the love of reading with a spanish book. For women.

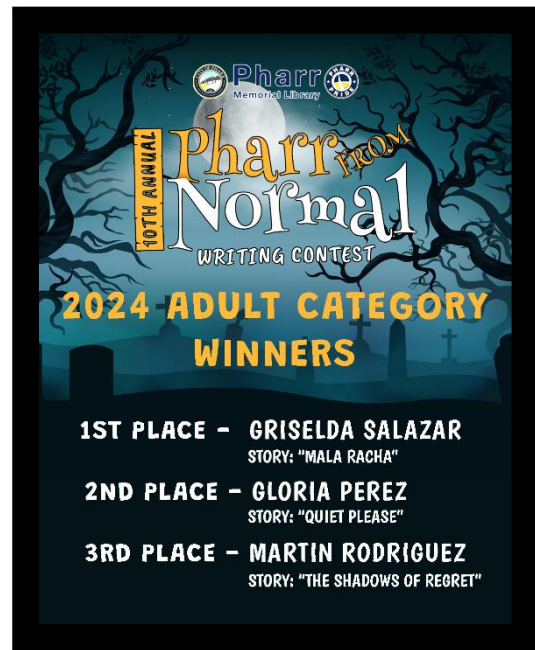
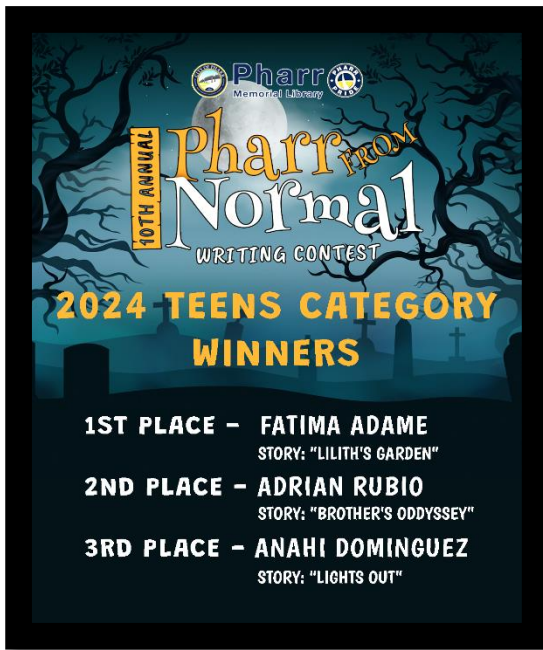
Move Events →

MEET THE ARTIST: Zach & Roy
Thursday, Nov. 21st @ 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of valley-inspired anecdotes, photography & painting!

STAY IN THE LOOP BY FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



(Left) Griselda Salazar
1st Place
ADULT



Gloria Perez
2nd Place
ADULT



(Middle) Martin Rodriguez
3rd Place
ADULT

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Career & Job Readiness

In conjunction with the department's Computer Assistance Program, it is designed to offer free access to specialized print and digital materials and one-on-one help with locating online and community resources for:

1. Computer Skills
2. Careers & Scholarships
3. Test Prep & Study Guides
4. Interviewing & Resumes
5. Job search & Workplace Skills



Relax/Chill Space

Located by the Graphic Novel, Manga & Comics section, this space was imagined to offer a quiet and comfortable nature-inspired environment for patrons, where they can read, work or enjoy a relaxing, self-paced activity, like coloring or solving a puzzle.



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: Pharr Memorial Library Board

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.D.

