

# JCCC wants to help you celebrate Hispanic National Heritage Month!

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

Additionally, check out these local organizations:

## Latino Arts Foundation

This Organization builds bridges to provide access and opportunity within Kansas City's creative and culture sector.

## Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

This organization is the voice for small businesses in the Kansas City Metro

## Latino Civic Engagement Collaborative

Supports the delivery of education, health, mental health, business development, housing, economic development and social services for the Latino population of Kansas City.

## LatinX Education Collaborative

This organization works to retain and increase the representation of LatinX Education Professionals in K-12

## El Centro

Building an educated, healthy, financially empowered and engaged Latino community.

### Key:



**Kid Friendly**



**Have additional programming on their website**



**Virtual attendance option**



# Art

## Comunidad Coffee MeetUP



free

Sept 14

Here we go!! If you are ready to get out and get involved in the KC community, the Latino Arts Foundation + Latinx Education Collaborative will be hosting a Barrio + Comunidad MeetUP on the second Thursday of every month! This month we will kickoff Hispanic Heritage Month!

## Friday Night Fun



free

All month

In observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrate Latin American culture with tin art, an Ojo de Dios craft, and Taino petroglyphs. Drop by the Plaza Branch's Kid Corner anytime during this two-hour creative session, part of an October series of Friday Night Family Fun we're calling Fall Fun! Recommended for ages 3 and up. Supply kits are provided (while they last).

## Hispanic Heritage Crafts



Free

Sept 18-19

Bring your kids to make crafts and learn about Hispanic Heritage month!

## Latino Arts Festival



free

Sept 23

The Latino Arts Festival will immerse you in the Chicano/Latino Culture as we highlight many aspiring artists, experienced artists, entrepreneurs who are makers, food vendors, music, folkloric dance and cultural dance, poetry and of course the largest lowrider show in Kansas City!

## Dia de los Muertos - Kids Create Art event



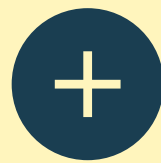
Free

Oct 14

Celebrate Día de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead) by creating artwork associated with this unique cultural event. RSVP at [mymcpl.org/events](http://mymcpl.org/events) or by calling the Red Bridge Branch at (816) 942-1780; for children ages 6+

# Cinema and Performance

## La Senora KC



\$10+

Sept 29

La Sonora performs a variety of Salsa, Brazilian, and Jazz standards with an Afro-Latin flare! Featuring the soaring vocals of Fedra Cooper Barrera and Bruno Bessa, backed by the musical prowess of James Isaac-Sax, Forest Stewart-Bass, & special guest Will Crain-Piano, and rhythmically driven by Miko Spears-Bongo, Robert Beasley-Congas, & John Currey-Timbales, come join La Sonora KC in full eight-piece version for an exciting evening of Salsa and more for dining and dancing at The Ship!!!

## Programma de Folklorico

Free

Sept 16

Folk Dance Workshop will give students the opportunity to express themselves and communicate through the language of their own movements

## "Mi Familia" screening Northwest MO State

Free

Sept 20

Northwest will screen the movie "Mi Familia" at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom. The film depicts a family's migration across Mexico to Los Angeles and the political and social hardships that confront generations.



# Events and Festivals

## Fiesta Hispana

Free

Sept 15-17

Sponsored by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City, this festival celebrates Hispanic culture which features great music, food, dancing and exhibits.

## Royals Celebration

Sept 15

Watch the Royals take on the Houston Astros during Hispanic Heritage Night. Plus, receive a Hispanic heritage inspired Royals hat with your ticket.

## Mexican Independence Celebration

Free

Sept 16

Come celebrate Mexican Independence day!

## Folklore 2023

Free

Sept 21

Join us for our third annual FOLKLORE to commemorate celebrate the influence and contributions of the Latino Community.

## Sporting KC Celebration

Sept 20

Starting when gates open, Children's Mercy Park will come alive with an array of exhilarating activities and engaging activations on the Mazuma Plaza. The festive atmosphere will be a testament to the vibrant Hispanic community that calls Kansas City home.

## TacoTopia

\$10

Sept 23

The humble and delicious Taco offers the world so much and asks for little more than a tilted head. NFM is happy to be hosting another a taco-filled festival with vendors, entertainment, and activities the whole family can enjoy!

## Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Free

Oct 4

From Spanish explorers, to Mexican traders and laborers, to recent Central and South American immigrants, the Kansas City region has deep Latino history. National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to honor the cultures and contributions of Latino Americans across the United States.

## Dia De Los Muertos Celebration



Free

Oct 21

The Kansas City Museum's 10th Annual Día de los Muertos celebration will explore the history and cultural traditions of Mexico and will be presented in partnership with the Mattie Rhodes Art Center, Creative City KC, Crossroads Hotel, TICO Productions, Stone Lion Puppet Theatre, Giselles Bridal KC, Mi Mercado Fresh Market, Artists Craftsman KC, and La Mega KC radio. All proceeds directly support the educational and public programming at the Kansas City Museum.

## Hispanic & LatinX Month Bookmark Contest



Free

All Month

Calling all artists! We are hosting a bookmark design contest to celebrate Hispanic & Latinx Heritage Month. All contestants can pick up a bookmark template with all rules and instructions at the Main Library. Entries must be submitted to the Main Library before October 13th at 5:00pm for judging.

# Influencers

Next time you open your apps, look for these popular influencers!

## Disability

*Tamara Mena @Tanaramenaofficial*

*Jillian Mercado @JillianMercado*

*Jessica Ruiz @dreamyeyes\_artistry*

*Giovanna Giscome @GiovanaWasHere\_*

## Education

*Lola Dweck  
@lolascocina*

*Joanna "Rants" Hausmann  
@johaus*

*Elizabeth Acevedo  
@Acevedowrites*

*Arianna Davis  
@ariannagab*

## LGBTQIA+

*Annie Segarra @Annieelainey*

*Manuel Gutierrez @Mannymua733*

*Salice Rose @SaliceRose*

*Laith Ashley @Laith\_Ashley*

## Wellness

*Massiel Arias  
@Massy.Arias*

*Dulce Candy  
@Dulcecandy*

*Gloria Lucas  
@Nalgonapositivitypride*

*Massy Arias  
@massy.arias*

*Adriana Alejandre  
@LatinxTherapy*

## Art and Fashion

*Julie Sarinana @Sincerelyjules*

*Constance Smith @Lunamodela*

*Sam Kirk @Iamsamkirk*

*Victoria Villasana @Villanaart*

*Ruby Marquez @broobs*

## Food and Fun

*Whindersson Nunes Batista @whinderssonnunes*

*LeJaun James @Lejaunjames*

*Cristina Maria Curp @TheCastawayKitchen*

*Art Rodriguez @LatinoFoodie*



# Literature and Education

Digestible Classics Book Club: Pedro Paramo

Free Sept 16

**A masterpiece of the surreal, this stunning novel from Mexico depicts a man's strange quest for his heritage. Beseched by his dying mother to locate his father, Pedro Páramo, whom they fled from years ago, Juan Preciado sets out for Comala. Comala is a town alive with whispers and shadows--a place seemingly populated only by memory and hallucinations. Built on the tyranny of the Páramo family, its barren and broken-down streets echo the voices of tormented spirits sharing the secrets of the past**

Hispanic Heritage Book Discussion Series

Free Sept 15 - Oct 4

**The Hispanic Heritage series highlights Latine authors! This limited series will have discussion dates for the months of September, October, and November.**

Beyond Brown



Free Oct 3

**Mexican Struggles for Equality Before and After Brown v. Board (Zoom). The momentous 1954 Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court case dismantled racial segregation in public schools. Yet, the segregation experienced by Mexican and Mexican American students is often overlooked. This presentation looks at the ways the Latino communities banded together to fight discrimination and demand equality using examples from Kansas City.**

Flour Power



Free Multiple Dates

**The flour tortilla that wraps your favorite burrito has a rich and complicated history. Join Gene Chavez for a culinary journey that follows Mexican immigration throughout the American Midwest and reveals the origins of this humble but important staple. Then take part in a tortilla-rolling contest.**

Visit your favorite Library to learn about new stories to read during Women's History Month

Kansas City  
Public Library.

North Kansas City  
Public Library.

Linda Hall Library.

Mid-Continent  
Public Library.

Olathe  
Public Library.



