

# MACC Advisory Board Staff Report January 7, 2026





# ESB-MACC Casa De La Cultura



**Casa de la Cultura** will offer accessible and inclusive family -friendly classes and workshops rooted in preserving Mexican American, Indigenous, and Latino culture and traditions. Each pillar within Casa de la Cultura program will support the presentation of local artists, instructors, and educators. We aim to promote a lifelong curiosity for creating art and the expression of identity.



# Cocina

**La Cocina** will offer family -friendly culinary workshops and demonstrations. Participants will explore traditional cooking techniques, diverse Latin American flavors, and promote healthy eating practices while preserving authenticity.

- La Tamalada/ Tortilla -making Workshops
- Cooking Demos
- Nutrition classes



# Tamalada December 6, 2026 - w/Tamale Addiction

## Conley Guerreo Senior Center

### 50 participants





## Community Partners:

Tejano Genealogy Society of Austin  
Sana Yoga  
Herbal Action Project



# Artes Culturales

**Artes Culturales** hosts art classes that invite participants to explore creativity through diverse mediums and styles. Each session encourages artistic expression while highlighting cultural heritage and innovation.

- Ceramics
- Textiles
- Cartoneria



# Danza

**Danza** celebrates rhythm, movement, and the joy of expression. From traditional forms to modern beats, youth and adults alike will connect with culture through motion, music, and dance.

- Ballet Folklórico Classes
- Social Dance – Cumbia Norteña
- Latin folk dance



# Cine

**Cine** celebrates the art of film through screenings, artist talks, and hands-on workshops. The program highlights Latin filmmakers, documentaries, and creative storytelling while offering opportunities to learn about filmmaking techniques.

- Film Screenings
- Make-up Workshops
- Costume Design



# Jardín

**Jardín** invites participants to get their hands in the soil and connect with the earth. Through volunteer opportunities and educational workshops, the program fosters sustainability, herbal knowledge, and community well-being.

- Garden Volunteer Workdays
- Herbalism and Botanical Classes
- Native Plant and Gardening Workshops



# Música

**Música** celebrates the vibrant sounds of Latin America through hands-on music education and creative collaboration. Participants will explore rhythm, melody, and storytelling while building skills in performance.

- Music Instructional Classes – MACC Conjunto/Mariachi
- Songwriting



# Literatura

**Literatura** honors the written word as a powerful expression of identity, memory, and imagination. Participants will engage with culturally relevant works and create their own through reading and writing workshops.

- Book Clubs
- Storytelling
- Poetry



# Movimiento

**Movement** promotes physical wellness and self-expression through diverse forms of movement. These programs invite participants to reconnect with their bodies, nature, and community via a cultural lens.

- Mindful Movement
- Capoeira
- Community Running/Hiking Club



## Youth and Family Education

### Communities in Schools - SmartKids Afterschool

This month at CIS Meadowbrook, students participated in a two -day art activity creating alebrije “burritos” using paper mâché materials. They learned about the origins of alebrijes through the work of artist Pedro Linares and explored the MACC’s virtual alebrije exhibition to deepen their understanding of this Mexican folk art tradition. 13 students took part in the activity, engaging in hands -on artmaking while learning about cultural symbolism and imaginative expression.



# Youth and Family Education



Sabados en Familia – Yarborough Branch Library  
Saturday, December 13th 12pm-2pm

Our Sábados en Familia program welcomed approximately **35 families** at the Yarborough Branch, where participants enjoyed a bilingual reading of 'Twas Nochebuena: A Christmas Story in English and Spanish. Families experienced a live cooking demonstration featuring ponche and buñuelos and took part in creating hojalatas (tin art) alongside festive Christmas ornaments. Ten families also received a complimentary ponche kit to prepare at home for the holidays.





# Youth and Family Education

## Educational Outreach at Govalle Elementary School

The MACC EDU team visited Govalle Elementary School to lead a Navidad celebration workshop with parents and families.

Participants created corn husk dolls and hojalata ornaments together. During the visit, we also registered six families for financial aid assistance for our upcoming Summer and Spring Break camps.

