

Bexley City Schools

Heritage Month Resources

Edition I: Hispanic/Latinx (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, 2024)



The purpose of this document is to:

- Build cultural competency within the Bexley community
- Provide resources to teachers and administrators to celebrate the histories, culture, and contributions of Hispanic/Latinx people throughout American history
- Support all teachers and administrators with incorporating resources at the classroom and school building-level during Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month

Curated by the Bexley Culture Climate Team

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Teaching National Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month

Every year from September 15 to October 15, Americans celebrate **National Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month** by appreciating the community's history, heritage, and contributions of the ancestors of American citizens who came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, South and Central America.

Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month originally started with one week of commemoration when it was first introduced by Congressman George E. Brown in June 1968. Under President Lyndon B. Johnson **Hispanic Heritage Week** was established and was later extended to a 30-day celebration by President Ronald Reagan, starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law via approval of [Public Law 100-402](#), on August 17, 1988.

September 15 is set as the starting date for the month as it is important for many reasons. It is the independence anniversary for Latin American countries El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Honduras. From here onwards, the independence days of Mexico and Chile fall on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

Why and How We Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

The U.S. Census bureau estimates that there are 63.7 million Hispanics/Latinos in the United States or 19.1 percent of the US population as of July 2022. The Hispanic/Latino population continues to advance our communities across the country as doctors, scientists, small business owners, veterans, teachers, and public servants, among other professions. Hispanic Heritage Month allows us to recognize their achievements and contributions to our national story.

When celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, it is important to keep at the forefront of your celebrations that you are recognizing the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. This is a time to try to dig deeper than the surface level and learn about the adversity that was overcome to persevere. We want to appreciate and not appropriate. Quick tips on how to appreciate and not appropriate:

1. Examine your own culture and beliefs. Knowing your own culture is a good way to understand and appreciate other cultures.
2. Recognize and embrace cultural differences.
3. Do not use sacred artifacts or symbols from another culture as an accessory.
4. Ask why.
5. Be an ally!

The **National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers (NCHEPM)**, announced the **2024 Hispanic Heritage Month Observance Theme: "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together."** The theme encapsulates the spirit of innovation, resilience, and unity that define the Hispanic experience. "The theme recognizes all the Hispanics/Latinos who have been trailblazers and game changers; paving the way for future generations."

To learn more about the Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month theme and activities to engage students and the community, please refer to the Hispanic Heritage Month Toolkit 2024 at <https://hispanicstar.org/toolkit/> and specifically the [Hispanic Heritage Month Briefing Book 2024](#).

Do you know the difference between Hispanic, Latino/a, and Latinx?

Hispanic refers to native Spanish speakers or those with Spanish-speaking ancestry

- By definition, a person from Chile is Hispanic because Spanish is the primary language spoken in Chile. However, a person from Brazil would not be Hispanic, because Portuguese is the primary language.

Latino/a refers to people of Latin American descent

- Therefore, a person from Ecuador is considered Latino/a but a person from Spain is not.

Latinx is a gender-neutral alternative to Latino/a

- Latinx is debated within the community on its use. It is still used by some in the community and others choose not to use it.

Latine is created by LGBTQ spanish speakers. The letter “e” is used to show inclusivity within existing Spanish pronunciation.

Daily Announcements

Sept 15 - September 15th is a historically significant day that marks the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Sept 16 - September 16th is Mexican Independence Day, which celebrates Mexico’s declaration of independence from Spain in 1810. This day is filled with national pride, colorful parades, mariachi concerts, and food. People of Mexican heritage all over the world commemorate this important event in their country’s history.

Sept 17 - Hispanic Heritage Week was started by President Lyndon Johnson in 1968. It was then later expanded to a whole month under President Ronald Reagan in 1988. **National Hispanic Heritage Month** is from September 15th to October 15th. During this month, Americans pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic and Latinx Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

Sept 18 - September 18th is Chile’s Independence Day. This public holiday marks the date when the Chilean people declared independence from Spain in 1810. It is Chile's National Day and along with Christmas, this period is the most important holiday time in Chile.

Sept 19 - Dolores Huerta is a living civil rights icon. She has spent most of her life as a political activist fighting for better working conditions for farmworkers, and she is a firm believer in the power of political organizing to effect change. She co-founded the United Farm Workers of America union with Cesar Chavez. Though often overshadowed, she coined the movement's famous slogan, *Sí se puede* — Spanish for "Yes, we can". President Barack Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012.

Sept 20 - Spanish is spoken by more than 559 million people globally. Of those, 460 million are native speakers, making Spanish the language with the second largest population of native speakers in the world (Mandarin holds the top title). In the U.S., 13 percent of the population speaks Spanish at home, earning it the title of the most common non-English language spoken. The U.S. also has the 2nd largest population of Spanish speakers in the world (Mexico has the largest). There are approximately 254 million people who speak English and approximately 43 million people who speak Spanish.

Sept 21 - On September 21, 1981, Belize was declared an independent nation, free from Britain's ruling. Annually, to celebrate this historic moment, the entire month of September is filled with festivities, activities and celebrations that show the citizens' patriotism for the country.

Sept 22 - Octaviano Ambrosio Larrazolo was a republican politician who was the Governor of New Mexico from 1919 to 1921. He was notably the first US Senator of Mexican-American heritage to be elected to that office. His senatorship paved the way for other Latinx Senators like Robert Menendez, Marco Rubio, Catherine Cortez Masto, and Ted Cruz.

Sept 23 - On this day in 1868 a small group of Puerto Rican radicals attempted an uprising known as the Grito de Lares. Though the revolt was initially unsuccessful, it marked an important turning point. Over the next few years, Spain granted Puerto Rico several concessions toward self-governance.

