

## 2.5.25

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## Holistic Wellness Programming

### Past:

**All-Levels Yoga: Saturdays @ 10:30-11:30am (No class Jan 4,11)**

**Southeast Library**

**Attendance: 30**

Focuses on body awareness, connection with the breath. with gentle movement, and time for meditation and relaxation. The library has mats to share.

**Chair Yoga: 3rd Friday of each month starting January (Jan 31 and Feb 21)@ 10am**

**Yarborough Library**

**Attendance: 6**

A gentle form of yoga that can be done seated in a chair. These modifications make yoga accessible to people with various physical abilities

**Chair Yoga: 3rd Wednesday of each month starting January @ 10am**

**Dove Springs Recreation Center**

**Attendance: 6**

A gentle form of yoga that can be done seated in a chair. These modifications make yoga accessible to people with various physical abilities.

**Women's Circle (16+): Sunday, Jan 12 @ 3:30-5pm**

**The Center for Arts + Healing**

**Attendance:10**

Join us to share in plática (heart-centered conversation), self-care practices, and canto (song). This is a time to connect with others, nurture yourself, and refill your cup under the light of the full moon.



**Taller Abierto: Painting/Drawing Workshop (18+): Tuesdays, January 14, 28 @ 9-11am**

**Dove Springs Recreation Center**

**Attendance:15**

Art classes for all levels. Includes exploration of different techniques. All materials provided! Pre-registration required.

**Slow Flow + Sound Healing: 4th Saturdays of each month starting Jan. 25 @ 1:30-2:30pm**

**My Vinyasa Practice- Highland Studio**

**Attendance: 5**

Join us for a serene and rejuvenating yoga experience. Designed to melt away stress and tension, this class combines gentle yoga poses, breathing techniques, and guided relaxation. The final relaxation includes sound healing bowls to help calm the mind, ease the body, and enhance overall well-being. Great for all levels. Pre-registration required.

**Voice/Guitar/Songwriting Lessons: Beginner/Intermediate (15+): Mondays, starting Jan. 27 @ 4-5pm**

**Windsor Park Library**

**Attendance: 7**

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. Please bring your own guitar. Pre-registration required.

**Guitar Lessons (15+): Tuesdays, starting January 28**

**George Washington Carver Museum**

**Beginner 1:45-2:15pm Intermediate 2:45-3:30pm**

**Attendance: 8**

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

**Will Clinic: Saturday, February 1 @ 9am-3pm**

**Hardie Alcozer Law Firm**

Our goal is to help community members create basic wills, ensuring their wishes are legally documented and their families are protected. We want to help individuals gain peace of mind about their estate planning.

**Upcoming:****Film Screening- A Most Beautiful Thing: Thursday, February 6 @ 6-8:30pm  
George Washington Carver Museum**

The film chronicles the first African American high school rowing team in this country (made up of young men, many of whom were in rival gangs from the West Side of Chicago), all coming together to row in the same boat. An amazing story.

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**Southeast Library**

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**Chair Yoga: 3rd Wed of each month @ 10am**

**Dove Springs Recreation Center**

A gentle form of yoga that can be done seated in a chair. These modifications make yoga accessible to people with various physical abilities.

**Chair Yoga: Friday, Feb 21 @ 10:30am Yarborough Library****Slow Flow + Sound Healing: 4th Sat of each month @ 1:30-2:30pm**

**My Vinyasa Practice- Highland Studio**

Join us for a serene and rejuvenating yoga experience that combines gentle yoga poses, breathing techniques, and guided relaxation with sound healing bowls to help calm the mind.

**Taller Abierto: Painting Workshop (15+): 4th Sat of each month @ 2-4pm**

**North Village Branch Library**

Art classes for all levels. Includes exploration of different techniques. All materials provided! Pre-registration required.