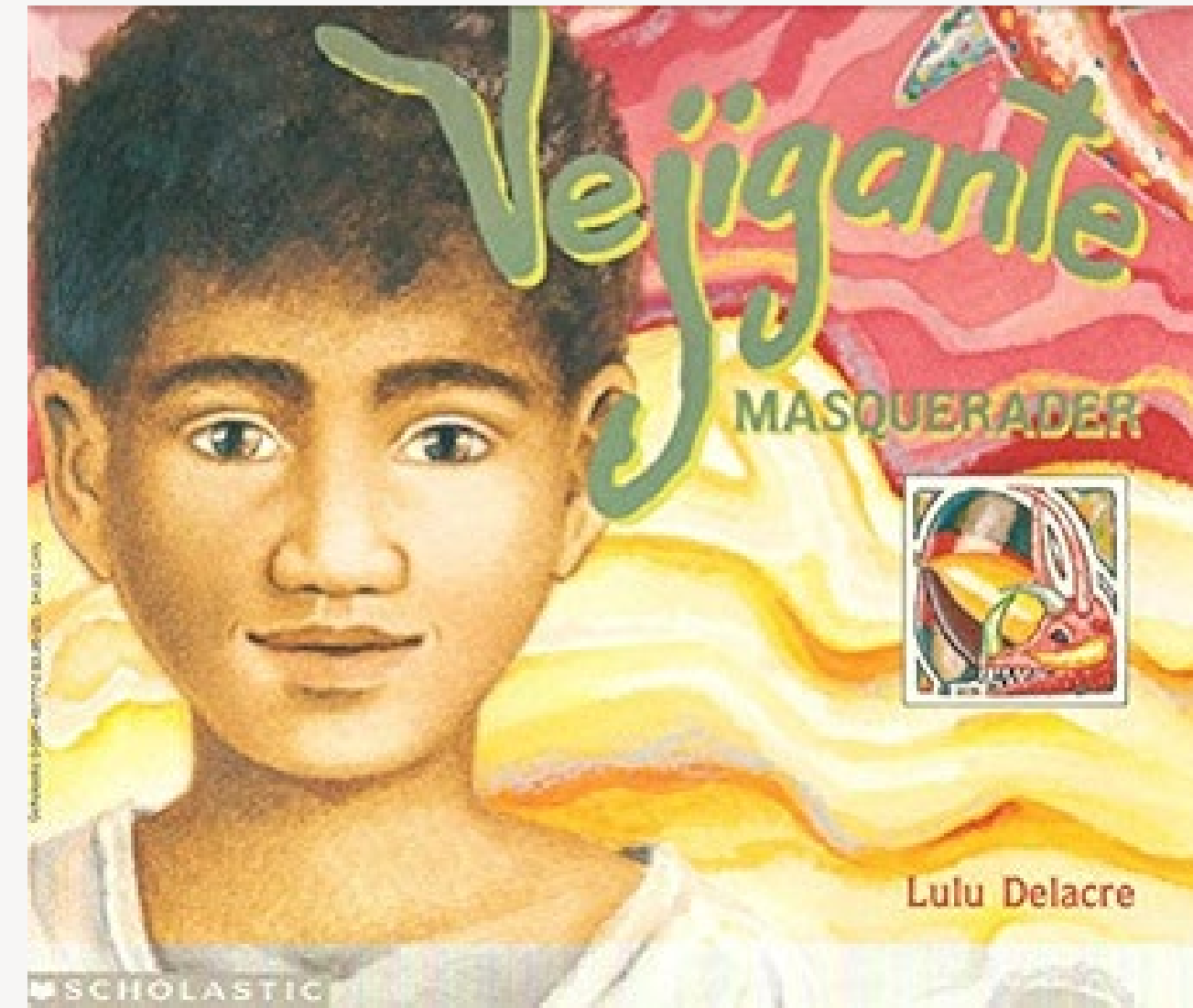


# Youth and Family Education - **Upcoming**



**Sabados en Familia – Windsor Park Library**  
**Saturday, January 10th 12pm-2pm**

This month, we will be reading "Vejigante" by Lulu Delacre, with a moving and powerful book about the Puerto Rican culture. Participants will learn about the bright and playful vejigante masks, inspired by African and Taíno traditions & used to celebrate culture resistance, protection, and imagination. After storytime, participants will create and decorate their own vejigante masks using paper, markers, and other fun art materials to take home and enjoy!





## Youth and Family Education - **Upcoming**

### Spring Break Camp 2026

Siembra is a bilingual cultural arts program for youth ages 5 –12 that teaches Digital Storytelling; Mixed Media; and Illustration. . . Please note that this Spring Break Camp is going to be held at the Asian American Resource Center.