Sept 24 - Oscar Hijuelos was an American novelist, the son of Cuban immigrants, whose writing chronicles the pre-Castro Cuban immigrant experience in the United States, particularly in New York City. In 1990, he was the first Hispanic writer to win a Pulitzer Prize for his second fiction novel "The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love".

Sept 25 - Celia Cruz was a Cuban-American singer. She is known as the Queen of Salsa music. She won 3 Grammys and 4 Latin Grammys. The Celia Cruz Foundation was created to help Latinx students learn about music.

Sept 26 - Cesar Chavez was an American civil rights activist who fought for improving the treatment, pay, and working conditions for farm workers. He started a union for migrant farm workers. Also, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom after his death in 1993.

Sept 27 - Ellen Ochoa is an American engineer, former astronaut and former director of the Johnson Space Center. In 1993 Ochoa became the first Hispanic woman to go to space when she served on a nine-day mission aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery.

Sept 28 - Mario José Molina-Pasquel Henríquez is a chemist who studied in Mexico and Germany before coming to the United States to study the effects of man-made compounds on the ozone layer. Mario Molina won a Nobel Prize in 1995 for his crucial work in understanding how the ozone layer is formed and depleted.

Sept 29 - Roberto Clemente was one of the greatest Latino baseball players of all time. He played for the Pittsburgh Pirates and helped them win the World Series in 1960 and 1971.

There is a statue of him outside of PNC Park in Pittsburgh. He was also a humanitarian who worked in the off-season organizing charity drives, and donating his time and money.

Sept 30 - Carlos Juan Finlay was a Cuban epidemiologist who in 1881 discovered that yellow fever is transmitted from infected to healthy humans by a mosquito. Although he published experimental evidence of this discovery in 1886, his ideas were ignored for 20 years.

Oct 1 - Ezequiel Cabeza de Baca was the first Hispanic elected for office as lieutenant governor in New Mexico's first election. He served from 1912-1917. His term as lieutenant governor was followed by his election as the second elected governor of New Mexico (after William C. McDonald) in which he served a short term before his death in 1917.

Oct 2 - The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented to a Latinx writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latinx cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.

Oct 3 - Esperanza Rising is a young adult historical fiction novel by Pam Muñoz Ryan. Esperanza Rising joins the Scholastic Gold line, which features award-winning and beloved novels. Esperanza Rising has received numerous awards including the Jane Addams award in 2001 and the Pura Belpré medal in 2002.

Oct 4 - Tom Fears was the first Hispanic Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee in 1970. From 1948 through 1956, Fears played wide receiver and tight end for the Los Angeles Rams. In his nine NFL seasons, Fears caught 400 passes for 5,397 yards and 38 touchdowns. Later in his life he became an assistant coach for the Rams and the Packers. He was also an entrepreneur and military veteran.

Oct 5 - Michelle Lynn Lujan Grisham is an American lawyer and politician. She was elected to the U.S. Congress in 2011, serving three terms in Washington on behalf of New Mexico's 1st Congressional District. Since 2019, she has been serving as the 32nd governor of New Mexico. She is the first Democratic Latina to be elected governor in U.S. history.

Oct 6 - Hispanic culture has influenced American cuisine. Among the most popular Hispanic dishes in the United States are tortillas, tamales, tacos, different salsas and condiments like guacamole and Pico de Gallo.

Oct 7 - Since World War II, the United States has experienced a strong Latin influence in jazz, pop and hip-hop music. Salsa, Samba, Bossa Nova, Merengue, Reggeaton, Tango, Cueca, Bolero, Danzon, Rumba, Cumbia, Mambo, and Latin Pop are among the long list of types and variations of Latin music each bringing their native rhythms and unique sound.

Oct 8 - Carlos Santana is a Mexican-American guitarist, composer, singer and band-leader who rose to fame in the late 1960s and early 1970s with his band Santana, which pioneered a fusion of rock 'n' roll and Latin American jazz. Carlos Santana was the first Hispanic Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee in 1998.

Oct 9 - Within the four military branches of the US Department of Defense it was reported in 2022 that 17.2% of active duty military are of Hispanic/Latinx descent. There are

approximately 1.4 million veterans in the United States who are of Hispanic/Latinx origin.

Oct 10 - Hispanic and Latin American culture places a strong value on family. Historically, Hispanics and Latin Americans tended to have large, close-knit families. It was not uncommon for three generations to live in the same household or nearby each other, with grandparents playing an important role in their grandchildren's upbringing. Although such living situations have become less common, the emphasis on the well-being of the family often makes Hispanic and Latinx Americans very group-oriented with family gatherings being commonplace.

Oct 11 - Husband-and-wife team Emilio and Gloria Estefan started their rise to global fame in 1985 with Miami Sound Machine, creating a unique sound that blended Latin and pop rhythms. In 2019, the Estefan's were the recipients of the Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song. The honorees represent two firsts for the prize – they are the first recipients of Hispanic descent and the first married couple to receive the award.

Oct 12 - Frida Kahlo was a famous painter. Her paintings were influenced by native Mexican culture, shown in bright colors, with a mixture of realism and symbolism. She is also known for her inimitable eyebrows in her self-portraits. During her life Frida made over 200 paintings. Artists still study her work today.

Oct 13 - Geraldo Rivera is an American investigative journalist, former talk show host, conservative political commentator, and television personality. From 1987-1998 he was the host of his own daytime talk show. Since then he has continued his journalistic career and made many movie appearances.

Oct 14 - Julia Alvarez is a Dominican-American poet, novelist, and essayist. She rose to prominence with the novels: "How the García Girls Lost Their Accents", "In the Time of the Butterflies", and "Yo!". Alvarez's awards include the Pura Belpré and América's Awards for her books for young readers, the Hispanic Heritage Award, and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award. In 2013, she received the National Medal of Arts from President Barack Obama.