**Nourishing Flow: 1st Sat of each month @ 1:30-2:30pm**

### **My Vinyasa Practice- SoCo Studio**

A gentle and restorative yoga class that invites you to reconnect with your body and breath. Through mindful movement, soothing breathwork, and the healing power of sound, we'll cultivate a deep sense of relaxation

### **Guitar Lessons (15+): Tuesdays, starting January 28 @ 3-4:15 George Washington Carver Museum Beg: 3-3:30pm / Inter: 3:45-4:15pm**

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

### **Voice/Guitar/Songwriting Lessons Beg/Inter (15+): Mondays Starting Jan 27, @ 4-5pm 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. Please bring your own guitar.

### **Taller Abierto: Lending Library Painting (18+): Tuesdays, Jan 14 -Feb 18 @ 9-11am Dove Springs Recreation Center**

Art classes for all levels. Includes exploration of different techniques. All materials provided! Pre-registration required.

### **Drumming Lessons: 4<sup>th</sup> Sat of each month @ 3:30-5pm The Center for Arts + Healing**

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.

### **Women's Circle (16+): Sunday, Feb 16 @ 3:30-5pm The Center for Arts + Healing**

Join us to share in plática (heart-centered conversation), self-care practices, and canto (song). This is a time to connect with others, nurture yourself, and refill your cup under the light of the full moon.

### **Salsa Basics and Social: Saturday, February 8 @ 5pm Corazon Latino Dance Studio**

Learn basic steps and body movements that define this popular Latin American dance. No prior experience or partner is needed Refreshments will follow.

### **Budgeting Workshop: Wednesday February 12 @ 6-7:30pm Little Walnut Creek Library**

What is your money personality and how does it affect your daily finances? Learn how to track your expenses and create a spending plan to start an emergency fund or prepare for large purchases. Facilitated by Business Community Lenders of Texas.

### **Volunteer Appreciation Celebration: Thursday, February 20 @ 6-8pm, Hardie Alcozer Law Firm**

Reception event to honor and recognize our ESB-MACC Volunteers who help make our events successful! Folks interested in volunteering are also invited to attend - we will be sharing upcoming opportunities.



**Cine de Oro: Tuesday, Feb 25 & Apr 29 @ 9-12pm**

**Conley Guerrero Senior Activity Center**

Join us for a screening of a film from the golden age of Mexican cinema. Lunch will be served.

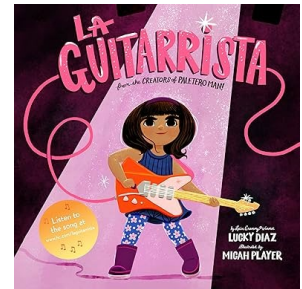
## Youth and Family Education



### Sábados en Familia

The Education team hosted their first Sabados en Familia of the year at Twin Oaks Branch on January 11th. They had 15 participants attend.

Join them at their next session **on February 8th at the Menchaca Branch Library**. The library is located at 5500 Menchaca Rd, Austin, TX 78745. On 2/8 they will read *La Guitarrista* by Lucky Diaz and Micah Player. This book tells the story of a tenacious girl who achieves her wildest dreams with a little help from her community and a broken guitar. Participants will make their own Pandereta and join musical guest, **Delia Perez Meyer**, in a musical workshop!



### CIS After School Program

Kids are back in school from the winter break and the Education team resumed afterschool programming with Communities in School SmartKids program on January 13th. In January they served 55 Participants at the four Housing Authority of Austin sites; Bouldin Oaks, Santa Rita Courts, Booker T. Washington Courts, & Meadowbrook. The program occurs once a week at each of these sites. Education staff and CIS participants celebrated the New Year by making Aztec Calendars, and Dia De Reyes making their own Cardboard Rosca de Reyes. They have also been exploring puppetry-making and storytelling. The program continues after school, 3:30-4:30pm, through May. Find more information about CIS SmartKids program here [SmartKids | Communities In Schools Of Central Texas](#)

### Lending Library

The Education team visited Givens and Montopolis Recreation Centers for Lending Library and served 80 participants. They led activities such as Repujado and weaving. They also celebrated Dia De Reyes by having participants make their own Pan Dulce Squishies. In February, they will visit Hancock and Dottie Jordan Recreation Centers.

