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EVANSVILLE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION TO BE HELD AT EVPL WEST

October 31, 2023 – On Saturday, November 4, EVPL West will be the site of dancing, crafts, ofrendas, an art parade, authentic Mexican food and more, all as part of the seventh annual Evansville Día de los Muertos celebration.

The event, presented by EVPL in partnership with staff and students from Montessori Academy and Signature School, offers an opportunity to learn about this ancient Mexican celebration that is now observed in communities around the world.

“Día de los Muertos translates to Day of the Dead, but rather than a day of mourning, the holiday is a joyful celebration that is believed to reunite the living and the dead,” said Marisela De la Parra, EVPL Outreach Specialist. “Día de los Muertos is a day the family gets together to remember and celebrate, tell stories, eat the favorite food our departed loved ones enjoyed, laugh and enjoy music. It is a loving fiesta!”

The event will take place from 2-6 p.m. at EVPL West, both throughout the surrounding park and inside the library. The library’s downstairs meeting space will be a dedicated ofrenda room, featuring ofrendas made by people throughout our community.

The ofrenda is the centerpiece of any Día de los Muertos celebration and includes an array of thoughtfully selected objects arranged to honor and evoke memories of a departed relative, friend or public figure. Tradition holds that the ofrenda attracts and guides the spirit home for a single day each year to linger in the love and companionship of the living.

Individuals and families throughout the community are also invited to join the art parade, which will begin at 5:30 and will feature unique “floats,” costumes and face paint. Winners of the EVPL piñata contest, which included 52 submissions by children and teens, will be announced at 3 p.m.

More information about the event, including photos of prior celebrations, details about creating an ofrenda, or art parade guidelines, is available at www.evpl.org/dia. Those who wish to create and share an ofrenda should email dayofthedead@evpl.org to confirm details and reserve a table.

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