DATE SUBMITTED:

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2024

FROM: Itzel Armendariz, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Children's Department Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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Reason:

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Children's

September 2024 - November 2024

Pharr Memorial Library and Development and Research Center Children's Department Report

Date:
November 21st, 2024

KEY INFORMATION

- **Program Statistics: September, October, and November**
 - Monthly Division KPIs and Special Events/Programs

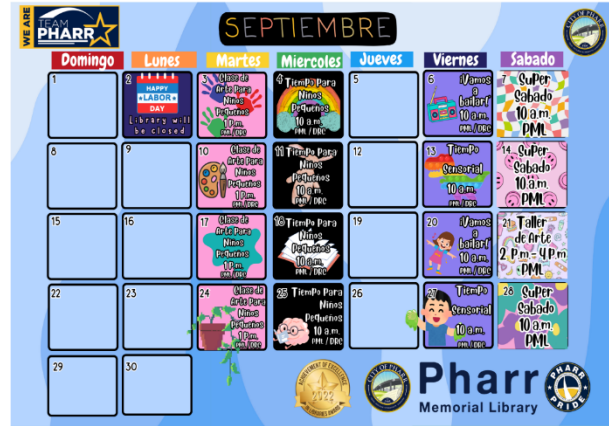
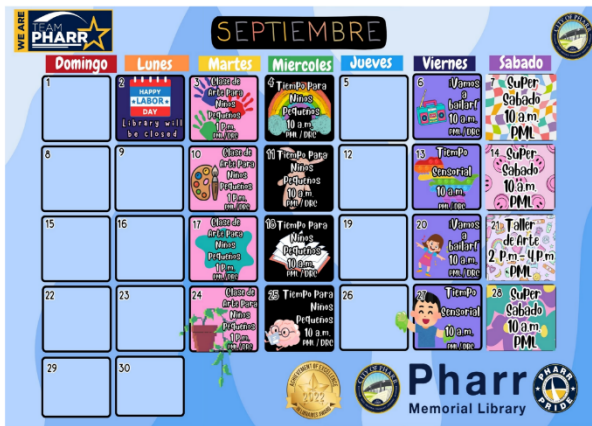
- **Coming Up**
 - Events, Daily Programs, and Grant Opportunities

- **Relevant Resources**
 - 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, TSLAC Family Place Libraries

PROGRAM STATISTICS (PML & DRC)

- **September**
 - Programs: **46**
 - General: **30** Toddler: **16**
 - General Attendees: **1,389** Toddler Attendees: **61**
 - Workshop Attendees: **60**

Toddler Calendar



General Children's Calendar



Writing Workshop/Day of the Dead Art Workshop



Pharr Memorial Library

Children's Writing Contest

Eligibility:
Age: Children 12 and Under
Submission deadline: Oct 29
Winners announced: Oct 31
Prize: The top 3 will be published

The Children's Team will host writing workshop on **October 25th**
-Children will learn tips on how to spookify their stories.

WE ARE TEAM PHARR | @cityofpharr | @pharrtx | PHARR-TX.GOV | Download our "Pharr 311" app!



Pharr Memorial Library

CHILDREN'S DAY OF THE DEAD WORKSHOP


OCTOBER 19 | 2-4PM

2ND FLOOR NORTHSTAR ROOM

Join us for a workshop where children will be creating a **Shadow Box** in honor of the Day of the Dead.
**CRAFTS FOR UP TO 40 CHILDREN*

WE ARE TEAM PHARR | @cityofpharr | @pharrtx | PHARR-TX.GOV | Download our "Pharr 311" app!

Spook-tacular Story Time



Pharr Memorial Library

CHILDREN'S SPOOK-TACULAR STORYTIME

JOIN US FOR A NOT-SO-SPOOKY STORY TIME!

OCT 17 | 7 PM | PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
121 E. CHEROKEE AVE.
PHARR, TX 78577

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT AT (956) 402-4650

WE ARE TEAM PHARR | @cityofpharr | @pharrtx | PHARR-TX.GOV | Download our "Pharr 311" app!