### Camp Registration Updates:

Feb 1st at 10:00AM – Early Summer Camp Registration just for Financial Aid qualifying households began

Feb 8th at 10:00AM – Siembra Spring Break Camp Registration begins

Feb 22nd at 10:00AM – Raices Summer Camp Registration opens for all families

### Spring Break and Summer Camp Registration



Summer Camp information is on the [PARD's Summer Camp webpage](#). Camps are for students 5-12 years old.

The Spring Break Camp "Siembra" is

March 17, 18, 19, 20, 21. It's a one-week camp.

The fee for this one week camp is \$140 for residents, \$220 for non-residents.



The Raices Summer Camp is divided into 3 3-week sessions:

Session 1- 6/9 – 6/27

Session 2- 6/30 – 7/18

Session 3- 7/21 – 8/8

The fee is for these three week camps are \$420 for residents, \$660 for non-residents.



## Black History Month

Join the Education Team at the [Carver Museums Black History Month's Kids Day](#) on Saturday February 22nd. The MACC Education team will host an activity table where children will have the opportunity to make their own paper dolls. These paper dolls will highlight Afro-Latinos in Music, Film and Sports, such as Celia Cruz, Rosario Dawson, and Pele.

# Academia Cuauhtli Bilingual Education Program

**Taller de Ayuda Financiera para Programas Juveniles**

Acompáñenos el jueves 23 de enero, de 6:00 a 8:00 PM, en el Centro de Recursos Asiático Americano para inscribirse en asistencia financiera para programas juveniles organizados por la Ciudad de Austin.



**Beneficios:**

- 50% descuento en el costo del programa
- Acceso a inscripción anticipada
- Hasta \$700 de crédito para programas

**Elegibilidad:**

- Joven debe vivir dentro de Austin
- Estudiante debe:
  - Calificar para almuerzo gratis o reducido (o)
  - Ir a una escuela CEP (o)
  - Estar inscritos en el programa de asistencia por Austin Energy

Confirme su asistencia: [bit.ly/Financiamiento2425](https://bit.ly/Financiamiento2425)  
 Escanee el código para obtener más información y envíe sus preguntas al correo electrónico: [katy.guzman@austintexas.gov](mailto:katy.guzman@austintexas.gov)

## Financial Aid Workshops for Summer Camp

Over the past few months, the ESB-MACC education team has been dedicated to making summer camp more accessible for families through a series of financial aid workshops. In collaboration with the Centralized Programs Division, we successfully hosted four workshops, helping 16 families and 26 youth participants navigate the application process. Beyond providing guidance, we actively tracked applications and ensured parents were informed and ready to register for city youth programs upon approval. This initiative marks the beginning of a broader effort to remove financial barriers and expand opportunities for more families in the future!





### Academia Cuauhtli

Academia Cuauhtli kicked off its spring semester on Saturday, January 25, at Sanchez Elementary. Maestra Rosa Tupina Yaotonalcuauhtl and her Kalpulli, Teokalli Teoyolotl, introduced students to the sacred four directions and elements that guide Indigenous communities, along with the traditions of Danza Mexica. Families went on a field trip to Aquarena Springs on February 1, where students explored water conservation efforts and their deep connections to local Indigenous communities.

## Camino Teen Leadership Program



### Mural Bench Project- Pocket Park

The Camino Teens were able to begin work on their second bench located at the MACC pocket park. For inspiration they stopped by this mural on the east side that matches the theme of the bench Loteria.



### Field Trip to the Bullock

Camino also visited the Bob Bullock Museum to learn about our great state of Texas and connect with our culture by visiting different exhibits that included history about la revolucion and Tejano artists.

### Breaking Barriers Teen Conference

The Camino teens have set a date for their Breaking Barriers Conference, on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the AARC.



### HBCU Day

The Camino teens will participate in the Carver's HBCU Day on Feb 15.