Oct 15 - Cultural and ethnic diversity in the United States continues to grow at unprecedented rates. According to the 2020 census, the Hispanics/Latinx community is approximately 18.18% or approximately 62 million people of the total US population, however it is projected that by the year 2050 Hispanics/Latinxs will make up approximately 106 million of the U.S. population.

Bulletin Boards

Tip: Click on each picture to access printable materials to make bulletin boards for your school or classroom that are inspired by the ones below.



Sample Hispanic Heritage Month Lesson Plan

- [8 Ideas for Teaching National Hispanic Heritage Month](#) - Anti Defamation League
- [Hispanic Heritage Month Lessons, videos, and activities](#): nea.org
- [Hispanic and Latino Heritage and History in the United States](#): EDSITEment
- [Hispanic Heritage Month Teacher Resources](#): Teacher Vision

The Arts - Performing

Tip: Click on each picture to get inspiration for lesson ideas and artist spotlights.

- Article: [These 3 Latina actresses are helping make Broadway more inclusive](#)
- Video: [My identity is a superpower - not an obstacle](#) - America Ferrera (TED Talk)

Lin-Manuel Miranda

Playwright, Singer, & Actor



Sergio Trujillo

Choreographer



Joana Carneiro

Conductor



Miguel Harth-Bedoya

Conductor



Mayes C. Rubeo

Costume Designer



Evelyn Cisneros

Prima Ballerina



Carlos José Alvarez

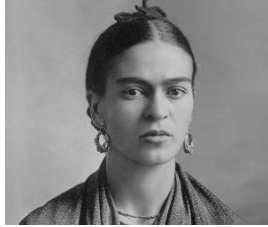
Film Score Composer



The Arts - Visual

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Frida Kahlo



Nazca Lines



Rafael Lopez - Illustrator



Mexican Folk Art



K-12

- Growing Up Bilingual Crafts for Kids:
<https://growingupbilingual.com/latina-american-crafts-for-kids-to-celebrate-hispanic-heritage-month/>
- Señora Cruz' Hispanic Art Projects:
<https://www.pinterest.com/sracruzspanish/hispanic-art-projects/>
- Mommy Maestra HHM Crafts for Kids:
<https://www.pinterest.com/mommymaestra/hispanic-heritage-month-lessons-crafts/>
- Modern Mami HHM Crafts:
<https://www.modernmami.com/hispanic-heritage-month-activities-for-kids/>
- Picasso's Guernica
<https://www.teachervision.com/works-art/picassos-guernica>
- Easy To Make Fiesta Favorites
<https://www.teachervision.com/mexican-history-hispanic-heritage/easy-make-fiesta-favorites>

Secondary

- NewsELA Article: [Latina photographer who captured civil rights movement receives exhibition](#)
- Momtastic HHM Crafts:
<https://www.momtastic.com/latina/552943-31-crafts-hispanic-heritage-month/>
- Google Drawing: [Felicitas Mendez](#)
- [Five Artists of the Mexican Revolution](#)
- Teacher Resource: [Latinx Artists](#) from Anti Racist Art Teachers
- [Best Latino Movies to Watch as a Family](#): Common Sense Media
- [46 Hispanic Movies to Watch with the Whole Family](#): Rotten Tomatoes
- [10 Latino Coming-of-Age Movies You Should Stream](#): Remezcla
- Explore art, fashion, and culture using [Google Arts & Culture](#).

Latin American Art in Museums:

- (In Ohio) Cleveland Museum of Art, "A Graphic Revolution: Prints and Drawings in Latin America" Exhibit (on display now until 11/29/20):
<https://www.clevelandart.org/exhibitions/a-graphic-revolution-prints-and-drawings-latin-america>

- (In Ohio) Cleveland Museum of Art's Latin American Permanent Collection: <https://www.clevelandart.org/art/departments/art-americas>
- (In Ohio) Toledo Museum of Art, Marisol Escobar: <https://www.toledomuseum.org/about/news/dec-23-art-minute-marisol-party>
- National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago: <https://nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org>
- El Museo del Barrio, New York City: <https://www.elmuseo.org>

Roberto Lugo



Romero Britto



Peru: "Alta Moda"

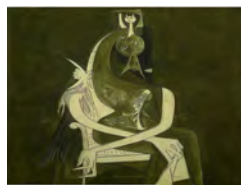


Smithsonian American Art Museum

Latinx Art



Latino Art & Artists



Jaime Dominguez



Barbara Rivera



ELA

K-12

- Poetry: [U.S. Latinx Voices in Poetry](#)
- [Pura Belpré Medal Winners \(writers and illustrators awards\)](#)

Drawn To...Family!

Hispanic Heritage Month | Cartoon Network



- [Cesar Chavez: Labor Leader & Civil Rights Activist Lesson Plan](#) (grades 3-8)
- [Luis Soriano: Biblioburro](#)
- Comprehension Activity: [Cielito Lindo \(Pretty Little Darling\)](#)
- [Heritage Month Mini Project](#)
- [Pear Deck Slides](#)

Secondary

- [García Márquez’s Nobel Prize Speech: “The Solitude of Latin America”](#)
- [Viva la Causa video, Teachers Guide](#)
- [Latino Civil Rights Timeline, 1903 to 2006](#)
- [Understanding the History of Latino Civil Rights](#)
- [Hispanic Heritage Month aims to embrace many difference traditions](#)
- [Magical Realism in *100 Years of Solitude*](#)
- Video: [My identity is a supeSpanish power - not an obstacle](#) - America Ferrera (TED Talk)
- [Pear Deck Slides](#)

Family Consumer Sciences

Tip: Click on each picture to see culinary highlights from Latin American countries.

