
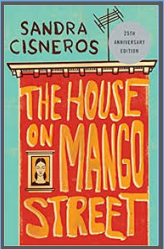

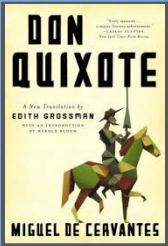

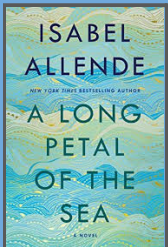








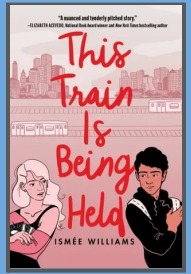

Hispanic Heritage Month

WOHS LMC Reading Room Companion

FICTION					
Title	Interest/ Grade Level	Cover Image	Author	Summary	Availability
<i>Mexican Whiteboy</i>	10-12		Matt de la Peña	Sixteen-year-old Danny searches for his identity amidst the confusion of being half-Mexican and half-white while spending a summer with his cousin and new friends on the baseball fields and back alleys of San Diego County, California.	
<i>The House on Mango Street</i>	9-12		Sandra Cisneros	Tells the story of Esperanza Cordero, whose neighborhood is one of harsh realities and hard beauty. Esperanza doesn't want to belong-not to her rundown neighborhood, and not to the low expectations the world has for her. Esperanza's story is that of a young girl coming into her power,	

				and inventing for herself what she will become.	
<i>Don Quixote</i>	11-Adult		Miguel de Cervantes	Chronicles the adventures of the not-so-noble knight, Don Quixote, and his faithful squire, Sancho Panza, as they travel through sixteenth-century Spain.	
<i>A Long Petal of the Sea</i>	10-Adult		Isabel Allende	Roser, a pregnant widow, and Victor, an army doctor and the brother of her deceased love, flee the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War in search of a place to call home.	
<i>I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter</i>	10-12		Erika L. Sanchez	Julia refuses to conform to her Mexican family's expectations of her, wanting to become a writer instead of following her older sister Olga on the path of community college, part-time job, and taking care of their parents. Then, Olga dies mysteriously, and her best friend Angie hints to Julia that there may have been more to Olga than everyone thought. Julia and her best friend, Lorena, investigate, and in the meantime Julia has to figure out how to fall in love with Connor, a	

				white boy whom she is sure could never understand her family.	
<i>With Fire on High</i>	8-12		Elizabeth Acevedo	Bi-racial high school senior Emoni Santiago balances school with her job and raising her two-year-old daughter in Philadelphia. Her supportive abuela helps develop Emoni's love of cooking, but Emoni also knows that to pursue culinary school is impossible. But in the end, Emoni, despite the challenges, has no choice but to follow her passion.	 
<i>Dealing in Dreams</i>	9-Adult		Lilliam Rivera	Sixteen year old Nalah leads the fiercest all-girl crew in Mega City, but when she sets her sights on giving this life up for a prestigious home in Mega Towers, she must decide if she's willing to do the unspeakable to get what she wants.	
<i>The Poet X</i>	10-Adult		Elizabeth Acevedo	Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking.	

<p><i>Don't Ask Me Where I'm From</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>Jennifer De Leon</p>	<p>First-generation American LatinX Lilitana Cruz does what it takes to fit in at her new nearly all-white school. But when family secrets spill out and racism at school ramps up, she must decide what she believes in and take a stand.</p>	
<p><i>The Train is Being Held</i></p>	<p>10-12</p>		<p>Ismée Williams</p>	<p>Told in two voices, ballet dancer and private school student Isabelle Warren and poet and baseball star Alex Rosario grow closer after meeting on a subway, bonding over their parents' expectations and their own dreams.</p>	
<p><i>How the García Girls Lost Their Accents</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>Julia Alvarez</p>	<p>Acclaimed writer Julia Alvarez's beloved first novel gives voice to four sisters as they grow up in two cultures. The García sisters—Carla, Sandra, Yolanda, and Sofia—and their family must flee their home in the Dominican Republic after their father's role in an attempt to overthrow brutal dictator Rafael Trujillo is discovered. They arrived in New York City in 1960 to a life far removed from their existence in the Caribbean. In the wondrous but not always welcoming U.S.A., their parents try to hold on to their old ways as the girls try to find new lives: by straightening their hair and wearing American</p>	

