

# Racine Unified School District Celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15th - October 15th

Originally observed in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week, National Hispanic Heritage month celebrates the history, heritage, and contributions of people from Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean.

Hispanic Heritage Month spans from September 15th through October 15th. The significance of the dates of this celebratory month coincide with the celebration of independence for a number of Latin countries including Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

RUSD teachers are encouraged to recognize and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with their students. While Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated and highlighted during these weeks, it is important to note that students' identities should continue to be represented, celebrated, and honored year-round in our classrooms.

Here are some resources that families can use to learn more, engage with, and celebrate Hispanic and Latinx culture this month and beyond:

## Library of Congress National Hispanic Heritage Month Website

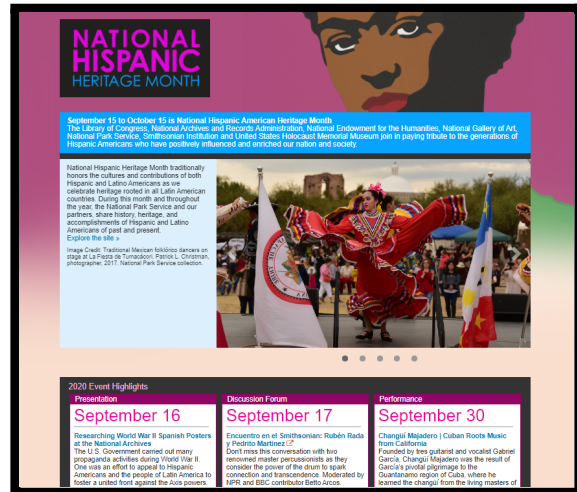
The National Hispanic Heritage [website](#) features historical information, resources, and highlights upcoming events in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Some example include:

*Saturday, September 25th at 7:00PM*

[Virtual Pajama Party with the author of "Sylvia and Aki."](#)

*Monday, October 11th at 5:00PM*

[Celebration of Children's and Young Adult  
Latin American and Latinx Literature](#)



## Racine Public Library Hispanic Heritage Month Events

*Wednesday, September 15th*

[Oral Stories of the Racine Hispanic Community](#)

*Thursday, September 16th 5:00PM-7:00PM*

[Traditional Folk Dance: La Perla Tapatia](#)

