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### **Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month @ Your Library!**

**Largo, MD** – The Prince George's County Memorial Library System is celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month 2016 by honoring the culture and contributions of Latino / Hispanic Americans with several must-attend events for all ages. The festivities include Latino puppet stories, Hispanic Heritage film, Hispanic crafts, Latino music and dancing. Have fun at our fiestas! Don't miss Pa' Gozar Latin Band live at Bladensburg's Town Hall or Cantaré at our Greenbelt Branch. Dance the Salsa, Merengue, Bachata and Cha-cha at our Oxon Hill Branch. Check out these programs and more from the listing below.

#### **Hispanic Heritage Month Library Event Highlights**

##### **Coloring Fiesta**

##### **Beltsville Branch**

**All ages, Thursday, September 22, 3 pm**

Join us for a coloring fiesta celebrating Hispanic Heritage month. Coloring pages and materials are available for all ages and skill levels. Learn how to find digital coloring pages to complete online.

##### **Hispanic Heritage Month Fiesta | Fiesta del Mes de la Herencia Hispana**

##### **Hyattsville Branch**

**All ages, Saturday, September 24, 2 pm**

Join us for a celebration featuring local community resources, music, and a live performance!

Light refreshments representing a variety of Latin American cultures will be served. |

¡Acompañenos para una celebración con recursos de la comunitarios, música, y una actuación en vivo! Se servirán meriendas representando una variedad de culturas de América Latina.

##### **Independent Film Series:**

##### **Harvest of Empire: The Untold Story of Latinos in America (2012)**

##### **Hyattsville Branch**

**All ages, Monday, September 26, 7 pm (90 min.)**

The award-winning documentary uses present day immigrant stories, archival material, and interviews with respected figures such as Guatemalan activist Rigoberta Menchu, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, writer Junot Diaz and singer Luis Enrique, to exhibit the relationship between U.S. economic and military interests in Latin America, and the wave of migration to the United States. A discussion facilitated by Talaya Grimes of the Creative Edge promises to be a lively

conversation about a central issue of our time. The Friends of the Hyattsville Library and the Creative Edge Collaborative join with the Hyattsville Branch to present the Hispanic Heritage Month film program. Refreshments provided.

**Latino Puppet Stories | Historias latinas con títeres**

**Surratts-Clinton Branch**

**Ages 3-5 | Edades: 3-5**

**Saturday, October 1, 11 am | 1 de octubre a las 11 am**

Join us for Hispanic Heritage puppet stories, songs, fingerplays and more! | ¡Únete para disfrutar historias de títeres, títeres de dedos, canciones, y mucho más sobre la herencia hispana!

**Amate Mexican Folk Art | Papel amate, arte folclórico mexicano**

**Surratts-Clinton Branch**

**Adults | Adultos**

**Saturday, October 1, noon; limit 20 | 1 de octubre a las 12 pm; Límite de 20 personas.**

Join us to discover a Mexican painting style! Supplies will be provided. Register at the Information Desk. | ¡Únete para descubrir un estilo de pintura mexicano! Les daremos los materiales. Regístrate en el mostrador de Información.

**Latin Dance Night! | ¡Noche de baile latino!**

**Oxon Hill Branch**

**All ages | Familia / todas las edades**

**Monday, October 3, 7:30 pm | 3 de octubre a las 7:30 pm**

Watch Latin club dance performances, get a lesson on how to dance yourself, and learn about Salsa, Merengue, Bachata and Cha-cha their history and cultural relevance. *Presented by DanceInTime Productions.* | Disfruta de las actuaciones de baile del club latino, toma una clase para aprender a bailar y aprende sobre salsa, merengue, bachata y cha y su importancia histórica y cultural. *Presentado por DanceInTime Productions.*

**Ritmos Para Ninos (Rhythms for Children)**

**Bowie Branch**

**All ages, Wednesday, October 5, 7 pm**

Children will learn to make and decorate musical instruments for Hispanic Heritage Month.

**Hispanic Heritage Craft**

**Baden Branch**

**Ages 5-12, Thursday, October 6, 4 pm**

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and learn the Legend of the Rainstick, an instrument that mimics the sound of rain. Create your cool design and build one of your own. Supplies are provided.

## **Early Keepers: Hispanic Heritage Month**

### **Hyattsville Branch**

**Ages 3-8 | Edades: 3-8**

**Saturday, October 8, 11:30 am | 8 de octubre a las 11:30 am**

This month, Early Keepers will explore the connection between African American and Latino communities within Prince George's County, while learning about Latino and Afro-Latino leaders in Prince George's County. *Presented by Culture Queen.* | Este mes, Early Keepers explorará la conexión entre las comunidades afroamericanas y latinas dentro del condado de Prince George, mientras aprendemos sobre los líderes latinos y afro-latinos en el condado de Prince George. *Presentado por Culture Queen.*

*This Early Keepers program is presented by our friends at the Prince George's African American Museum & Cultural Center and is sponsored by County Council Member, Deni Taveras (District 2).*

## **Make Your Own Carnival Mask!**

### **Accokeek Branch**

**Ages 5-12, Saturday, October 8, 1 pm**

The Carnival Ponceño is an annual celebration held in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Mask makers use papier-mâché (shredded paper and glue) to create special masks for the Carnival. Join us as we create our own masks to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!

## **Hispanic Heritage Month Fiesta with Pa' Gozar Latin Band**

**Fiesta del mes de la herencia hispana con la banda latina Pa' Gozar**

**Town of Bladensburg Town Hall (Bladensburg Branch event)**

**Families / All ages | Familia / todas las edades**

**Saturday, October 8, 2 pm | 8 de octubre a las 2 pm**

Join us at the Town of Bladensburg Town Hall, 4229 Edmonston Road, for a celebration including a live performance, community resources, refreshments and fun! | Acompáñanos en el ayuntamiento de la ciudad de Bladensburg, 4229 Edmonston Road, para una celebración que incluye una actuación en vivo, recursos comunitarios, refrigerios y diversión!

## **¡Mucha música!**

**A musical journey to Latin America with Cantaré | Una viaje musical a América Latina con Cantaré**

### **Greenbelt Branch**

**All ages | Familia / todas las edades**

**Wednesday, October 12, 11:15 am | 12 de octubre a las 11:15 am**

Audiences are transported to Latin America to experience the many rhythms and unique instruments from different regions, while learning about the three cultures that shaped Latin music: Indigenous, European and African. Audiences sing, play instruments and dance salsa. | El público se transporta a América Latina para experimentar la variedad de ritmos e instrumentos únicos de diferentes regiones, mientras aprenden sobre las tres culturas que formaron la música latina: indígena, europea y africana. El público canta, toca instrumentos y baila salsa.

Visit [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info) for additional events. Hope you can join us as we celebrate our nation's rich Hispanic / Latino heritage.

**About The Prince George's County Memorial Library System**

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Skills development library resources include: Rosetta Stone Library Solution, Lynda.com, Brainfuse's HelpNow and JobNow, ArtistWorks for Libraries and Learning Express Library. Early literacy resources are: Ready 2 Read Centers, Ready 2 Read Backpacks, ABCmouse, AWE Early Literacy Stations, Beanstack and Playaway Launchpads All these services are free with your PGCMLS library card. Also, enjoy Minecraft, 3D printing, DREAM (Digital Resources for Electronic Applications in Media) lab, Chess Clubs and MAC (Manga and Anime Clubs) free at your library. Try out our new PGCMLS app too! Learn more about what your Library has to offer at [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info).

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