

MACC Staff Report – 1/10/24

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Happy New Year from the MACC Staff!



Thanks to everyone who attended our events, shared information about the MACC, gave their feedback in meetings, collaborated, and followed us to new locations in 2023.

Holistic Wellness Programming



Yoga for All Levels: Saturday, December 9 @ 10:30am (Attendance: 7)

George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center

Body, mind and soul will align as we move with intention through gentle movement guided by breath. We will incorporate meditation to regulate the nervous system.

Gentle Flow Yoga (8+): Saturday, December 2 @ 10:30am (Attendance: 2)

Windsor Park Library – 1st class at this location

Voice/Guitar/Songwriting Lessons Intermediate (15+): Mondays, Dec 4 & 11 @ 4-5pm (Attendance: 11)

Windsor Park Library

Join award winning song-writer Javier Jara for voice, guitar and songwriting lessons. Skills addressed: left and right hand technique, chords, arpeggios, strumming patterns, vocal technique, and songwriting approaches.

Guitar Lessons (15+):

Beginner: 2-2:30pm (Attendance: 8). Intermediate: 2:45-3:15pm (Attendance: 5).

Tuesdays, Dec 5 & 12 @ Twin Oaks Library

Join accomplished musician Mauricio Callejas for guitar lessons for beginners (finger placement, strumming, sight-reading) & intermediate (chord progressions, ear training, reading sheet music) students. Please bring your own guitar.



**First Annual Tamalada: Saturday, December 2 @ 1:30-5pm (Attendance: 88)
Conley-Guerrero Recreation Center**

On Saturday, December 2, the ESB MACC hosted a “*Tamalada*”, a tamale making event at the Austin Central Library. The event included cooking demonstrations, tastings, recipe sharing, and corn husk doll making. There were sessions at 1:30 and 3:00pm, with 51 at the first session and 40 participants in the second session. All attendees enjoyed learning about this Mexican tradition of coming together to make tamales during the holiday season.

**Taller Abierto: Painting/Drawing Workshop (15+): December 7th @ 10-11:30am (Attendance: 11)
George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center**

Art classes for all levels led by art instructor Miguel Santana. Includes both art history and exploration of different techniques. All materials provided!

Nature Hike: Sunday, December 10 @ 9am (Attendance: 12)

Sunset Valley Community Garden

A beginner friendly hike led by Latino Outdoors. Please dress comfortably and appropriately for the weather and bring a water bottle. Pre-registration required by Thursday, December 7.



**Drumming Lessons: 2nd Saturday of each month @ 3pm
(Attendance: 8), Windsor Park Library**

**2nd Sunday of each month @ 1pm (Attendance: 6)
George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center**

Learn to play drums influenced by West African, Afro-Latin and contemporary styles. Class starts with a movement warm up, then

use drums, bells, and shakers to learn basic rhythms and play as a group. Drums provided - feel free to bring your own drum or percussion instrument.

Cooking Demo: Carb Conscious (15+) FREE!
with Common Threads

Learn how to make a delicious and nutritious meal with clever and creative substitutions to reduce the carbohydrate load, using products found at your local grocery store. Tastings are included!
On the menu: Turkey Chili

Pre-registration required by Friday, December 8th (15+)

Wednesday, December 13 @ 6-7:30pm
Central Library - Demo Area/Kitchen
710 W Cesar Chavez St
Austin, TX 78701

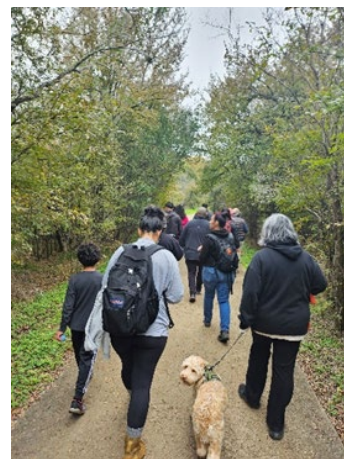
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Pre-Register at www.austintexas.gov/central