- **November (Projected)**
 - Programs: **140**
 - General: **80** Toddler: **60**
 - General Attendees: **475** Toddler Attendees: **250**
 - Workshop Attendees: **60** Falling into Learning Toddler Event: **52**

Toddler Calendar

General Children's Calendar



Noviembre 2024




DOMINGO
LUNES
MARTES
MIERCOLES
JUEVES
VIERNES
SABADO

En el Development and Research Center se llevarán a cabo actividades infantiles etiquetadas como "DRC".
850 W. DICKER RD. PHARR, TX 78577 - (956) 402 - 4651


Las actividades para niños etiquetadas como "PML" se llevarán a cabo en la
BIBLIOTECA PHARR MEMORIAL. 121 E CHEROKEE AVE. PHARR, TX 78577 - (956) 402 - 4650

LOS ESPACIOS Y SUMINISTROS SON LIMITADOS
EL PROGRAMA DE TODO EL DÍA COMENZARÁ DURANTE EL HORARIO DE FUNCIONAMIENTO DE LA BIBLIOTECA

3 STREAM Ingeniería 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC	4  5 PM PML - DRC	5 Todo el día de Ciencias All Day PML - DRC	6 Hora de Cuentos 5 PM PML - DRC	7 ¿Cómo funciona? 5 PM PML - DRC	8 Arbol de Temporada 4 PM PML - DRC	2 Mantitas de 4 PM PML - DRC
10 STREAM Ciencia 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC	11 VETERANS DAY November 11th Biblioteca Cerrada	12 Clase de Arte 5 PM PML - DRC	13 Hora de Cuentos con Ford Elem. 5 PM PML - DRC	14 ¿Cómo funciona? 5 PM PML - DRC	15 Marcador de Página 4 PM PML - DRC	16 Amigos de Otoño 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC
17 STREAM Arte - Matemáticas 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC	18  5 PM PML - DRC	19 Clase de Arte 5 PM PML - DRC	20 Hora de Cuentos 5 PM PML - DRC	21 ¿Cómo funciona? 5 PM PML - DRC	22 Atrapasol de Temporado 4 PM PML - DRC	23 Taller de Otoño 2 - 4 PM PML
24 STREAM Ciencia 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC	25  5 PM PML - DRC	26 Clase de Arte 5 PM PML - DRC	27 Hora de Cuentos 5 PM PML - DRC	28 Happy THANKSGIVING Biblioteca Cerrada		30 Day P-Link 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC



November 2024







SUNDAY
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY

Children's Activities labeled "DRC" will be held at the **DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH CENTER**.
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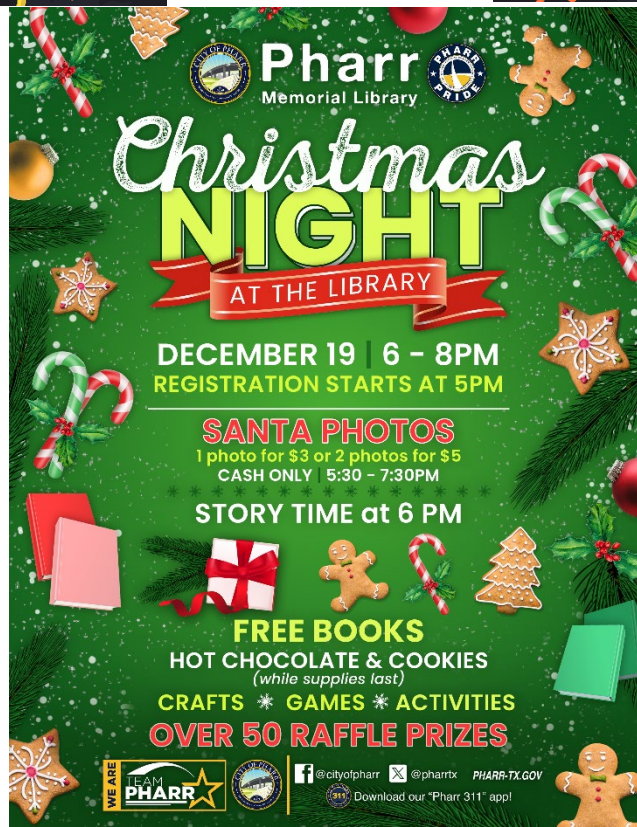
Children's Activities labeled "PML" will be held at the **PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY**.
121 E CHEROKEE AVE. PHARR, TX 78577 - (956) 402 - 4650

SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED - ALL-DAY ACTIVITIES WILL COMMENCE DURING LIBRARY OPERATING HOURS

3 STREAM Engineering 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC	4  5 PM PML - DRC	5 Election Day Ice Cream All Day PML - DRC	6 Story Time 5 PM PML - DRC	7 How Does it Work? 5 PM PML - DRC	8 Seasonal Tree 4 PM PML - DRC	2 Mantitas de 4 PM PML - DRC
10 STREAM Science 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC	11 VETERANS DAY November 11th Library Closed	12 Art Class 5 PM PML - DRC	13 Story Time w/ Ford Elem. 5 PM PML - DRC	14 How Does it Work? 5 PM PML - DRC	15 Bookmarkers 4 PM PML - DRC	16 Leafy Friends 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC
17 STREAM Art - Math 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC	18  5 PM PML - DRC	19 Art Class 5 PM PML - DRC	20 Story Time 5 PM PML - DRC	21 How Does it Work? 5 PM PML - DRC	22 Seasonal Suncatchers 4 PM PML - DRC	23 Fall Workshop 2 - 4 PM PML
24 STREAM Science 2 - 4 PM PML - DRC	25  5 PM PML - DRC	26 Art Class 5 PM PML - DRC	27 Story Time 5 PM PML - DRC	28 Happy THANKSGIVING Library Closed		30 

COMING UP

- **Fall Workshop, Christmas Night at the Library, Santa Workshop, Family Place Library Grant for South Branch/Development and Research Center & More**
 - Fall Workshop Nov 23rd
 - Full Toddler Calendar Nov 2024
 - Collaborations with Parks & Recreation Urban Ecologist Dec 2024
 - Christmas Night at the Library Dec 19th
 - Santa's Workshop Dec 21st
 - Online 'How Does it Work?' Jan 2025
 - Family Place Library Grant (DRC) Jan 2025 – Oct 2025



RELEVANT RESOURCES

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

[Resources – 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.](#)

[The 1000 Books Foundation](#) is operated exclusively for charitable, literary, and educational purposes.

The objectives of this organization are:

- to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers
- to encourage parent and child bonding through reading

Numerous studies estimate that as many as one in five children have difficulties learning to read. Reading has been associated as an early indicator of academic success. Public formal education does not typically start until ages 5-6. Before then, parents and caregivers are the first education providers during the 0-5 early critical years. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge is a simple (read a book, any book to your child, with the goal of reading 1,000 before kindergarten) and very manageable endeavor.

Our goal is to provide a simple, innovative, yet fun approach to establishing strong early literacy skills. We help young children gain the confidence necessary to become strong readers.

TSLAC Family Place Libraries

Building Foundations for Early Learning

[Project History | TSLAC.](#)

[Family Place Libraries™](#) is a nationwide network of children's librarians nationwide who believe that literacy begins at birth and that libraries can help build healthy communities by nourishing healthy families.

Family Place Libraries™ promotes a national model for transforming public libraries into welcoming, developmentally appropriate early learning environments for young children, their parents, and caregivers. Based on research about the importance of early brain development, Family Place Libraries™ supports the essential role of parents and caregivers as first teachers and addresses the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive aspects of child development to help build a foundation for learning during the critical first years of life. By partnering and working with other social, health, and educational service providers, the Family Place model positions libraries as key early childhood and family support organizations within their local communities.

The Family Place Libraries™ model was developed beginning in 1996 through a collaboration between Libraries for the Future (LFF) and Middle Country Public Library (MCPL) in Centerreach, New York. Working together, LFF and MCPL developed a framework for a replicable model to train libraries to approach children's services in a new way. The newly dubbed Family Place library program built a structure comprised of specific core elements to expand the role of public libraries as community centers and key contributors to family and early childhood development, parent and community involvement, and lifelong learning beginning at birth. The Family Place Libraries™ network currently includes more than 500 sites in 31 states.