



For ages
3-5

The Bookworm



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El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day)

In Latin America children are honored on a special day of the year. In most Latin American countries El día de los niños (Day of the Children) is celebrated on April 30th. This day is set aside to value and uplift children. As a way to stress the importance of bilingual literacy, several organizations worked together to link El día de los niños to books, libraries and reading, and called the celebration "El día de Los niños/ El día de los libros" (Day of the Children, Day of the Books), or "Día" for short.

Author Pat Mora, one of the founders of Día says, "April 30th has become a day for remembering the power of words and books in the lives of our young people and for honoring all the languages spoken in the homes of this country."

Let your child know how special he or she is to you by snuggling up together with a favorite book every day!

Ask your librarian about special events or programs planned for El día de los niños/ El día de los libros.



Book of the Month

Cantaba la rana/ The Frog Was Singing,
arranged by Rita Rosa Ruesga



Here are some of the most popular children's songs of Latin America, compiled and performed by Latin Grammy nominee Rita Rosa Ruesga. With lyrics in Spanish and English, along with beautiful illustrations, this collection is an ideal introduction to the rich musical tradition of the Spanish-speaking countries.

To listen to the songs visit
www.scholastic.com/thefrogwassinging

Some favorite bilingual books:



Rin, Rin, Rin/Do, Re, Mi, by José-Luis Orozco

iLibro! /Book! by Kristine O'Connell George

iSiesta! and *iFiesta!* by Ginger Fogelson Guy

Book Fiesta, by Pat Mora

Books that celebrate a world of children:

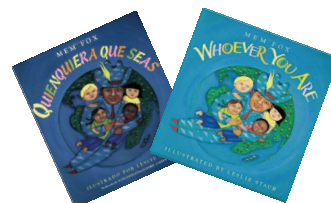
It's OK to Be Different, by Todd Parr

Bein' With You This Way, by W. Nikola-Lisa

The Skin You Live In, by Michael Tyler

Grandma Calls Me Beautiful, by Barbara Joosse

Whoever You Are, by Mem Fox



Help your young child get ready to read...

Did you know that singing with your child helps her learn to read?

Singing is a natural way to teach children about words. The rhythm in songs helps children hear syllables. Singing also slows down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words. This helps when children begin to read printed words. Songs also have lots of "rare" words, so you can help your child build vocabulary.

Singing with Your Child

A common reason grown-ups don't sing with children is that they don't think they have a good singing voice. But young children don't really know a good singing voice from a bad one; they just want you to sing with them!

Here are some ways you can help your children get ready to read by singing with them:

- Sing the alphabet song to learn about letters.
- Sing nursery rhymes so children hear the different sounds in words.
- Practice singing and rhyming at home, in the car, while you play, and during "wait" times in lines or at the doctor's office.
- Clap along to the rhythms in songs so children hear the syllables in words. Here is an example:

Twink-le twink-le lit-tle star,
   

How I won-der what you are.
      

Song in Spanish and English

De colores,
de colores se visten los campos
en la primavera.

De colores,
de colores son los pajaritos
que vienen de afuera.

De colores,
de colores es el arcoiris que
vemos lucir.

Painted in colors,
the fields are dressed in colors
in the spring.

Painted in colors,
painted in colors are the little birds
which come from the outside.

Painted with colors,
painted with colors is the rainbow that
we see shining brilliantly above.

Listen and watch this song at:
www.storyblocks.org/videos/de-colores/
(Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy)

What your library can do for you...

Your library has picture books with songs and rhymes, music CDs, and musical DVDs that you can check out and take home.

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