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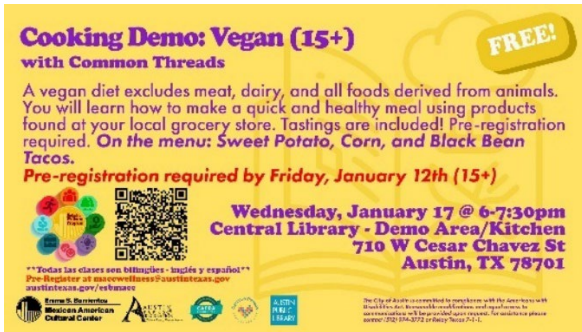
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Holistic Wellness Programming: Upcoming



Cooking Demo: Vegan (15+)
with Common Threads

FREE!

A vegan diet excludes meat, dairy, and all foods derived from animals. You will learn how to make a quick and healthy meal using products found at your local grocery store. Tastings are included! Pre-registration required. **On the menu: Sweet Potato, Corn, and Black Bean Tacos.**
Pre-registration required by Friday, January 12th (15+)

Wednesday, January 17 @ 6-7:30pm
Central Library - Demo Area/Kitchen
710 W Cesar Chavez St
Austin, TX 78701

****Todas las clases son bilingües - inglés y español****
Pre-Register at maricwellness@austintexas.gov
austintexas.gov/evbnaac

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Mexican American
Cultural Center

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Yoga for All Levels: Saturdays @ 10:30am (Begins January 20)

George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center

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FREE!

Voice/Guitar/Songwriting Lessons
with Javier Jara
Mondays @ 4pm
Resumes January 22, 2024
Beginner/Intermediate 4-5pm

Windsor Park Library
5833 Westminster Dr
Pre-registration required (Ages 15+)
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Questions? Contact Lorie Martínez at maricwellness@austintexas.gov

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Voice/Guitar/Songwriting Lessons Intermediate (15+): Mondays @ 4-5pm
(Classes this semester begin on January 22)

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Gentle Flow Yoga (8+): Saturday, January 27, 2024 @ 10:30am

Windsor Park Library

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Taller Abierto: Painting/Drawing Workshop (15+): Sat, January 27 @ 2-4pm

Windsor Park Library

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Bilingual Yoga
with Anelka Perez

FREE!

George Morales Dove Springs
Recreation Center
5801 Almez Drive
Austin, Texas 78744

All Levels Yoga
Saturdays @ 10:30am
First class resumes January 20, 2024
Body, mind and soul will align as we move with intention through gentle movement guided by breath. We will incorporate meditation and sound to regulate the nervous system.

Family Yoga
1st Saturday of each month @ 12pm
First class resumes February 2024
A space for kids and their adult to practice yoga together.

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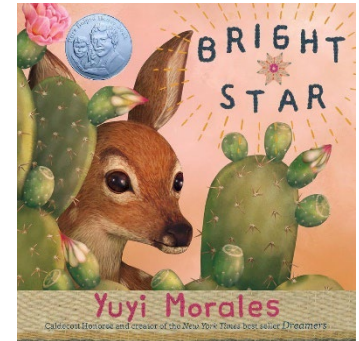
Youth and Family Education



Sábados en Familia provides bilingual story time and hands-on activities at Austin Central Library every month on the second Saturday. It's free and open to the public, no registration necessary. Families can bring children of all ages.

On December 2, the Education team read Atzi's Flowers for Sabados en Familia. They had 95 people in attendance and made poinsettia paper flowers while learning about the history of the poinsettia flower.

The next Sabados en Familia will be January 13th, at the Central Public Library. They will be reading Bright Star (or Lucero in Spanish) by Yuyi Morales. This book explores the plants, animals, and people that live in the deserts of the borderlands. Participants will make a clay cactus plant and decorate a paper cup to plant it in.



