



Children & Libraries en Español

Spanish and Bilingual Programming Template

Name of Library: Kenton County Public Library

City/State: Covington, KY 41011

Title of Program: Bilingual Storytime

Type of Program: ongoing

If ongoing, how often is the program presented?: once a month during school year

Theme of program: usually country holidays

Age group targeted: Lower Elementary (6-8)

Length of Program: one to two hours

Staffing Required: 1 full time staff plus desk assistants and presenters with foreign knowledge and experience

Level of fluency in Spanish required to present the program:

Some - knows a few words of Spanish

If you answered "none" or "some" to the previous question, what key phrases in Spanish would a non-speaker benefit from knowing before presenting this program? : Hola, bienvenidos, mi nombre es o soy _____. Hablo español un poquito. El gusto es mio.

Books used in the program: too numerous to list but we depend upon books with CDs by Jose Luis Orozco (?), poetry books by Francisco X. Alarcon, and the Pura Belpre winners.

Other materials needed: We use musicians and library friends from Spanish-speaking countries

Approximate preparation time needed: hours and hours of shopping for authentic food, preparation, decoration.

Contact or Acknowledgement (optional):

Additionally, you might want to describe further your program and how it is implemented: Our bilingual storytime is primarily Spanish/English, because the Spanish-speaking group is the largest new immigrant population. However, we also provide bilingual storytime in Arabic, German, French, Tamil, _____. We are always looking for opportunities to showcase other languages and cultures. Once a year we work with other public and university libraries and literacy partners to present El dia de los ninos/El dia de los libros, and we have "international storytime" in at least 10 languages (all readers reading same picture book page by page. It's a great hit.