

April 30th, 2018

JOIN US FOR A FREE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM

“El Día de los Niños, El Día de los Libros”

“Day of the Child, Day of the Book”

3:00pm – 4:10pm EST

Program Audience

Public librarians, school librarians, K-12 teachers.

Program Details

April 30th is celebrated nationwide as “El Día de los Niños, El Día de los Libros”—“the day of the child, the day of the book”—a commemoration championed by the [American Library Association](#) and [REFORMA](#), the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking.

This year, on Monday, April 30th, the Library of Congress, in partnership with Internet2, is pleased to invite public librarians, school librarians, and K-12 teachers from around the country to join us via interactive videoconference or live web stream to honor this day and its value in promoting diversity in children’s literature. The conversation will address the theme of librarians as heroes and the ways in which they have inspired, and continue to facilitate, diversity in books and other media.

The program will feature award-winning authors and an illustrator; an academic scholar and researcher; and a reference librarian from the LOC’s Hispanic Division.

Lee Ann Potter, Director of Educational Outreach at the Library of Congress, will moderate a panel featuring Carole Boston Weatherford (author) and Eric

Velasquez (illustrator), who will share background information about their new book, *Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library*.

Booklist says, "Lifelong bibliophile Arturo Schomburg would be pleased by Weatherford's prose-poem biography, which praises his passion for researching and collecting books, manuscripts, and other written materials relating black heritage and history."

Eric Velasquez, the son of Afro-Puerto Rican parents, was born in Spanish Harlem and grew up in Harlem. He will discuss his artistic considerations for his illustrations. Carole Boston Weatherford will share her thoughts about Arturo Schomburg and why she chose to write about him.

Velasquez and Weatherford will be joined by writer Meg Medina, who will feature her most recent bilingual book for young children, *Mango, Abuela, and Me / Mango, Abuela y yo*." Meg will discuss her literary portfolio as well as share examples from other contemporary authors of color, particularly those of blended Latinx heritage.

Dr. Marilisa Jiménez García, Assistant Professor of English and Latin American Studies at Lehigh University, will provide context to the discussion about the background and development of this literary genre, and Catalina Gomez, a reference librarian in the Hispanic Division at the Library of Congress, will share related resources from the Library's collections and discuss ways to access them.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

There are two ways for your organization to participate:

- 1) Register below as an interactive videoconferencing site. This will allow you and your colleagues to talk live with the presenters.
- 2) Tune into the live stream and watch the complete program online. No registration is required for this option.

Interactive site

To participate as a live interactive site, **please register here by Friday April 13, 2018:** <https://goo.gl/forms/oySKSQMhUteWG4vz1>

The first ten classrooms and libraries to register and successfully test for each event will be accepted as an interactive site, so register soon!

Technical and Program Requirements:

We will be using a cloud-based videoconferencing platform called BlueJeans. Each site wishing to participate as an interactive videoconferencing site will need access to a videoconference system or web browser and internet connection ([see full BlueJeans technical specs](#)). Every interactive site must successfully complete a videoconferencing test at least 48 hours prior to the program start date. We hope all participating sites will invite colleagues from your institution and/or others to join this interactive program.

Live Stream

The program will also be streamed live at <https://loc.internet2.edu>. No registration is required to watch the live stream. Throughout the program, live stream viewers can tweet questions or comments to hashtag **#diatogether**.

Questions?

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