<https://www.austintexas.gov/event/hbcu-day-2025-carver-museum-atx-10am>

### Fiesta de Amistad

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, the teens will have a fiesta de Amistad at the Austin Central Library before heading to the Pocket Park to work on the bench murals.

## Outreach and Marketing

## Outreach - Past



**Jan 14- Hispanic Austin Leadership (GAHCC) presentation to Class of 2025.** We gave a detailed powerpoint and encouraged this year's leadership class to get involved with the MACC, inviting them to nominate for Awards of Excellence and get ready to see the renovated building in the Fall.



**Jan 27- Hartman Bridge Opening with Waterloo Greenway.** We tabled at this event that officially inaugurated the walking bridge next to the MACC.

## Outreach Events- Upcoming



**Feb 6- Long Center Ballet Folklorico de Amalia Hernandez** Over 2000 students from Title 1 Middle & High Schools will have a special midday performance on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> before the ticketed public show on that same evening. The MACC will provide ballet folklorico lesson plans and activities to those students and assist with a Q & A with the dancers post-performance. **Tickets are on sale now!**

**Feb 8- Sanchez Healthy Families Event 9am-11am,** will assist with Spring Break Camp registration and provide educational activities for families.

**Feb 11- Youth College & Career Fest**

Teaming up with the Caminos folks to promote Breaking Barriers Teen Conference at the end of March.

**Feb 17- Bailes de Mi Tierra Competition**

Opportunity to connect with local ballet folklorico groups, co-hosted by Roy Lozano Ballet Folklorico.

## Community Events



**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

Texas Immigration Law Council will explain some of the recent changes to immigration policy and what they mean for communities in Austin and the state of Texas. They will also explain how you can protect your rights when you encounter local law enforcement or immigration agencies.

Virtual Zoom event  
registration required → [linktr.ee/stximmigration](https://linktr.ee/stximmigration)

Wednesday February 12 6:00 PM	Thursday February 13 6:00 PM
presentation in English interpretation to Spanish	presentation in Spanish interpretation to English

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations and services to enhance communication can be provided upon request. To make a request or if you have any questions, please contact: Rosa Velazquez, Voice: (512) 974-7973 - TDD: (512) 974-7973.

**Know Your Rights Workshops February 12 & 13**

Offered by the City of Austin Equity Office in English & Spanish

[Register on Eventbrite](#)

# Signature Events



**La Mujer - April 26, 2025, 12:00-5:00pm**  
**Parque Zaragoza**

*\*Contact Estrella.DeLeon@austintexas.gov*



**Awards of Excellence - Saturday, June 28, 2025**  
**Long Center- Kodosky Lounge**

Nominations for Awards of Excellence are open! The nomination period is January 27<sup>th</sup> to March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Board members cannot nominate, but they can encourage others to send in nominations!

[AustinTexas.gov/MaccAwards](https://AustinTexas.gov/MaccAwards)

**AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!**

Submit nominations for the ESB MACC's annual Awards of Excellence by completing the online nomination form between **JANUARY 27 and MARCH 23, 2025**.

Individuals or groups from any artistic discipline whose work has made a significant impact to the Latina/o/x/e cultural arts of Austin or the Greater Austin Metropolitan Area may be nominated. No self-nominations will be accepted.

Note: City of Austin employees and officials may not submit nominations nor be nominated.

[www.AustinTexas.gov/MaccAwards](https://www.AustinTexas.gov/MaccAwards)

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## Past Awards of Excellence Recipients below, 2009-2024

### 2024

Ana Barajas, Emerging Artist  
Mauricio Callejas, Arts  
Velia Sanchez Ruiz, Service  
Adolph Ortiz, Arts Educator  
Dolores Carrillo Garcia, Lifetime Achievement  
Gilberto Cardenas, Lifetime Achievement  
Marcelo Hernandez Tafoya, Lifetime Achievement (Posthumous)  
Maria Emilia Martin, Lifetime Achievement (Posthumous)

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### 2023

Jacqueline Olivier - Emerging Artist  
Serena Tijerina - Emerging Artist  
Raul Garza – The Arts



