HISPANIC HERITAGE & CULTURE FOR CHILDREN

BOOKS CELEBRATING

What Can You Do with a Paleta?
Tafolla, Carmen
A true story about a boy whose family are itinerant farm workers and the kindness of a librarian who introduces him to a whole new world of books.

Green is a Chile Pepper: A Book of Colors
Thong, Roseanne
Kids of Hispanic heritage are likely to recognize many of the brightly hued objects in the book like masa, tortillas, and spices, but it’s a fun picture book for preschoolers of all cultural backgrounds.

Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant’s Tale
Tonatiuh, Duncan
When Papa Rabbit does not return home as expected from many seasons of working in the great carrot and lettuce fields of El Norte, his son Pancho sets out on a dangerous trek to find him, guided by a coyote.

The Princess and the Warrior
Tonatiuh, Duncan
This book is a retelling of an Aztec myth about how two volcanoes in Mexico, Iztaccíhuatl and Popocatépetl, were formed.

Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family’s Fight for Desegregation
Tonatiuh, Duncan
Years before the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling Brown v. Board of Education, Sylvia Mendez, an eight-year-old girl of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage, played an instrumental role in Mendez v. Westminster, the landmark desegregation case of 1946 in California.

Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx/La Juez Que Creció en el Bronx
Winter, Jonah
If your family doesn’t know the life story of Sonia Sotomayor, the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice ever, this bilingual picture-book biography is for you!

If you need help finding a book, just ask at the front desk!
I Love Saturdays y Domingos  
Ada, Alma Flor  
Every weekend, a little girl loves to be with her two sets of grandparents — her European-American grandparents and her Mexican-American grandparents.  
E ADA (Frisco)

The Secret Footprints  
Alvarez, Julia  
Your family will love diving into the folk tale of the Ciguapas, a Dominican legend about human-like creatures who live underwater and only venture out at night.  
E ALV (Breckenridge)

Waiting for the Biblioburro  
Brown, Monica  
A simple story, based on a real-life traveling librarian, that incorporates Spanish words throughout the text and reminds us of the universal value of reading.  
E BRO (Frisco)

Martina the Beautiful Cockroach  
Deedy, Carmen Agra  
This Cuban folktale is a funny, delightful tale about a beautiful cucaracha looking for love ... and the all-knowing wisdom of grandmothers.  
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Santiago Stays  
Dominguez, Angela  
A charming tale about a stubborn French bulldog, Santiago, who stays at his post no matter the temptation of the boy who tries to engage him.  
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Sing, Don’t Cry  
Dominguez, Angela  
A loving Abuelo brings his guitar on visits with his grandchildren, where he sings in the face of good and bad times.  
E DOM (Silverthorne)

Abuela  
Dorros, Arthur  
A little girl imagines that she and her grandmother fly over the sights of New York City.  
E DOR (Silverthorne)

Cuckoo: A Mexican folktale / Cucú: Un Cuento Folklórico Mexicano  
Ehler, Lois  
A traditional Mayan tale which reveals how the cuckoo lost her beautiful feathers.  
E EHL (Frisco)

Moon Rope / Un Lazo A La Luna  
Ehler, Lois  
An adaptation of the Peruvian folktale in which Fox and Mole try to climb to the moon on a rope woven of grass.  
E 398.24 EHL (Frisco)

Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl’s Courage Changed Music  
Engle, Margarita  
Inspired by Millo Castro Zaldarriaga, who broke Cuba’s traditional taboo against female drummers, the drum dream girl dreams of playing the congas and the bongós.  
DVD E DRU (Breckenridge) | Available from another library

Listening With My Heart  
Garcia, Gabi  
Listening with My Heart reminds us of the other golden rule--to treat ourselves like we would treat a friend. When we do this, we are practicing self-compassion.  
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El Cucuy! A Bogeyman Cuento  
Hayes, Joe  
A retelling of the story of two sisters who do not obey their father and are carried off into the mountains by El Cucuy.  
E 398.2 HAY (Breckenridge & Frisco)

Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez  
Krull, Kathleen  
Harvesting Hope introduces children to Cesar Chavez, the iconic activist who fought for the rights of farm workers in the United States.  
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Mango, Abuela, and Me  
Medina, Meg  
Families will love reading the English and Spanish words that make up this sweet cross-generational story about a young girl getting to know her grandmother.  
Available from another library

Abuelos  
Mora, Pat  
Young Ray and Amelia move to a new village in New Mexico and experience the fright and fun of ‘los abuelos’ for the first time.  
E MOR (Silverthorne)

Bravo, Chico Canta! Bravo!  
Mora, Pat  
Chico Canta, the youngest of 12, is a tiny, mischievous, fearless mouse who lives with his family in an old theater. They love to go upstairs to see the plays.  
E MOR (Breckenridge & Silverthorne)

Doña Flor  
Mora, Pat  
Doña Flor, a giant lady with a big heart, sets off to protect her neighbors from what they think is a dangerous animal, but soon discovers the tiny secret behind the huge noise.  
E MOR (Breckenridge & Silverthorne)

Tomás and the Library Lady  
Mora, Pat  
A true story about a boy whose family are itinerant farm workers and the kindness of a librarian who introduces him to a whole new world of books.  
E MOR (Breckenridge & Frisco)

Dreamers  
Morales, Yuyi  
The incredible true story of the author and illustrator’s immigration to America is a lasting testament to the immigrant’s journey.  
eBook available from Libby

Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale & Counting Book  
Morales, Yuyi  
A tribute to the rich traditions of Mexican culture and an introduction to counting in both English and Spanish.  
Available from another library

Viva Frida!  
Morales, Yuyi  
In this Caldecott Honor book, Morales introduces young readers to Kahlo’s life and work using a mixed media format that combines photos of puppets with original illustrations.  
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