# Music

## DJ Luis presents: Tropical

**\$15+**

**Sept 23**

***DJ LUIS brings his popular Salsa Nights to The Ship, with Live Percussion featuring The Ramos Brothers on congas, bongos and timbales!***

***His personal LA style has made him a predominant favorite among the salsa community in KC. The tropical beats of salsa, merengue, bachata, cumbia and reggaeton will make you stay on the dance floor all night long.***

## Salsa Dance Social



**\$10+**

**Sept 29**

***Get ready to spice up your night with a Latin dance extravaganza! Join us for an inclusive and casual event that welcomes dancers of all skill levels. It's the perfect opportunity to let loose, have fun, and embrace the rhythm of Salsa and Bachata!***

***Our talented instructors from Aladun Dance Company will kick off the evening with an engaging and beginner-friendly dance lesson. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or taking your first steps on the dance floor, this lesson will get you moving and grooving in no time.***

***No need to worry about bringing a partner because solo dancers are absolutely welcome! This event is all about connecting with the music and enjoying the vibrant atmosphere.***

## Latin Music Showcase

**\$23+**

**Oct 16**

***Exciting performances from some of Latin music's premier artists and writers, including notable Dove-nominated talents.***

## Mariachi Las Altenas



**Oct 15**

***Mariachi Las Alteñas is an all-female mariachi group that is making waves across the United States. Their mission is to achieve excellence as overall musicians and performers and to raise the standards for women in mariachi music. Mariachi Las Alteñas are known for their musical diversity, which appeals to crowds of all generations.***

### Pop

Emilia  
Chris Lebron  
Young Miko  
3am

### Indie

Soltera  
Aroe Phoenix  
Wild Heart Club  
Lucys

### Electronic

Rad Cat  
Bizzarrap  
Mr. Pig

### Country

Kat & Alex  
The Mavericks  
Leah Turner  
Michael Salgado  
Veronique Medrano

### Need new music?

**Check out these  
artists!**

### R&B/Soul/Jazz

Danny Ocean  
Mario Bautista  
Beele  
Grupo Frontera  
Nathy Peluso  
Kaina

### Hip Hop/ Rap

Farina  
Ludmilla  
Rusherking  
Trueno  
Villano Antillano  
Young Miko  
Mabiland  
Santa Fe Klan  
Cazzu

Artists with a \* are  
from Kansas City!

### Punk/Rock

Bratty  
Pol Granch  
Wiplash  
Azteca  
Samantha Sanchez  
Chingon  
TK



# Podcasts

## History

### Anything for Selena

*Hosted by: Maria Garcia*

On “Anything for Selena,” Apple Podcasts’ Show of the Year of 2021, Maria García combines rigorous reporting with impassioned storytelling to honor Selena's legacy. She also explores the indelible mark she left on Latino identity and belonging, whether it’s fatherhood, big-butt politics, and the fraught relationship with whiteness and language.

### Experience Hispanic Heritage

Latinos are the largest and fastest growing minority group in the country. Though many are recent immigrants, Hispanics have been living in America as far back as the 16th century, even before settlers from England. How has the the American narrative been shaped by Latinos, and how will they continue to shape it? We bring you stories of the Hispanic/Latino American experience, past, present, and future. Stories include: Where did the term Hispanic/Latino come from?; Latinos in the military; and stories on healthcare and immigration.

### Scattered Roots

Kevin and Rudy discuss the realities of being latinos growing up in the United States and finding out where they belong. From Latino's growing role in politics to conversations about music, food, and relationships. In each episode, Kevin and Rudy hope to explore a different topic that impacts the Latin-American community in the U.S

## Education

### Las Doctoras

*Hosted by: Dr. Renee Lemus and Dr. Cristina Rose*

Together, Latina thought leaders Dr. Renee Lemus and Dr. Cristina Rose as Las Doctoras bring you conversations about race, gender, sexuality, reproductive justice, and more. Topics include unpacking toxic masculinity, diet culture, and relationships with money and debt.

### Tech-Mex

Immerse yourself in engaging interviews, thought-provoking discussions, and captivating storytelling. Tech-Mex showcases the perspectives of Latin innovators, entrepreneurs, and thought leaders who are reshaping the tech landscape. From Mexico City to São Paulo, we uncover the latest projects, startups, and initiatives that highlight Latin America's technological prowess and cultural contributions. This podcast is a bridge between worlds, celebrating the fusion of tech and Latin heritage.