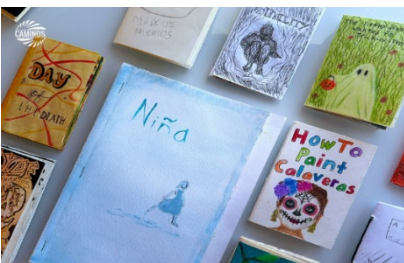
The Lending Library program was hosted at the Montopolis Recreation Center. They lead MACC-tivity Time and did activities such as Lowriders, Repujado, and mini murals. They had about 40 of the Montopolis after school participants attend. This month, the education team will offer Capoeira at Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center, and MACC-tivity Time at the Northwest Recreation Center.



Community in Schools wrapped up the year on December 14th. The MACC Education team celebrated the winter break with the SmartKids doing activities such as slackline, science experiments, and magic sand. They will return on January 16th, after the MLK holiday.

The Education Specialist and Coordinator, Erik and Eufemia, hosted a winter holiday celebration for the Education staff. The team had a Posada at the DAC where they spent time together, had snacks, and broke a pinata.

Caminos Teen Leadership Program



The Caminates finished their Zines for the semester. Every event they worked and for the field trips they attended this semester, they created a Zine to help showcase what stood out to them the most and use their art skills. Caminos continues to meet at Austin Central Library on Saturdays. Follow @ATXCAMINOS on Instagram and check out their [blog](#)!

Caminantes finished the semester with a holiday event on December 16th. They brought Venezuelan, Honduran, Puerto Rican, Mexican and Tejano dishes to share and celebrate their diverse Latino/x roots.



Academia Cuauhtli Bilingual Education Program



Academia Cuauhtli concluded the year with our final field trip to the Blanton Museum. Students had the opportunity to explore various expressions of identity and connect them to their teachings at Cuauhtli. Additionally, on December 9th, we wrapped up the semester with an end-of-year celebration featuring tamales and atole!

Spring semester starts on **Saturday, January 27th**, ending on **March 9th**. The program meets on 9am - 12pm at Sanchez Elementary. We are thrilled to begin classes which will predominantly focus on Danza Mexica workshops with Rosa and her Kalpulli Toekalli Teoyotl!



Outreach and Marketing



December 9th Dove Springs Library Noche de Fiesta

The MACC led loteria, nochebuena flowers, and ornament making at the Dove Springs Community Library. The event included mariachis and a visit from snowman Olaf!

December 10th Ballet Folklorico of Austin -Mitote

The MACC provided a fun table of information on MACC programming at Ballet Folklorico's holiday performance at the Long Center. We had giveaways and did ornament making.

December 16th Ballet Folklorico of Austin- Posada

The MACC was a sponsor of the Ballet Folklorico of Austin's annual Posada on December 16th. We provided ornament making and paper nochebuena flower making. The event was in Dale, Texas.



We are attending the Youth Career Fest on January 24th at Palmer Events Center to promote our youth programs and Summer job opportunities.

Signature Event Dates 2024

Apr. 20, 2024 - [ESB MACC: La Mujer](#). Location: TBA.

Jun. 29, 2024 - [ESB MACC: Awards of Excellence](#). Location: Long Center Kodosky Lounge.

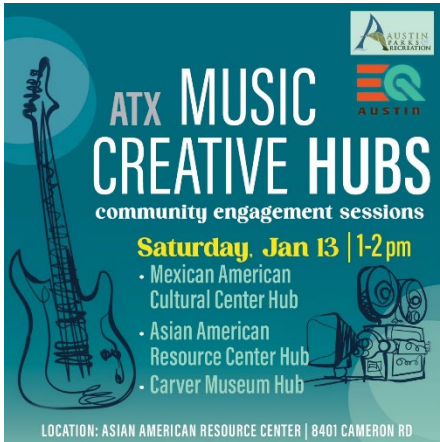
Sep. 14, 2024 - [ESB MACC: Viva Mexico](#). Location: Pan Am Recreation Center.

