## Library News



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VIRTUAL LOS ANGELES LIBROS FESTIVAL OFFERS BILINGUAL FAMILY FUN Join authors, illustrators, librarians and performers for two days of online entertainment presented by the Los Angeles Public Library in partnership with LA librería and REFORMA

**LOS ANGELES (September 21, 2021)**—Los Angeles Libros Festival will feature live online entertainment for families with children featuring free Spanish-language and bilingual storytelling, performances, workshops, and award-winning authors on Friday, September 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. More than 14,000 views at last year's festival were tabulated to celebrate with the all-star cast of artists.

This year, 123 Andrés, Alicia Acosta and Luis Amavisca, Monica Brown, Elisa Chavarri, Olga de Dios, Dúo Karma, Margarita Engle, Kim Guerra, Paulina Jara, Rafael López, Yehudi Mercado, Nathalia, Daniel José Older, Alex Sanchez, and Artur Laperla are scheduled to stream live on the Los Angeles Public Library's Facebook (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/lapubliclibrary">www.facebook.com/lapubliclibrary</a>) and YouTube (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/losangeleslibrary">www.youtube.com/user/losangeleslibrary</a>) channels.

Patrons looking to get involved with the festival before and after September 25 will have the opportunity to join the Los Angeles Libros Festival Challenge where readers of all ages can enter to win festival books. Family members must register online at lapl.org/libros to complete fun activities and earn digital badges.

Visit the Los Angeles Libros Festival website at <a href="www.lapl.org/libros">www.lapl.org/libros</a> for the full two day schedule of events, as well as the complete list of authors, illustrators and performers.

The third annual Los Angeles Libros Festival is presented by the Los Angeles Public Library in partnership with LA librería and REFORMA. LA librería is the only bookstore in Southern California that specializes in Spanish language children's and YA literature and bilingual books. The Los Angeles Chapter of REFORMA, The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking, is a non-profit organization committed to advocating for culturally relevant and linguistically appropriate library services, programs and materials to meet the information and cultural needs of the Latino community in the Greater Los Angeles Area. For additional information, email librosfest@lapl.org.

A recipient of the nation's highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of more than 6 million books, state-of-the-art technology accessible at lapl.org, and more than 25,000 public programs a year provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for lifelong learning.

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