Pando Plateau, Bolivia: Brazil Nuts



Peru: Andean Kañihua



Ecuador: Black Amaranth



Chile: Calbuco Black-Bordered Oysters



Guatemala: Ixcán Cardamom



Dominican Republic: Sierra Cafetalera Coffee



- [64 Best Authentic Mexican Food Recipes](#): Taste of Home
- [Traditional Hispanic Food](#): WebstaurantStore
- [Hispanic Food & Recipes - Latin Cuisine 101](#): Mexican Please
- [15 Recipes to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month](#): Hy-Vee
- [Latin American Recipes](#): Bonappetit
- [Our Favorite Latin American Recipes](#): Cooking Channel
- [The 40 BEST Latin Foods](#): Gypsyplate
- Ponces-empanadas-meldocinas
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13K8diYm3szCtoyReFqHeGo2Zq0hKl4s3/view?usp=gmail>

Math

K-12

- Podcast: [Lathisms \(Latinx and Hispanics in the Mathematical Sciences\)](#)
- [Five Hispanic and Latino Mathematicians](#)
- [National Geographic on Khipus](#)
- [Mayan Math](#)

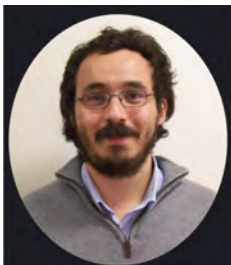
Elementary

- [Key Facts about U.S. Latinos for National Hispanic Heritage Month](#) (Data)
- [Facts on Latinos in the U.S.](#) (Data)

Middle

- [Investing Different Bases - Teaching the Mayan Number System](#)
- [Key Facts about U.S. Hispanics and Their Diverse Heritage](#)

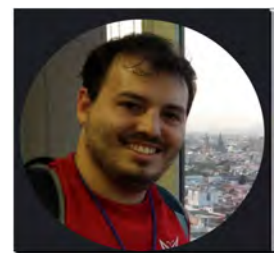
Tip: Click on each picture to introduce your students to mathematicians, researchers, and professors.



Iván Contreras
Physics



Carlos William Castillo-Garsow
Applied Mathematics & Modeling



Enrique Treviño
Number Theory



Sandra Crespo
Resilience & Creativity in Classroom



Guadalupe Inés Lozano
Calculus & Math Advocacy Work



Patricio Guillermo Herbst
Geometry & Proofs

Music

Elementary

Tip: Click on each picture below to introduce your students to famous musicians and cultural dances.

[Flamenco Dance Studio Field Trip \(PreK-3\)](#)

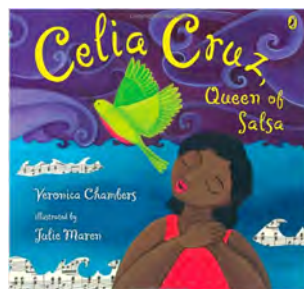


[Los Machetes Jalisco](#)



Music Read Alouds

Tip: Click on each picture below to follow along with the music read alouds



Secondary

Tip: The articles below can help teachers reflect on how we might incorporate Afro-Latinx Music into the classroom.

- Article - [Brazilian Black Music: Latin America Beyond the Stigmas](#)
- Article - [Black Latinx Musicians Throughout History](#)
 - [School music programs open their doors to mariachi](#)
 - [Billboard Latin Women in Music](#)

- [Traditional/Folk Music of Mexico](#): FolkCloud
- [Mexican Music](#): World Music Central

Tip: Click on each picture below to introduce your students to famous Hispanic/Latinx musicians



Shakira



Peso Pluma



Young Miko



J Noa

P.E.

Sports & Games

- [Chaza](#) (Colombia)
- [Paleta Fronton](#) (Peru)

Tip: Click on each picture below to learn more about important people in sports/athletics

Linda Alvarado
Co-Owner, Colorado Rockies



Al Avila
General Manager, Detroit Tigers



Hugo Balta
Senior Director of Hispanic Initiatives, ESPN



Mònica González
Founding Member of the Mexican Women's National Team



Jessica Mendoza
First Female Analyst in MLB History



Ron Rivera
Head Coach, Washington Commanders



Marisabel Muñoz
VP of Communications
Major League Soccer



Oscar de la Hoya
Boxing Champion



Science

K-12

- [SACNAS Biography Project](#)
- [10 Game Changing Hispanic Scientists You Didn't Learn About In School](#)
- [5 Inspiring Hispanic Scientists](#)
- [10 Hispanic Scientists You Should Know](#)
- [Hispanic Heritage Month: 25 Hispanic and Latinx trailblazers in science and biotechnology to know](#): Biotechnology

Elementary

- Physics, Soundwaves, & Frequencies: [Create Your Own Panpipes](#) & [Straw Pan Pipes](#)
- Earth Science: [The Science of Machu Picchu](#) and [Related National Geographic Video](#)
- Physical Science: [Pyramid Building: How to Use a Wedge](#)

Tip: Click on each picture below to learn more about important people in science/engineering

Franklin Chang-Díaz
First Hispanic Astronaut



Olga D. González-Sanabria
Director of Engineering, NASA



Mario Molina
Nobel Prize Winning Scientist



Secondary

- Articles:
 - [Website uses telenovelas to teach Latinos about kidney transplants](#)
 - [Mummy hair gives clues to ancient life in South America](#)

Tip: Click on each picture below to introduce your students to scientists, researchers, and professors. Teachers will need to make an account on [scientistspotlights.org](https://www.scientistspotlights.org) to view these profiles.