The cost for the one week Spring Break Camp is \$140 for Austin residents (\$220 for non residents)

**Session: Monday March 16th - Friday March 20th**



## Youth and Family Education - **Upcoming**

### Summer Camp 2026

Raíces is a bilingual cultural arts program for youth ages 5 –12 that explores Latin American and indigenous history through a variety of art forms, including performance, visual arts, dance, music, and cooking! Each session is 3 weeks long and there are 3 total sessions in Summer 2026. The cost of the camp is \$420 for a 3 - week session (\$660 for non residents)

**Session 1: Monday June 8th – Friday June 26th**

**Session 2: Monday June 29th – Friday July 17th**

**Session 3: Monday July 20th – Friday August 7th**



# Youth and Family Education - **Upcoming**

## Camp Registration

Families are encouraged to create or log into their online “webtrac” account to make sure their information is up to date and to apply for Financial Aid (or check their financial aid status).

Registration for **Spring Break Camp** is **Feb 14th!**

Registration for **Summer Camp** is **Feb 28th** , but you can register early (Jan 31) if you receive financial aid!

[AustinTexas.gov/MaccEdu](https://austintexas.gov/MaccEdu)

[AustinTexas.gov/SummerCamp](https://austintexas.gov/SummerCamp)

[AustinTexas.gov/PARDFinAid](https://austintexas.gov/PARDFinAid)



# Caminos Teen Leadership Program

Caminos teens celebrated the holidays with their posada at the Austin Central Library! In January they will participate in the Youth Career Fest at the Palmer Events Center on January 27, where thousands of teens gather to find out about internships and employment opportunities. We will be promoting Caminos, the Breaking Barriers Teen Conference (end of March) and Summer Camp employment opportunities.





# Camino Teen Leadership Program

## JANUARY 2026 CAMINOS CALENDAR



ALWAYS BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE AND A LUNCH OR MONEY FOR LUNCH. SNACKS PROVIDED

JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

01/10/26

FIRST DAY BACK FROM BREAK!!! CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY 10:30-4:30 ART SESSION WITH MR. MIGUEL AND BREAKING BARRIERS PLANNING


01/14/26

  
TEAMS MEETING 6-8

01/17/26

  
BOB BULLOCK MUSEUM FIELD TRIP 10:00-4:30

01/24/26

  
CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY BREAKING BARRIERS PLANNING 10:30-4:30

01/28/26

  
TEAMS MEETING 6-8

01/31/26

CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY 10:30-4:30 BREAKING BARRIERS WORKSHOP WITH ZAMARRIPAS





## Outreach

We collaborated with Ballet Folklórico of Austin to provide art activities for their annual posada on December 17th. The education team prepared ornaments for them to decorate and we offered face painting. It was a great way to strengthen our connection to the Ballet Folklórico of Austin community and celebrate Mexican cultural traditions.





## Signature Events

MACC staff will be preparing our upcoming events for the Spring:

**Grand Opening of the MACC**  
April 2026

**La Mujer**  
May 2026

**Awards of Excellence**  
June 2026





## Collaborations

Teatro Vivo in collaboration with the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, presented their annual performance of “La Pastorela!” at the Asian American Resource Center on December 19-21. It was a huge success! Big congratulations to Teatro Vivo and everyone who came out to support for such a wonderful performance!





## Latino/a/e Artist Access Program (LAAP)

The ESB MACC is drawing upon current day feedback collected via the Austin Arts, Culture, Music and Entertainment (AACME) Creative Reset II engagement opportunities, two prior info sessions held earlier this year with a diverse pool of interested artist community member applicants, and community input at board meetings to inform program enhancements.

Moreover, insights shared by the Economic Development Department on their grant's application process will be adapted and integrated where relevant, in the interest of increased consistency, accessibility, and transparency.

The ESB MACC has referenced the in -depth 2019 Community Engagement Review of the Latino Arts Residency Program (LARP) as an instrumental resource for the Latino Artists Access Program (LAAP). This engagement captured extensive feedback critical to artists' needs and aspirations for space and capacity support within Austin.



## Administrative Updates

### Staffing Updates

The ESB MACC will be welcoming three new members to the team. Recruitment for the Culture and Arts Education Specialists has been completed. Two of the positions will be assisting with youth education programs and the third will be assigned to LAAP/Casa de la Cultura.

At this time, recruitment for the Culture and Arts Education Coordinator - Events, Culture and Arts Education Coordinator - Exhibits, and Public Event Leader are under way. The application period for those three positions has closed.