



Hispanic Resource Center

EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTIFUL AND VIBRANT LATINO CULTURE

Tulsa City-County Library's Hispanic Resource Center is the place to go to keep in the loop about the Latino community, culture and happenings in the Tulsa County area.

The Hispanic Resource Center provides cultural, informational and educational resources, activities and services. Located in the Martin Regional Library, the Hispanic Resource Center serves both Spanish- and English-speaking customers.

"We offer cutting-edge programs of interest to the Latino community as well as to the community at-large. For example, one of the programs we are offering this October for Hispanic Heritage Month is a presentation on immigration in the heartland," said Sara Martínez, coordinator of the Hispanic Resource Center. "We also have a comprehensive collection of English-language books, DVDs and other materials with a focus on Latino culture, art, history, music, cooking, current issues and travel. I hope people in the community will remember to visit the center whenever Latin America or Latino issues are in the news, and whenever they'd like to learn more about Latinos and American cultural expressions, such as baseball and jazz."

IN ADDITION, THE HISPANIC RESOURCE CENTER FEATURES:

- Bilingual storytimes for children and their families.
- Spanish-language books, DVDs, videotapes, music CDs and other materials.
- Spanish-language magazines and newspapers, available in print and online.
- Audiotapes and books to help you learn English or Spanish.
- Computer classes taught in Spanish.
- Computers with Spanish-language software and keyboards that offer Internet access, educational games for children and Microsoft Office Suite Applications including Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Publisher.
- Free workshops, guest speakers, art exhibits, educational programs and entertainment such as flamenco dancers, mariachi bands and classic Hispanic movies.
- Weekly Spanish conversation club to help you practice your Spanish with a native speaker.

"Our staff is fluent in English and Spanish," said Martínez. "This helps make a visit to the library more enjoyable and productive for someone who speaks primarily Spanish, as we can answer their questions and help them locate the resources they need."

The center also has information about other community resources available to Tulsa's Spanish-speaking residents, said Martínez.

For kindergarten and preschool teachers, the center offers bilingual story boxes that are available for checkout for one to two weeks. Designed for ages 3-6, the available kits are: colors and shapes (colores y formas), holidays (días festivos), insects (los insectos) and healthy kids

(salud y nutrición). Each kit contains seven to 12 books, a teacher's manual of ideas and patterns, finger plays, and a combination of CDs, puppets, flannel-graph stories, games and possibly room decorations. The center also has educational kits on the Huichol Indians of Mexico, the Maya of Guatemala and the Inca of Peru.

The Hispanic Resource Center opened in 1999 and was founded by grants from Founders and Associates Inc., The Bama Companies Inc. and Mrs. Paul W. Marshall.

Visit the center in person at the Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Road, or virtually at TulsaLibrary.org/hrc or by telephone at 918-549-7590.

FIESTAS, MARIACHI BANDS, FLAMENCO DANCERS ... ¡VIVA!

Every September and October, the Hispanic Resource Center celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with fun fiestas, lively music and dance performances, children's storytimes and other cultural presentations scheduled at area libraries.

This year's celebration includes a Latino art show, a Hispanic Resource Center open house for teachers and educators, dancing with the Estrellas, and songs and stories from Spain and Latin America performed by Juan Sánchez, a Spaniard transplanted to California. The free Hispanic Heritage Month series is sponsored by the Hispanic Resource Center, Tulsa Library Trust, Hispanic American Foundation and Hispano de Tulsa. For a complete schedule of events, visit TulsaLibrary.org/hrc or pick up a brochure at your neighborhood library.



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