				fashions, and by forgetting their Spanish. For them, it is at once liberating and excruciating to be caught between the old world and the new. Here they tell their stories about being at home—and not at home—in America.	
<i>Shadowshaper</i>	7-12		Daniel Jose Older	Teen Sierra Santiago and her friend, a fellow artist named Robbie, discover that someone is murdering the shadowshapers--ancestral spirits who inhabit music and art--in their Latino neighborhood in Brooklyn.	 
<i>When I Was Puerto Rican</i>	10-12		Esmeralda Santiago	In a childhood full of tropical beauty and domestic strife, poverty and tenderness, Esmeralda Santiago learned the proper way to eat a guava, the sound of tree frogs, the taste of morcilla, and the formula for ushering a dead baby's soul to heaven. But when her mother, Mami, a force of nature, takes off to New York with her seven, soon to be eleven children, Esmeralda, the oldest, must learn new rules, a new language, and eventually a new identity. In the first of her three acclaimed memoirs, Esmeralda brilliantly recreates her tremendous journey from the idyllic landscape and tumultuous family life of her earliest years, to	

				translating for her mother at the welfare office, and to high honors at Harvard.	
<i>Yaqui Deelgado Wants to Kick Your Ass</i>	10-12		Meg Medina	Informed that a bully she does not know is determined to beat her up Latin American teen Piddy Sanchez struggles to learn more about the father she has never met, until the bully's gang forces her to confront more difficult challenges.	
<i>Tigers, Not Daughters</i>	10-12		Samantha Mabry	Three sisters in San Antonio are shadowed by guilt and grief over the loss of their oldest sister, who still haunts their house.	
NON-FICTION					
<i>U.S. Latino Issues</i>	9-12		Rudolfo F. Acuna	Explores the many issues Latinos face in the United States, including race classification, assimilation, bilingual education, open boarders, interracial dating and marriage, and other related topics.	

<p><i>Latinos Today</i></p>	<p>6-12</p>		<p>Thomas Arkam</p>	<p>Discusses the role of Latino Americans in American society including their beliefs, their language, and their history.</p>	
<p><i>Dreams from Many Rivers : A Hispanic History of the U.S. Told in Poems</i></p>	<p>5-12</p>		<p>Margarita Engle</p>	<p>Presents a collection of poems from Hispanic American children about Hispanic American and indigenous history in the United States, from the days of colonialism and conquest up to the present. Particularly highlights the unique experiences of Hispanic Americans and Latinos in relation to the majority American culture.</p>	
<p><i>Once Upon a Quinceañera</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>Julia Alvarez</p>	<p>The quinceañera, the fifteenth birthday celebration for a Latina girl, is quickly becoming an American event. This legendary party is a sight to behold: lavish ball gowns, extravagant catered meals, DJs, limousines, and multi-tiered cakes. The must-haves for a "quince" are becoming as numerous and costly as a prom or wedding. And yet, this elaborate ritual also harkens back to traditions from native countries and communities, offering young Latinas a chance to connect with their heritage. Writer Alvarez explores this celebration that brings a Latina girl into</p>	

