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### **Los Angeles Public Library Celebrates Latino Heritage Month With Seventh Annual L.A. Libros Festival Featuring Authors, Illustrators, Workshops, and Entertainment**

***Bilingual Family Event Set For Saturday, Sept. 13, at Central Library, Downtown L.A.***

**LOS ANGELES (Sept. 8, 2025)**—In celebration of Latino Heritage Month, the Los Angeles Public Library will present the Seventh Annual Los Angeles Libros Festival, the city's largest celebration of bilingual books and literacy, on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., along with other activities throughout the month.

The free event will feature Spanish and bilingual storytelling, performances, art workshops, and authors for all ages.

"The Los Angeles Libros Festival celebrates the power of stories to reflect and uplift our diverse communities," said City Librarian John F. Szabo. "This vibrant festival is a cornerstone of our Latino Heritage Month programming, offering families a welcoming space to experience bilingual books, connect with authors, and celebrate culture through language, art, and creativity."

The featured guest is Silvia Moreno-Garcia, New York Times-bestselling author of "Mexican Gothic," who will discuss her newest bestseller, "The Bewitching." Also, joining this year's event are Grammy and Latin Grammy-winning music duo 123 Andrés, Young Adult/Children's author Olivia Abtahi, award-winning illustrator C.G. Esperanza, and Banda Las Angelinas, an all-female banda group. Additionally, attendees can enjoy art workshops with Self Help Graphics, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and Tía Chucha's Centro Cultural.

"The Los Angeles Libros Festival beautifully highlights the Library's commitment to inclusivity, literacy, and celebrating the rich cultural heritage of our Latino communities," said Mayra Valadez, President of the Board of Library Commissioners. "We're thrilled to invite everyone to join us for 22 events and 15 authors representing 8 countries."

Visit the Los Angeles Libros Festival website at [lapl.org/libros](http://lapl.org/libros) for the full schedule of events. The Los Angeles Public Library presents the Festival in partnership with LA librería, Southern California's only bookstore that specializes in Spanish-language children's and young adult books, and REFORMA LA, which promotes library and information services to Latinos and Spanish speakers. For additional information, email [librosfest@lapl.org](mailto:librosfest@lapl.org).

Visit [lapl.org/latino](http://lapl.org/latino) to discover more Latino Heritage Month programs, including baile folklórico performances, English and Spanish storytimes, crafts, movies, and more.

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 six million books, and state-of-the-art technology accessible at [lapl.org](http://lapl.org) provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for lifelong learning.

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