Alegra Eroy-Reveles
Chemistry & Inclusion in STEM Field



Norma Cecilia Martinez-Gomez
Biology, Environmentalism, Engineering



Hector Aguilar-Carreno
Biology; Viruses



Alejandro Vélez
Ecology & Evolution



Leticia Márquez-Magaña
Gene Expression; Health Disparities



Hannah Inés Shamloo
Geosciences

Social Studies

Elementary

- [Cesar Chavez: Labor Leader & Civil Rights Activist Lesson Plan](#) (Grades 3-8)
- [Sonia Sotomayor Facts for Kids](#)
- [Maria Moreno: The Unsung History Makers](#) (5th grade)
- [Luis Soriano: Biblioburro](#)
- [Pear Deck Slides](#)
- [Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration City of Columbus 2022](#)
- National Park Services on Hispanic Heritage Month:
<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/tellingallamericansstories/americanlatinoheritage.htm>

Secondary

- [An Overview of Latino and Latin American Identity](#)
- [Viva la Causa Teachers Guide](#)
- [Latino Civil Rights Timeline, 1903 to 2006](#)
- [Understanding the History of Latino Civil Rights](#)
- [Telling All Americans' Stories: American Latino Heritage](#)
- [Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope | Race and Culture](#)
- [The Brutal History of Anti-Latino Discrimination in America](#)
- [Afro-Latino: A Deeply Rooted Identity Among US Hispanics](#) (Pew Research Data)
- Articles:
 - [Latinx advocates step up drive to preserve heritage](#)
 - [Latina photographer who captured civil rights movement receives exhibition](#)
- Google Drawing: [Felicitas Mendez - Mendez vs. Westminster](#) (PBS Video)
- [Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month: National Register of Historic Places](#) (MS only)
- [Magical Realism in *100 Years of Solitude*](#) (HS only)
- [Five Artists of the Mexican Revolution](#) (HS only)
- [Pear Deck Slides](#) (HS only)
- [Hispanic heritage month latino festival 2022](#) (MS/HS)
- Library of Congress – Hispanic Heritage Month: <https://guides.loc.gov/hispanic-american-studies>
- Pew Research – About Hispanic Heritage Month: <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/10/14/facts-for-national-hispanic-heritage-month/>

Tip: Create virtual field trips, explore historic sites, and support research projects using [Google Earth](#).

World Language

- Articles:
 - [Gatekeepers of Spanish language discuss new words for dictionary](#)
 - [In “Despacito,” reggaeton rises from margins to pop triumph in the US](#)
- Videos
 - [Why is Celia Cruz Called the Queen of Salsa? #BecauseOfHerStory](#)
 - [La NASA celebra el mes de la herencia hispana 2020](#)
 - Center for Folklore Studies at OSU: [Oral Narratives of Latin@s in Ohio](#) (in Spanish)
- Lessons: [Balía: Latin Dance in the Spanish Classroom](#) (Grades 9-12)

Tip: Explore art, fashion, and culture support using [Google Arts & Culture](#).

Google Arts & Culture
Peru: “Alta Moda”

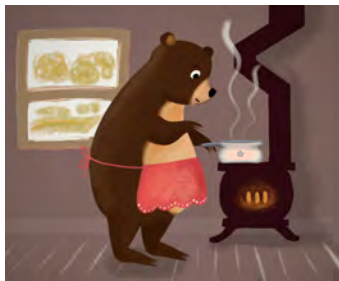


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Google Earth
South America



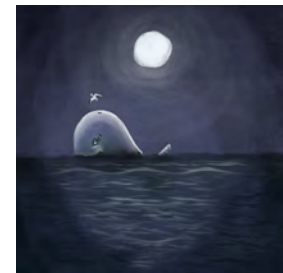
Spanish Read Alouds
Ricitos de Oro y Los Tres Osos



Pollito Tito



El Pájaro y la Ballena



Preschool Resources

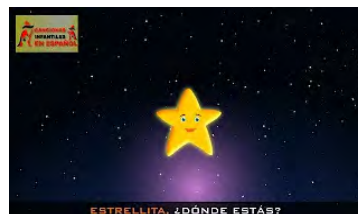
Tip: Click on each title below to watch the videos.

Songs

[Itsy Bitsy Spider](#)



[Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star](#)

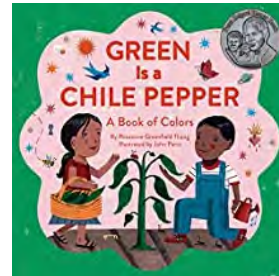
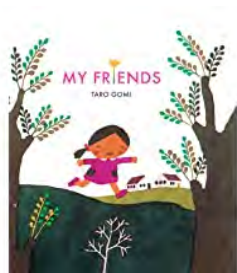
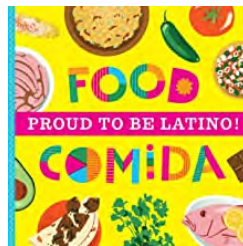


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Bilingual books

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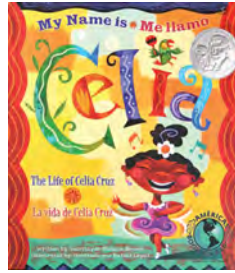
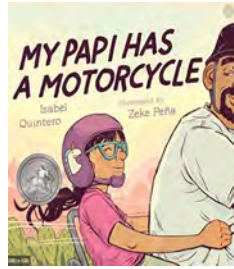


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Elementary Book Read Alouds and Recommendations

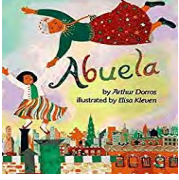
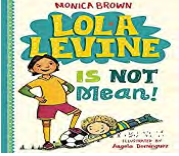
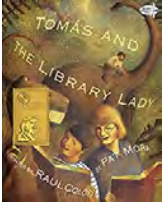
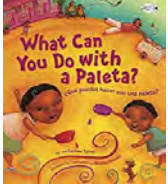


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Additional Elementary Titles:


<p>All the Way to Havana by Margarita Engle</p> 	<p>Together, a boy and his parents drive to the city of Havana, Cuba, in their old family car. Along the way, they experience the sights and sounds of the streets—neighbors talking, musicians performing, and beautiful, colorful cars putt-putting and bumpety-bumping along. In the end, though, it's their old car, Cara Cara, that the boy loves best.</p>
<p>Bravo! Poems about Amazing Hispanics by Margarita Engle</p> 	<p>Musician, botanist, baseball player, pilot—the Latinos featured in this collection, Bravo!, come from many different countries and from many different backgrounds. Celebrate their accomplishments and their contributions to a collective history and a community that continues to evolve and thrive today!</p>
<p>Turning Pages: My Life Story by Sonia Sotomayor</p> 	<p>As the first Latina Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor has inspired young people around the world to reach for their dreams. But what inspired her? For young Sonia, the answer was books! They were her mirrors, her maps, her friends, and her teachers. They helped her to connect with her family in New York and in Puerto Rico, to deal with her diabetes diagnosis, to cope with her father's death, to uncover the secrets of the world, and to dream of a future for herself in which anything was possible.</p>
<p>Abuela by Arthur Dorros</p>	<p>Come join Rosalba and her grandmother, her abuela, on a magical journey as they fly over the streets, sights, and people of New York City which sparkles below. The story is narrated in English, and sprinkled with Spanish phrases as Abuela points out places that they explore together. The exhilaration in Rosalba's and Abuela's story is magnified by the loving bond that only a grandmother and granddaughter can share.</p>






	
<p>Lola Levine: Series by Monica Brown</p> 	<p>Lola Levine likes writing in her diario, sipping her mom's cafe con leche, eating her dad's matzo ball soup, and playing soccer with her team, the Orange Smoothies. So what if she doesn't always fit in? Lola is fierce on the field, but when a soccer game during recess gets too competitive, she accidentally hurts her classmate Juan Gomez. Now everyone is calling her Mean Lola Levine! Lola feels terrible, but with the help of her family, her super best friend, Josh Blot, and a little "pencil power," she just might be able to turn it all around.</p>
<p>Tomas and the Library Lady by Pat Mora</p> 	<p>A Common Core Exemplar Text by an award-winning author-illustrator team</p> <p>Tomás is a son of migrant workers. Every summer he and his family follow the crops north from Texas to Iowa, spending long, arduous days in the fields. At night they gather around to hear Grandfather's wonderful stories. But before long, Tomás knows all the stories by heart. "There are more stories in the library," Papa Grande tells him. The very next day, Tomás meets the library lady and a whole new world opens up for him.</p>
<p>What Can You Do With a Paleta? by Carmen Tafolla</p> 	<p>A paleta is a Mexican Popsicle and this gorgeously illustrated picture book portrays the glorious wonders of the paleta as well as life in their barrio (neighborhood).</p>
<p>Chato's Kitchen by Gary Soto</p> 	<p>Chato the cat (Chato el Gato) lives in the barrio in east L.A. He makes a big dinner (la cena) and invites his new neighbors (las vecinas) to dinner, Los Ratones (mice). Is the dinner for them, or are they the dinner?</p>
<p>Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos by Monica Brown</p> 	<p>Award Winning Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos, written by Monica Brown and illustrated by John Parra, is based on the life of one of the world's most influential painters, Frida Kahlo, and the animals that inspired her art and life.</p>


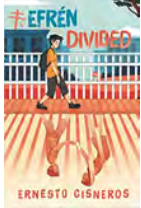

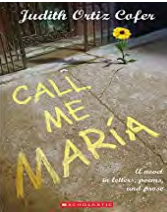
<p>Luchía the Luchadora by Cynthia Garza</p> 	<p>Lucía zips through the playground in her cape just like the boys, but when they tell her "girls can't be superheroes," suddenly she doesn't feel so mighty. That's when her beloved abuela reveals a dazzling secret: Lucía comes from a family of Luchadoras, the bold and valiant women of the Mexican Lucha libre tradition. Cloaked in a flashy new disguise, Lucía returns as a recess sensation! But when she's confronted with a case of injustice, Lucía must decide if she can stay true to the ways of the Luchadora and fight for what is right, even if it means breaking the sacred rule of never revealing the identity behind her mask.</p>
<p>Marti's Song for Freedom by Emma Otheguy</p> 	<p>A bilingual biography of José Martí, who dedicated his life to the promotion of liberty, the abolishment of slavery, political independence for Cuba, and intellectual freedom. Written in verse with excerpts from Martí's seminal work, Versos Sencillos.</p>
<p>Sing, Don't Cry by Angela Dominguez</p> 	<p>Once a year, Abuelo comes from Mexico to visit his family. He brings his guitar, his music—and his memories.</p> <p>In this story inspired by the life of Apolinar Navarrete Diaz—author Angela Dominguez's grandfather and a successful mariachi musician—Abuelo and his grandchildren sing through the bad times and the good. Lifting their voices and their spirits, they realize that true happiness comes from singing together.</p>
<p>The Little Doctor by Elena Young</p> 	<p>In this engaging bilingual picture book for children ages 4-8, a young Salvadoran boy dreams of becoming a doctor who speaks both English and Spanish so that patients like his beloved grandmother aren't afraid to visit the doctor. Paired with lively, colorful illustrations by Victoria Castillo, this book will encourage children to think about their own futures as well as the role their culture can play in helping the community.</p>