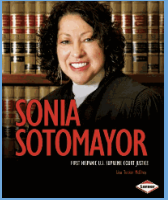

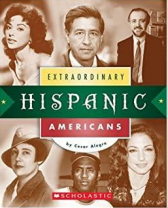

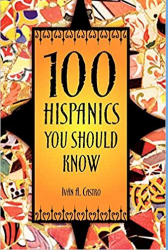

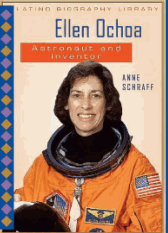

				<p>womanhood, attending the quince of a young woman in Queens, and weaving in interviews with other quince girls, her own memories of coming of age as an immigrant, and the history of the custom itself. The result is an enlightening, accessible, and entertaining portrait of contemporary Latino culture.</p>	
<p><i>Afro-Latin America - Black Lives - 1600-2000</i></p>	<p>11-Adult</p>		<p>George Reid Andrews</p>	<p>Presents a history of African Latinos in Central America and South America, beginning with the arrival of slaves in the 1500s. Discusses racial discrimination, economic injustice, and efforts to create a more inclusive society.</p>	
<p><i>Identity Politics</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>NYT Editorial Staff</p>	<p>The subject of identity politics has become increasingly prevalent in recent years. In this collection of topical articles, readers will become familiar with a wide range of opinions and news concerning individual and group identities that form around race, sexual orientation, gender, political party affiliation, and more. The political usefulness of certain identities is explored, with a particular focus on the 2016 presidential election and the implications of one identity being politically asserted over another. Media literacy terms and questions will engage readers to consider the topic beyond the text.</p>	

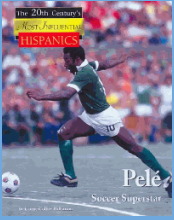





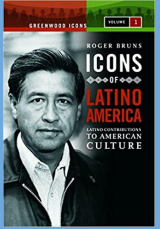

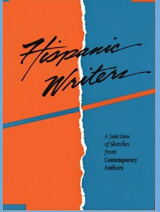

<p><i>Latino Migrant Workers : America's Harvesters</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>Christopher Hovius</p>	<p>You will learn about America's migrant farmworkers, the realities they live, and the struggles they face. Also discusses the history of American agriculture and how farmworkers have fought for greater rights.</p>	
<p><i>Latino Folklore & Culture - Stories of Family, Traditions, and Pride</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>Ellyn Sanna</p>	<p>Provides insight into the patterns of folklore and family that create the rich fabric of Latino life.</p>	
<p><i>A Taste of Latino Cultures</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>George Kunzel</p>	<p>Presents a comprehensive bilingual cookbook featuring cooking from Mexico, Cuba, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, and Puerto Rico written in both English and Spanish, and provides an introduction to Latino cultures, history, Websites, and recipes.</p>	
<p><i>Latino Arts & Their Influence on the U.S. : Songs, Dreams, & Dances</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>Rory Makosz</p>	<p>Explores the history and development of Latino Art. It illuminates how Latino artists used their work to communicate concepts important to their own communities and cultures and explains how Latino art has affected the United States.</p>	

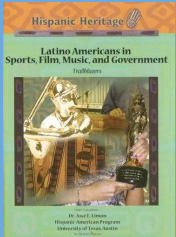

<p><i>Manteca! : Anthology of Afro-Latino Poets</i></p>	<p>11-Adult</p>		<p>Melissa Castillo- Garsow</p>	<p>A collection of poems by over forty popular and lesser-known Afro-Latino poets addressing social and political issues while promoting faith, hope, and love.</p>	
<p><i>Cool Salsa - Bilingual Poems on Being Young & Latino in the U.S.</i></p>	<p>10-12</p>		<p>Oscar Hijuelos</p>	<p>Poems celebrate themes and moods from Hispanic-American teenage life, from the passion of learning English to the pain of ethnic prejudice.</p>	
<p><i>Windows into my World : latino Youth Write Their Lives</i></p>	<p>10-12</p>		<p>Sarah Cortez</p>	<p>Autobiographies of Latino youth who struggle with issues such as death, anorexia, divorce, sexuality, etc.</p>	
<p><i>Latino Cuisine & Its Influence on American Foods : Taste of Celebration</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>Jean Ford</p>	<p>Presents a comprehensive study of Latino foods and its influence on American culture and how it has impacted the fast-food industry in this country.</p>	