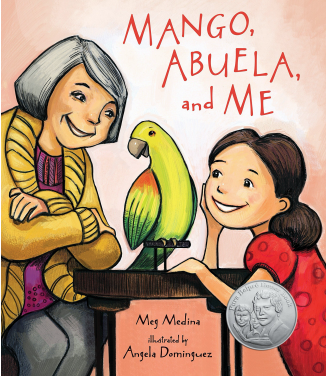
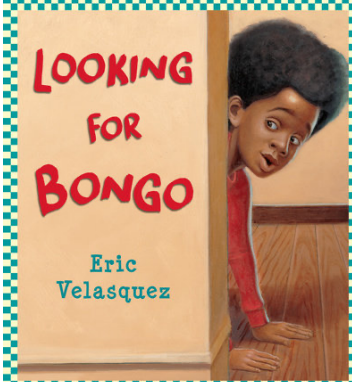
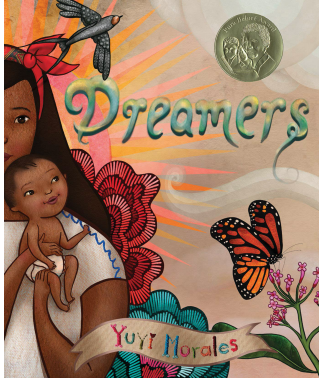
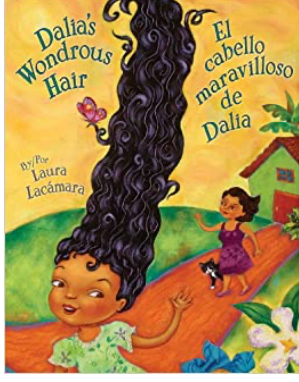
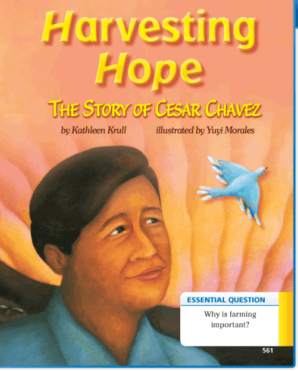
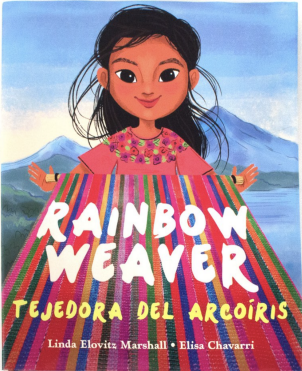
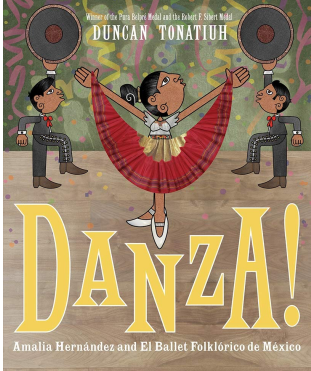
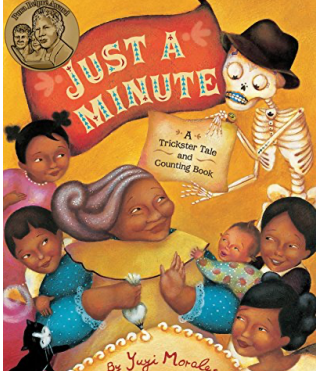
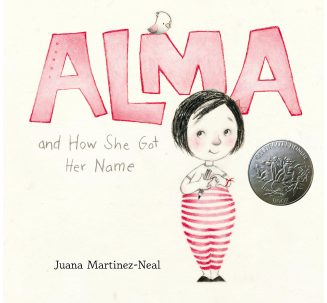
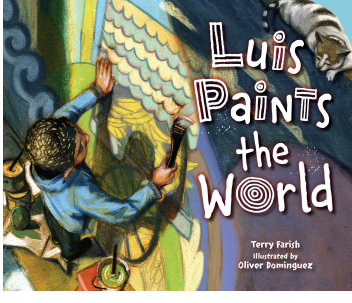
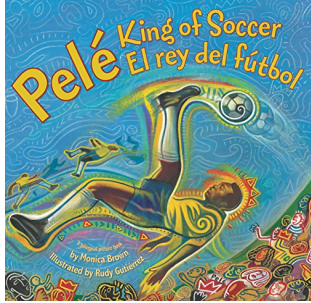
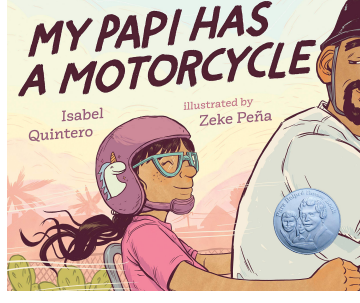
*Thursday, September 30th 6:00PM-8:00PM*

[Chinela Dance and Hula/Belly Dance Performances](#)

# Books that Celebrate Latinx Voices

Enjoy this interactive picture book collection designed to highlight the voices, stories, and lived experiences of those who belong to the Hispanic and Latinx community.

Click on the title to hear the book read aloud!

			
<p><a href="#"><u>Mango, Abuela, and Me</u></a></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Looking for Bongo</u></a></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Dreamers</u></a></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Dalia's Wondrous Hair</u></a></p>
			
<p><a href="#"><u>Harvesting Hope</u></a></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Rainbow Weaver</u></a></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Danza!</u></a></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Just a Minute</u></a></p>
			
<p><a href="#"><u>Alma and How She Got Her Name</u></a></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Luis Paints The World</u></a></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Pele, King of Soccer</u></a></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>My Papi Has a Motorcycle</u></a></p>

Students are encouraged to explore more titles at the Racine Public Library and RUSD School Libraries