Secondary Book Recommendations


Middle School

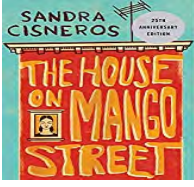




<p>Path to the Stars by Sylvia Acevedo</p> 	<p>The inspiring memoir for young readers about a Latina rocket scientist whose early life was transformed by joining the Girl Scouts and who currently serves as CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA.</p>
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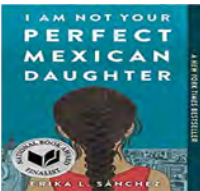
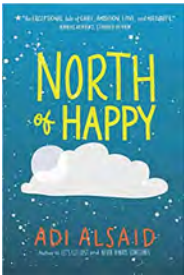
<p>The Other Half of Happy</p> 	<p>This immersive and beautifully written novel follows the story of Quijana, a girl in pieces. Quijana must figure out which parts of herself are most important, and which pieces come together to make her whole.</p>
<p>Letters from Cuba</p> 	<p>Pura Belpré Award Winner Ruth Behar's inspiring story of a young Jewish girl who escapes Poland to make a new life in Cuba, while she works to rescue the rest of her family</p>
<p>They Call Me Güero</p> 	<p>In Spanish, "Güero" is a nickname for guys with pale skin, Latino or Anglo. But make no mistake: our red-headed, freckled hero is puro mexicano, like Canelo Álvarez, the Mexican boxer. Güero is also a nerd--reader, gamer, musician--who runs with a squad of misfits like him, Los Bobbys. But trusting in his family's traditions, his accordion and his bookworm squad, he faces seventh grade with book smarts and a big heart. Life is tough for a border kid, but Güero has figured out how to cope.</p>
<p>Charlie Hernandez & League of Shadows</p> 	<p><i>The Lightning Thief</i> meets the Story Thieves series in this middle grade fantasy inspired by Hispanic folklore, legends, and myths from the Iberian Peninsula and Central and South America.</p>
<p>Esperanza Rising</p> 	<p>Esperanza thought she'd always live a privileged life on her family's ranch in Mexico. She'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home filled with servants, and Mama, Papa, and Abuelita to care for her. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California and settle in a Mexican farm labor camp. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard work, financial struggles brought on by the Great Depression, or lack of acceptance she now faces. When Mama gets sick and a strike for better working conditions threatens to uproot their new life, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances--because Mama's life, and her own, depend on it.</p>

<p>The Dreamer</p> 	<p>From the time he is a young boy, Nefalí hears the call of a mysterious voice. Even when the neighborhood children taunt him, and when his harsh, authoritarian father ridicules him, and when he doubts himself, Nefalí knows he cannot ignore the call. He listens and follows as it leads him under the canopy of the lush rainforest, into the fearsome sea, and through the persistent Chilean rain on an inspiring voyage of self-discovery that will transform his life and, ultimately, the world.</p>
<p>Efrén Divided</p> 	<p>Efrén Nava's Amá is his Superwoman—or Soperwoman, named after the delicious Mexican sopas his mother often prepares. Both Amá and Apá work hard all day to provide for the family, making sure Efrén and his younger siblings Max and Mía feel safe and loved. But Efrén worries about his parents; although he's American-born, his parents are undocumented. His worst nightmare comes true one day when Amá doesn't return from work and is deported across the border to Tijuana, México. Now more than ever, Efrén must channel his inner Soperboy to help take care of and try to reunite his family. A glossary of Spanish words is included in the back of the book.</p>
<p>In Progress: Short Stories about Young Latinos</p> 	<p>Turn the pages to experience life through the eyes of these boys and girls whose families originally hail from many different countries; see their hardships, celebrate their victories, and come away with a better understanding of what it means to be Latino in the U.S. today.</p>
<p>Call Me María</p> 	<p>María is a girl caught between two worlds: Puerto Rico, where she was born, and New York, where she now lives in a basement apartment in the barrio. While her mother remains on the island, María lives with her father, the super of their building. As she struggles to lose her island accent, María does her best to find her place within the unfamiliar culture of the barrio. Finally, with the Spanglish of the barrio people ringing in her ears, she finds the poet within herself.</p>

High School

<p>The Poet X</p> 	<p>Winner of the National Book Award for Young People's Literature, the Michael L. Printz Award, and the Pura Belpré Award!</p> <p>Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But Xiomara has plenty she wants to say, and she pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook, reciting the words to herself like prayers—especially after she catches feelings for a boy in her bio class named Aman, who her family can never know about.</p> <p>With Mami's determination to force her daughter to obey the laws of the church, Xiomara understands that her thoughts are best kept to herself. So when she is invited to join her school's slam poetry club, she doesn't know how she could ever attend without her mami finding out. But she still can't stop thinking about performing her poems. Because in the face of a world that may not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to be silent.</p>
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<p>The House on Mango Street</p> 	<p>Told in a series of vignettes – sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous – it is the story of a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Few other books in our time have touched so many readers.</p>
<p>American Street</p> 	<p>In this stunning debut novel, Pushcart-nominated author Ibi Zoboi draws on her own experience as a young Haitian immigrant, infusing this lyrical exploration of America with magical realism and <i>vodou</i> culture.</p> <p>On the corner of American Street and Joy Road, Fabiola Toussaint thought she would finally find <i>une belle vie</i>—a good life.</p> <p>But after they leave Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Fabiola's mother is detained by U.S. immigration, leaving Fabiola to navigate her loud American cousins, Chantal, Donna, and Princess; the grittiness of Detroit's west side; a new school; and a surprising romance, all on her own.</p> <p>Just as she finds her footing in this strange new world, a dangerous proposition presents itself, and Fabiola soon realizes that freedom comes at a cost. Trapped at the crossroads of an impossible choice, will she pay the price for the American dream?</p>
<p>Woven in Moonlight</p> 	<p>Ximena is the decoy Condesa, a stand-in for the last remaining Illustrian royal. Her people lost everything when the usurper, Atoc, used an ancient relic to summon ghosts and drive the Illustrians from La Ciudad. Now Ximena's motivated by her insatiable thirst for revenge, and her rare ability to spin thread from moonlight.</p> <p>When Atoc demands the real Condesa's hand in marriage, it's Ximena's duty to go in her stead. She relishes the chance, as Illustrian spies have reported that Atoc's no longer carrying his deadly relic. If Ximena can find it, she can return the true aristócrata to their rightful place.</p> <p>She hunts for the relic, using her weaving ability to hide messages in tapestries for the resistance. But when a masked vigilante, a warm-hearted Princesa, and a thoughtful healer challenge Ximena, her mission becomes more complicated. There could be a way to overthrow the usurper without starting another war, but only if Ximena turns her back on revenge—and her Condesa.</p>
<p>Pride</p> 	<p>In a timely update of Jane Austen's <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>, National Book Award finalist Ibi Zoboi skillfully balances cultural identity, class, and gentrification against the heady magic of first love in her vibrant reimagining of this beloved classic. A smart, funny, gorgeous retelling starring all characters of color.</p>
<p>The New David Espinoza</p> 	<p>David Espinoza is tired of being messed with. When a video of him getting knocked down by a bully's slap goes viral at the end of junior year, David vows to use the summer to bulk up— do what it takes to become a man—and wow everyone when school starts again in the fall.</p> <p>Soon David is spending all his time and money at Iron Life, a nearby gym that's full of bodybuilders. Frustrated with his slow progress, his life eventually becomes all about his muscle gains. As it says on the Iron Life wall, <i>What does not kill me makes me stronger</i>.</p> <p>As David falls into the dark side of the bodybuilding world, pursuing his ideal body at all costs, he'll have to grapple with the fact that it could actually cost him everything.</p>