<p><i>Latino Folklore & Culture</i></p>	<p>6-12</p>		<p>Bill Palmer</p>	<p>Explores the place of folklore within Latino culture and society and discusses how these stories and legends help define what it means to be Hispanic-American. Examines how the Hispanic community celebrates various special occasions and includes color photographs and further reading sources.</p>	
<p><i>We are Here to Stay</i></p>	<p>8-12</p>		<p>Susan Kuklin</p>	<p>Profiles nine individuals who came to America as undocumented children and now as young adults, reflect on what being an America means, and the struggles they've endured to survive a harsh environment that is significantly better than the one they left.</p>	 
<p>BIOGRAPHIES</p>					
<p><i>Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos</i></p>	<p>K-Adult</p>		<p>Monica Brown</p>	<p>Chronicles Frida's life--from her childhood to her rise as one of the world's most influential painters--... and the animals that inspired her along the way.</p>	

<p><i>American Latin Music : Rumba Rhythms, Bossa Nova, and the Salsa Sound</i></p>	<p>7-9</p>		<p>Matt Doeden</p>	<p>Follows the evolution of Latin music, sharing how its distinct sounds and rhythms have integrated in American pop music and introducing notable stars such as Victor Jara, Selena, and Shakira.</p>	
<p><i>Biography Today</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>Kevin Hillstrom</p>	<p>Check this out for a great biography on Celia Cruz.</p>	
<p><i>Cesar</i></p>	<p>3-12</p>		<p>Carmen T. Bernier - Grand</p>	<p>Tells the life story of César Chávez, whose efforts as a labor leader in the mid-twentieth century brought better working conditions to migrant farmworkers in the U.S.</p>	
<p><i>Roberto Clemente</i></p>	<p>7-10</p>		<p>Susan Muaddi Darraj / Rob Maaddi</p>	<p>Provides a biography of Puerto Rican baseball player Roberto Clemente chronicling his rise to fame. Includes a chronology and photographs.</p>	

<p><i>Sonia Sotomayor : First Hispanic U.S. Supreme Court Justice</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>Lisa Tucker McElroy</p>	<p>Learn all about Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor.</p>	
<p><i>Extraordinary Hispanic Americans</i></p>	<p>7-9</p>		<p>Cesar Alegre</p>	<p>Learn about the lives of some famous and accomplished Hispanic Americans.</p>	
<p><i>100 Hispanics You Should Know</i></p>	<p>6-12</p>		<p>Ivan A. Castro</p>	<p>Check out the biographies of 100 Hispanics You Should Know.</p>	
<p><i>Ellen Ochoa : Astronaut and Inventor</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>Anne Schraff</p>	<p>Learn all about astronaut, Ellen Ochoa.</p>	

<p><i>Pele : Soccer Superstar</i></p>	<p>7-9</p>		<p>Laurie Collier Hillstrom</p>	<p>A brief biography of former Brazilian football player, Pele, that chronicles his life and achievements.</p>	
<p><i>Picasso</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>Hans L.C. Jaffe</p>	<p>Learn about the artist, Picasso.</p>	
<p><i>When Angels Sing : The Story of Rock Legend Carlos Santana</i></p>	<p>4-12</p>		<p>Michael Mahin</p>	<p>An illustrated look at the life of guitarist Carlos Santana.</p>	
<p><i>Icons of Latino America : Latino Contributors to American Culture</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>Rogger Bruns</p>	<p>Learn about iconic Latino Americans. Learn about their contributions to American culture.</p>	
<p><i>Hispanic Writers : A Selection of Sketches from Contemporary Authors</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>Bryan Ryan</p>	<p>Learn about contemporary Latinx authors.</p>	

<p><i>Latino Americas in Sports, Film, Music, and Government : Trailblazers</i></p>	<p>9-12</p>		<p>Richard Mintzer</p>	<p>This book tells the stories of Latinos who have made a significant impact on American culture, such as Roberto Clemente, Sammy Sosa, Alex Rodriguez, Ricardo Montalban, Geraldo Rivera, Jimmy Smits, Tito Puente, Gloria Estefan, and many others.</p>	
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