

Headlines



Celebrate Children, Families & Reading with El Dia

April 18, 2008

Join us for *El día de los niños/El día de los libros* (*Children's Day/Book Day*)

The Children's Departments of the Rock Island Public Library and the Moline Public Library have cooked up a spicy celebration of Hispanic culture for El Dia, the short name for the Day of the Child/Day of the Book. The events at both libraries on April 29 and April 30 celebrate children, families and reading, and emphasize the importance of literacy for children of all cultural and linguistic backgrounds.



Día is an enhancement of Children's Day, which began in 1925 to bring attention to the importance and well-being of children. In 1996, nationally acclaimed children's book author Pat Mora proposed linking the celebration of childhood and children with literacy to found El día de los niños/El día de los libros. This is the first time the two Illinois-side libraries have banded together to mark the day. Thanks to a grant from Quad City Arts Dollar\$, Community Access to the Arts, all events are free and open to the public. The Rock Island schedule of events includes:

Tuesday, April 29

- 10:30am Celebration of the Child Bilingual Story Time (ages 0-5years) Maria Villarreal
- 11:00am Make and Take Craft
- 11:30am Dora the Explorer
- 3:30pm Making Mexican Masks with Gloria Burlingame (3rd-6th grades, Registration is required).
Call 732-7360 to sign up.
- 4:30pm Stories on Film

Wednesday, April 30

- 11:00am Library Tour-English
- 1:00pm Dora the Explorer
- 3:30pm De Colores, Bilingual Puppet Show
- 5:30pm Book Tasting- Sampling Children's Books and Chocolate
- 6:30pm Ballet Folklorico

For more DIA events, pick up a free schedule of events for both libraries in the Children's Department of either library. For questions about Children's events at the Rock Island Library, call 309-732-7360 or visit www.ripl.lib.il.us