<p>Clap When You Land</p> 	<p>Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic. But this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of crying people...</p> <p>In New York City, Yahaira Rios is called to the principal's office, where her mother is waiting to tell her that her father, her hero, has died in a plane crash.</p> <p>Separated by distance—and Papi's secrets—the two girls are forced to face a new reality in which their father is dead and their lives are forever altered.</p> <p>And then, when it seems like they've lost everything of their father, they learn of each other.</p>
<p>Running</p> 	<p>In this authentic, humorous, and gorgeously written debut novel about privacy, waking up, and speaking up, Senator Anthony Ruiz is running for president. Throughout his successful political career he has always had his daughter's vote, but a presidential campaign brings a whole new level of scrutiny to sheltered fifteen-year-old Mariana and the rest of her Cuban American family, from a <i>60 Minutes</i>-style tour of their house to tabloids doctoring photos and inventing scandals. As tensions rise within the Ruiz family, Mari begins to learn about the details of her father's political positions, and she realizes that her father is not the man she thought he was.</p> <p>But how do you find your voice when everyone's watching? When it means disagreeing with your father—publicly? What do you do when your dad stops being your hero? Will Mari get a chance to confront her father? If she does, will she have the courage to seize it?</p>
<p>All These Monsters</p> 	<p>Seventeen-year-old Clara is ready to fight back. Fight back against her abusive father, fight back against the only life she's ever known, and most of all, fight back against scrabs, the earth-dwelling monsters that are currently ravaging the world. So when an opportunity arises for Clara to join an international monster-fighting squad, she jumps at the chance.</p> <p>When Clara starts training with her teammates, however, she realizes what fighting monsters really means: sore muscles, exhaustion, and worst of all, death. Scrabs are unpredictable, violent, and terrifying. But as Clara gains confidence in her battle skills, she starts to realize scrabs might not be the biggest evil. The true monsters are the ones you least expect.</p>
<p>I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter</p> 	<p>Perfect Mexican daughters do not go away to college. And they do not move out of their parents' house after high school graduation. Perfect Mexican daughters never <i>abandon</i> their family. But Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was Olga's role.</p> <p>Then a tragic accident on the busiest street in Chicago leaves Olga dead and Julia left behind to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family. And no one seems to acknowledge that Julia is broken, too. Instead, her mother seems to channel her grief into pointing out <i>every possible way</i> Julia has failed. But it's not long before Julia discovers that Olga might not have been as perfect as everyone thought. With the help of her best friend, Lorena, and her first love (first everything), Connor, Julia is determined to find out. Was Olga really what she seemed? Or was there more to her sister's story? And either way, how can Julia even attempt to live up to a seemingly impossible ideal?</p>
<p>North of Happy</p> 	<p>Carlos Portillo has always led a privileged and sheltered life. He lives in Mexico City with his wealthy family attending an elite international school. A rule follower, Carlos is happy to tread the well-worn path in front of him. He has always loved food and cooking, but his parents see it as just a hobby.</p> <p>When his older brother, Felix—who dropped out of college to live a life of travel—is tragically killed, Carlos begins hearing his brother's voice pushing him to rebel against his father's plan for him. Worrying about his mental health but knowing Felix is right, Carlos runs away to the United States and manages to secure a job with his favorite celebrity chef. As he works to improve his skills in the kitchen and pursue his dream, he begins to fall for his boss's daughter—a fact that could end his career before it begins. Finally living for himself, Carlos must decide what is most important to him and where his true path really lies.</p>

Dear Haiti, Love Alaine



But the stories were always passed down from her dad—and her mom, when she wasn't too busy with her high-profile newscaster gig. But when Alaine's life goes a bit sideways, it's time to finally visit Haiti herself.

What she learns about Haiti's proud history as the world's first black republic (with its even prouder people) is one thing, but what she learns about her own family is another. Suddenly, the secrets Alaine's mom has been keeping, including a family curse that has spanned generations, can no longer be avoided. It's a lot to handle, without even mentioning that Alaine is also working for her aunt's nonprofit, which sends underprivileged kids to school and boasts one *annoyingly* charming intern. But if anyone can do it all...it's Alaine.

Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month Events

- <http://www.latinoheritagecbus.org/>
- <https://www.experiencecolumbus.com/blog/post/celebrate-hispanic-heritage-month-with-these-events-in-columbus/>
- CLAS (Center for Latin American Studies): <https://clas.osu.edu/events>
- [Bexley Community Calendar](#)
- [Bexley Public Library](#), 2411 E Main St, Columbus, OH 43209, USA