

A COMMUNITY EXHIBIT

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

HONORING DAY OF THE DEAD

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

INVITATION TO CREATE ALTARS

The Grand Rapids Public Library is looking for individuals or groups from the Grand Rapids area to create and display an altar in the special community exhibition: Día de los Muertos: Honoring Day of the Dead, October 30 – November 3, 2019.

This is an opportunity to pay homage to deceased loved ones – family, friends, or ancestors – by creating a personal altar that will be displayed in the Ryerson Auditorium of the Grand Rapids Public Library.

RESERVATION FORM

Reserve your altar space no later than 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 16. Altar space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

First and last name of the loved one you are honoring with an altar:

Your Name (or group's name):

Your phone number: _____

Your email address: _____

ORAL HISTORY OPPORTUNITY:

Would you like to share your family's story with us?

Yes No

RETURN FORM:

Deadline for reserving space is Wednesday, October 16 at 6:00 pm

- Email information or reservation to programs@grpl.org
- Drop off form at the desk of any GRPL location
- Mail form to: Grand Rapids Public Library, Attn: Day of the Dead, 111 Library St. NE, Grand Rapids MI 49503
- Fax form to 616.988.5420
- Submit form online: www.grpl.org/altar

SCHEDULE

Monday, October 28 –

Tuesday, October 29

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Set-up altars

Wednesday, October 30

9:00 am – 8:30 pm

Altars on display for public viewing

School visits as scheduled

Thursday, October 31

9:00 am – 8:30 pm

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School visits as scheduled

Friday, November 1 –

Saturday, November 2

9:00 am – 5:30 pm

Altars on display for public viewing

Sunday, November 3

1:00 am – 4:30 pm

Altars on display for public viewing

Join us for Family Day Celebration

Monday, November 4

9:00 am – 8:30 pm

Take down altars



Funding for this program was provided by the Grand Rapids Public Library Foundation.

Consider a gift today!

Donate by calling 616.988.5399 or visiting www.grplfoundation.org.

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We encourage participants to spend time at their altar during the event, if possible, since the public loves to ask questions about the altar and the person being honored.

The Library will provide:

- One (1) 4' by 6' table
- Six (6) LED votive candles with batteries
- Marigolds

You will provide:

- Cloth to cover your table
- Personal items for your altar*
 - photographs
 - objects of personal significance
 - sugar skulls
 - skeletons/catrinatas
 - artificial food or food sealed in packaging
 - flowers
 - decorations
 - toys
 - incense
 - art
 - unopened bottled or canned drinks

Suggestions include:

Rules:

- No real food other than fruit with peel on.
- No lit candles will be permitted. You will be given 6 LED votive candles.
- Electrical outlets are not available.

ALTAR DISPLAY DATES

Altars will be on display for public viewing Wednesday, October 30 through Sunday, November 3.

TAKING DOWN YOUR ALTAR

Altars must be taken down on Monday, November 4, 9:00 am – 8:30 pm. Please remember to bring boxes to pack your items. After 8:30 pm the altars and any items left behind will be removed.

FOR MORE INFO:

Contact 616.988.5400 or programs@grpl.org.

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FOR ALTAR IDEAS:

www.azcentral.com/ent/dead/altar

www.latino.si.edu/DayoftheDead

*Your altar will be open to public viewing. The library is not responsible for the loss of any personal items.

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