### Latina in America

Welcome to the Latina in America podcast, your bilingual destination for all things Latina about our diverse culture, professions, and passion for travel. Join your host, Rosie, and special guests as they share their unique career journeys and take you on exciting adventures to amazing places around the world. Whether you are a Latina or someone interested in learning more about the culture, this podcast is perfect for you. With episodes in English and Spanish, immerse yourself in our heritage, professions, and experiences. Explore the world through Latina perspectives, discovering the beauty, strength, and resilience of our community. Tune in for an unforaettable journey of inspiration. discovery. and cultural celebration!



## Education continued

### Mija Podcast

Hosted by a narrator known only as Mija (daughter in Spanish), each episode tells the story of how members of her family experience immigration.

### Ne De Aqui

A podcast by The Marketing Jersey hosted by Mexican-American Soccer Player Janelly Farias & Multicultural Marketing Director Wiso Vazquez. In a 40-to-60-minute conversation with guests, these episodes will discuss the natural intersectionality Latinx people within the media and entertainment industry feel in their professional and personal lives and how that helps them get to the places they wish to be.

## Fun

### Spanish Aqui Presents

*Hosted by: Raiza, Oscar, Tony and Carlos*

Raiza, Oscar, Tony, and Carlos have taken their live Latinx variety show from The Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in Los Angeles and turned it into a podcast bringing you the best of the best of lo mejor of Latinx comedy. Join them as they ask, ¿Que te Pica? (What's itching you?) and chat with their special guest every week.

### Pass the Chipolte

Host, food anthropologist, and Mexican culture gastronomy educator Rocio Carvajal takes you to discover the edible treasures of Mexico's gastronomic traditions with stories and interviews that will change the way you think about Mexican food, cooking, and eating guaranteed!

### The Latin Babblers Show

The Latin Babblers Show provides its audience with a multimedia experience each week we explore, engage and educate the audience about the diversity in our community, putting a comical spin on topics such as culture, the arts, food, and current events. We are driven to establish an outspoken voice and platform celebrating Latin excellence.

### What's El Chisme?

A Spanglish pop culture podcast hosted by Editor In Chief, Ruben Perez Jr aka @heyistrpj! Join Ruben as he talks about the latest in Spanglish pop culture from movies to music, fashion to them paks, and more. Plus, surprise guests might appear every now and then, be sure to tune in!

### Hyphenated

*Hosted by: Joanna Hausmann and Jenny Lorenzo*

From Pitaya Entertainment comes "Hyphenated with Joanna Hausmann and Jenny Lorenzo." Co-hosted by 2 American Latina comedy stars, this series centers on culture, being bicultural, and what it means to identify with a hyphenated title. Tune in Thursdays for new episodes.

### LatinX Can

*Hosted by: Dr. Jeniree Flores Delgado*

In this bi-weekly interview series, host Dr. Jeniree Flores Delgado talks to latinx professionals about how they turned their dream into reality, and the tips and tricks that have helped them achieved their goals.



# JCCC Events

## **Charlas y Amigos, Conversation & Culture**

*free*

**All month**

**Every other Wednesday you can get to know students, teachers and native-speakers as you practice Spanish and discover fun facts about the culture of Spanish-speaking countries.**

**You'll learn about: Holidays • Foods • History • Trivia**

**No matter your level – beginner to advanced or if you're a native or non-native – come join the fun and meet new people!**

## **Andrew Mcilvaine: Resilience Story**

*Free*

**until Oct 15**

**Resilience Story prominently features Mcilvaine's relationship with his father, who was incarcerated for most of the artist's life. Unable to connect in person, their bond was communicated through the art they exchanged. Resilience Story is a continuation of this formative artistic experience. In Mcilvaine's work, artmaking becomes a ritual for recovering the truth of his past and repairing generational traumas to transform his future.**

## **Animal Amigos**

**\$5+**

**Dec 6-9**

**Gather 'round the Tree of Life for a bilingual retelling of two delightful Mexican folktales, "The Adventures of Tio Conejo" and "Medio Pollito." Public shows at 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday.**

## **The Comedy Zone**

**\$5+**

**Mar 9**

**Gina Brillon was the first Latina comedian to be a finalist in season 16 of "America's Got Talent." She was born and raised in the Bronx, New York. The Puerto Rican actress, comedian, writer and mom has been a stand-up comic since she was 17 years old. See her live on stage at MTC!**