Oct. 26, 2024 - [ESB MACC: Dia De Los Muertos](#) Location: Pan Am Recreation Center.

Thanks to the Pan Am Rec Center staff for hosting Viva Mexico and Dia de los Muertos and to the Long Center for hosting Awards of Excellence!

Music Hub Meeting

Meeting on Saturday, January 13 at 1:00pm at the Asian American Resource Center.



Hosted by EQ Austin, this meeting will provide a discussion on each cultural center meeting held previously and include the results of the focus groups; assessment of the local artists community's needs; assessment of the facility and its assets; recommendations and cost estimates of buildout of physical space, equipment needs, and programming opportunities.

The purpose of this project is to develop creative industries business incubators focused on the development of entrepreneurs in music, film/video, and creative industry-focused technologies at the three PARD cultural centers: MACC, Carver, AARC.

The music hub could potentially provide underserved local musicians and artist communities with resources to perform, rehearse, live stream, and record. It could also provide the artists with assistance in business development, marketing and other entrepreneurial needs.

Staffing Updates

Welcome, Andrea!

Andrea Olivares is our new Public Event Leader and began her position in the first week of December. She will be assisting with logistics and production support for our events and activities. She will also work closely with the other cultural center production teams to learn about our spaces and the communities we serve.



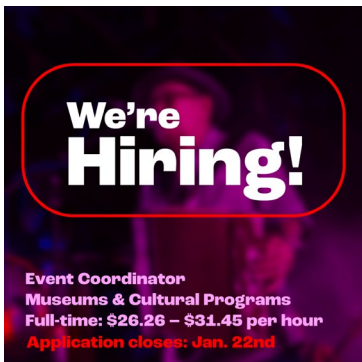
"Hello everyone, I'm Andrea Olivares, your new Public Event Leader! I was born and raised in McAllen, TX. I came to Austin in 2018 to study International Business at UT where I discovered my passion for live events.

My responsibilities as Public Event Leader will vary from reading and setting stage/seating diagrams, to operating technical equipment, and even providing assistance to help answer visitor/client inquiries. Beyond logistics and production support, I'm excited to create engaging experiences that resonate with our diverse community."

New Job Posting: THE MACC is hiring an Event Coordinator!

<https://www.austincityjobs.org/postings/115060>. Please apply before 1/22/2024.

Pay Range: \$26.26 – \$31.45 per hour.



This position provides oversight and logistical support for major programs and rentals. This will involve planning, managing and executing internal events and programs and coordinating rentals of the theaters, meeting rooms, and outdoor spaces. The Event Coordinator should have a strong background in event production and technical theater-overseeing lighting and sound equipment.

2023 Reporting & Evaluation

At the end of January, we will be releasing an “End of Year Report” that highlights some of our major programs and events in 2023. As part of the report, we will also link a survey to gather feedback from the community about what programs and events the MACC community wants to see in 2024-2025.

You can find these Surveys at www.MaccSurvey.Net and we will be sending the link in our next newsletter, sharing the survey on our social media accounts @ESBMACC, and in the End of Year Report. We will have opportunities for the public to fill it out at our Outreach tables as well. This survey is ongoing.

ESB-MACC Program Planning Survey 2024-2025

Please fill out the following survey to provide your feedback to the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center.

This survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

The ESB-MACC will take these responses into consideration while planning programs and events. To learn about our programs and events, visit <https://www.austintexas.gov/maccevents> and follow us on social media @ESBMACC.

Program Planning Survey in English:

<https://forms.gle/1TQzofsxwFgpb3jX9>

Program Planning Survey in Spanish:

<https://forms.gle/nvxRdKwhGmXJ6xtH8>

ESB MACC's Viva Mexico at Pan Am Recreation Center, September 2023