Roj Rodriguez – The Arts  
Bertha Rendon Delgado - Service  
Monica Araoz- Arts Educator  
Zita V. Vázquez – Arts Educator  
Paul Saldaña- Lifetime Achievement  
Dr. Roén Salinas – Lifetime Achievement  
Yolanda Sanchez – Lifetime Achievement  
Farah Rivera – Lifetime Achievement (posthumous)  
Henry Gonzalez – Lifetime Achievement (posthumous)  
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## **2021**

Ana Maciel, Service  
Dr. Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, Service  
Bobbie Garza-Hernandez, Lifetime Achievement  
Dr. Angela Valenzuela, Lifetime Achievement  
Jose Pasco, Emerging Artist  
Fany Macias, Emerging Artist  
Lydia CdeBaca Cruz, Arts Educator  
Dr. Tracey Flores, Arts Educator  
Mery Godigna-Collet, The Arts  
Federico Archuleta, The Arts  
[VIEW 2021 Awards of Excellence Ceremony](#)

## **2019**

John Estrada, Emerging Artist  
Leticia Urieta, Arts Educator  
Ender Martos, Visual Art  
Ire'ne Lara Silva, Literary Art  
Carrie Rodriguez, Music  
Luis Guerra, Lifetime Achievement

## **2018**

Lesly Reynaga, Emerging Artist  
Dr. Emilio Zamora, Service  
Nancy Flores, Media Arts  
Fidencio Duran, Visual Arts  
Ruben Ramos, Music  
Martha P. Cotera, Lifetime Achievement

## **2017**

Tomas Salas, The Arts  
Edgar Yopez, Arts Educator  
Hector Miranda, Emerging Artist  
Gloria Mata-Pennington, Lifetime Achievement  
Enrique Cruz, Patronage

## **2016**

Liliana Wilson, Visual Arts  
Tomas Medina, Music  
Toni Bravo, Dance  
Hector Galán, Film  
Rupert and JoAnn Reyes, Theater  
Michael Anthony Garcia, Multidisciplinary  
Nora Comstock, Patronage  
Council Member Renteria, Service  
Gerardo Arellano, Emerging Artist  
Roberto Mendoza, Arts Education  
Sylvia Orozco, Lifetime Achievement

## **2015**

Jaime Salvador Castillo, Emerging Artist  
Paloma Mayorga, Emerging Artist  
Mario José Troncoso, Emerging Artist  
Frank Rodriguez, Service  
Rene Renteria, Service  
Dr. Andrés Tijerina, Lifetime Achievement

## **2014**

Ezekiel "Zeke" Robert Castro, Lifetime Achievement  
Eugenio del Bosque, Service  
Mary Gonzalez-Reyna, Music  
Rodolfo "Rudy" Mendez, Theater & Dance  
Cynthia Pérez, Service  
Ishmael Soto, Visual Arts  
José Treviño, Visual Arts  
Tierra Girls, Emerging Artist  
Telemundo Austin, Patronage

## **2012**

Claudia Zapata, Service  
Alfredo Estrada, Patronage  
Anthony Ortiz Jr., Emerging Artist  
Austin Latino Theater Alliance, Arts  
Raul Valdez, Lifetime Achievement  
Manuel "Cowboy" Donley, Lifetime Achievement  
Johnny Degollado, Lifetime Achievement

## **2011**

Latinitas, Service  
Gavin Garcia, Patronage  
Luis Ordaz, Emerging Artist  
Sam Z. Coronado, Arts  
Maria F. Salinas, Lifetime Achievement

## **2009**

Simon Orta, Service



**Viva Mexico - Saturday, Sept 13, 2025**  
**Location TBD (Parque Zaragoza)**



**Dia de los Muertos- Saturday, November 1, 2025**  
**Location TBD (ESB MACC)**

## End of Year Report



The report on 2024 can be found at <https://www.austintexas.gov/page/about-us>  
There is both an English and Spanish version linked on that page.

This report summarizes our programs and events that occurred in 2024.

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