

# Serving Latin-X Students in the Elementary School Library



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## ✧ Locating Quality Children's Books About and By Latinos ✧

### 1. Latino Children's and Young Adult Book Awards Websites:

- Pura Belpré Award: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/belpre>
- Tomás Rivera Mexican-American Children's Book Award: <http://riverabookaward.org/>
- Américas Award: <http://claspprograms.org/pages/detail/37>

2. **Latinas for Latino Lit** is a timely blog, which covers Latino children's literature and library/literacy programs with Latino literature. <http://latinast4latinolit.org/blog-news/>

3. **New Essential Guide to Spanish Reading for Children and Young Adults, 2012** - Published by America Reads Spanish, free online book contains numerous suggested books in Spanish for children and young adults (PDF). <http://americareadsspanish.org/home/essential-guide-to-spanish-reading.html>

4. **Latin@s in Kid Lit**: Exploring the World of Latino/a YA, MG, and Children's Literature is a review blog that evaluates Latino children's and YA literature and provides new stories related to Latino literacy. <http://latinosinkidlit.com>

5. The **Association of Library Service to Children** (ALSC) has compiled a list of children's books about "Growing Up Latino in the U.S.A." which can be accessed at: <https://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscresources/booklists/GrowingUpLatino.htm>

## ✧ Information on Library Services to Latino Children and Families ✧

1. **REFORMA** – an affiliate of ALA & the national association to promote library and information services to Latinos and the Spanish speaking. Available at: <http://www.reforma.org>.

2. **\*Chiles: Children and Libraries en Español** - Created by Amanda Sharpe, this blog contains considerable information related to library services to Latino and Spanish-speaking children. <http://www.chil-es.org/index/> (\*see slide on PPT presentation handout)

3. **¡Es divertido hablar dos idiomas!** - Created by Katie Cunningham Scherrer, this blog is dedicated to sharing books, music, literacy techniques, and practical suggestions related to delivering bilingual story programs in the library. <http://bilingualchildrensprogramming.blogspot.com/>. Videos of Katie's bilingual stories and songs: <https://www.youtube.com/user/LibraryofVa/videos> (scroll down)

## ✧ Education-Based Latino Literacy Programs/Outreach Services ✧

1. **¡Colorín Colorado!** –This literacy program provides information on the importance of reading in the lives of English Language Learner (ELL) children, specifically Latino children. Activities and links are

available concerning children's literature about Latinos, helping Latino families, how the school can help Latino families, etc. The activities, free 92-page booklet, and video clips of Latino authors are available at: <http://www.colorincolorado.org/>.

Here is a special tab just for school library staff: <http://www.colorincolorado.org/school-support/school-libraries-ells>.

2. **Cuentos y Más** is a one-of-a-kind literacy program that promotes reading among both English and Spanish-speaking children, sort of a bilingual Reading Rainbow series, created by Arlington County, Virginia - <https://tinyurl.com/arlington-cuentos-y-mas>.

## ✿ *Resources for Planning Latino Literacy and Library Programs* ✿

1. Official **El día de los Niños/El día de los libros** (Day of the Child/Day of the Book) website: <http://dia.ala.org/>.

**El día de los Niños/El día de los libros (Day of the Child/Day of the Book) Toolkit** is a 100-page online document describing booktalks, author visits, storytelling, and other programming ideas that can be used to celebrate El día de los Niños/El día de los libros on April 30th. These suggestions can be used for library programs throughout the entire year! The comprehensive document is available at: <http://www.texasdia.org/toolkit.html>

2. **Dígame un cuento/Tell Me A Story: Bilingual Library Programs for Children and Families** – Created by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, this useful online manual suggests bilingual story hour programs for Latino children and their families. Media Specialists can use this resource to plan activities using Latino children's books. Available at: <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/pubs/bilingual/index.html>

3. **Spanish Playground**: An all-inclusive site, with booklists, activities and games, songs and rhymes, printables, and much more. [www.spanishplayground.net](http://www.spanishplayground.net)

## ✿ *Publishers & Distributors of Latino & Spanish Children's Books* ✿

**Arte Público Press/Piñata Books** - <http://pinatabooks.com> (use "Resources" tab, then "Educators")

**Children's Book Press** (Imprint of Lee & Low Books)–  
[www.leeandlow.com/imprints/children-s-book-press](http://www.leeandlow.com/imprints/children-s-book-press)

**Cinco Puntos Press** – [www.cincopuntos.com](http://www.cincopuntos.com)

**Del Sol** - [www.delsolbooks.com](http://www.delsolbooks.com)

**Lectorum** – [www.lectorum.com](http://www.lectorum.com)

**Lee & Low Books** – [www.leeandlow.com](http://www.leeandlow.com)

**Santillana USA** – [www.santillanausa.com](http://www.santillanausa.com)

✧ *Selected Top Latino Authors and Illustrators of Children's and Young Adult Literature* ✧

Alma Flor Ada

George Ancona

F. Isabel Campoy

Matt de la Peña

Mayra Lazara Dole

Carmen Lomas Garza

Susan Guevara

René Colato Laínez

Meg Medina

Magaly Morales

Pam Muñoz Ryan

Carmen Tafolla

Francisco X. Alarcón

Carmen Bernier-Grand

Judith Ortiz Cofer

Lulu Delacre

Angela Dominguez

Xavier Garza

Francisco Jiménez

Rafael López

Marisa Montes

Yuyi Morales

Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Duncan Tonatiuh

Julia Alvarez

Monica Brown

Raúl Colón

David Diaz

Margarita Engle

Maya Christina Gonzalez

Laura Lacámara

Guadalupe Garcia McCall

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