

The Teen Times

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In the September issue of *The Teen Times*, the RPL Youth Services Team focuses on Hispanic Heritage Month, bringing you book, film, & television recommendations, a spotlight on our teen programming, and some fun activities to pass the time.

Programming Spotlight

September's programming spotlight is a **GUESSING GAME**.

You may have noticed if you've stopped into the Children's Room, that we have a guessing game meant for kids 12 and younger, but you may be surprised to know that we're introducing this for teens!

Each month there will be something new in the jar by the window in the YA area of the library. You can guess as many times as you want, and each month there will be **2 (two)** winners.

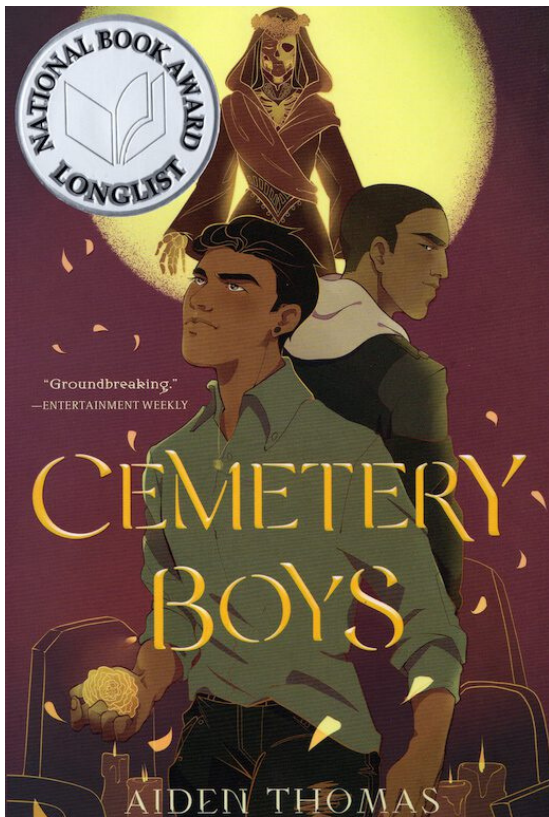
Each winner will be able to select a prize from a selection of prizes that are targeted for teens! Simply fill out a sheet and put it in the box next to the jar to enter!



Book Recommendations: Hispanic Heritage

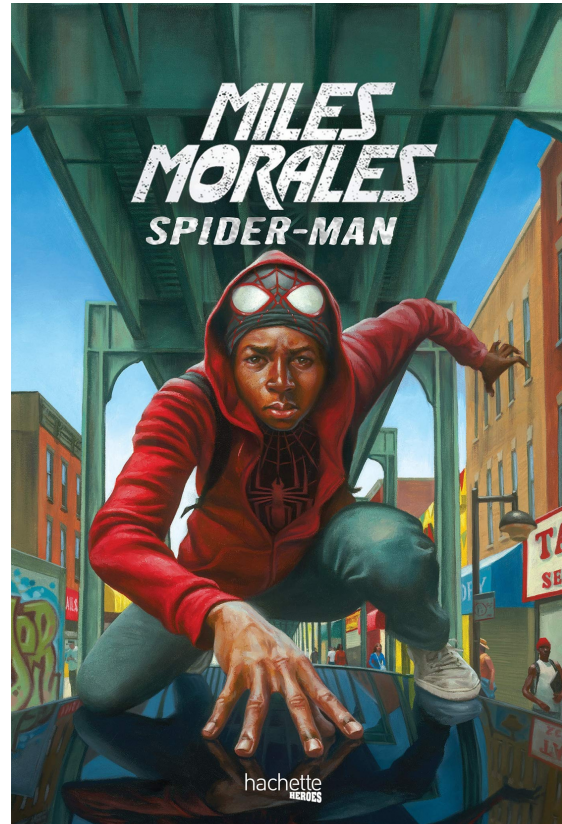
Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas

When his traditional Latinx family has problems accepting his gender, Yadriel becomes determined to prove himself a real brujo. With the help of his cousin and best friend Maritza, he performs the ritual himself, and then sets out to find the ghost of his murdered cousin and set it free. However, the ghost he summons is actually Julian Diaz, the school's resident bad boy, and Julian is not about to go quietly into death. He's determined to find out what happened and tie up some loose ends before he leaves.



Miles Morales: Spider-Man by Jason Reynolds

Miles Morales is just your average teenager. Dinner every Sunday with his parents, chilling out playing old-school video games with his best friend, Ganke, crushing on brainy, beautiful poet Alicia. He's even got a scholarship spot at the prestigious Brooklyn Visions Academy. Oh yeah, and he's Spider Man. But lately, Miles's spidey-sense has been on the fritz. When a misunderstanding leads to his suspension from school, Miles begins to question his abilities. Maybe kids like Miles aren't meant to be superheroes. Maybe Miles should take his dad's advice and focus on saving himself.



Somewhere Between Bitter & Sweet by Laekan Zea Kemp

In Austin, TX, Pen Prado's Mexican American family runs Nacho's Tacos, a popular place to eat and gather and the community hub that neighborhood residents turn to in times of need. Xander lives with his abuelo and lives in fear of his undocumented status being revealed. When Xander takes a job at Nacho's Tacos, he finds a place to belong and a family as his relationship with Pen progresses, but those things are threatened by J.P., or El Martillo, a loan shark who has corrupt members of law enforcement on his payroll.

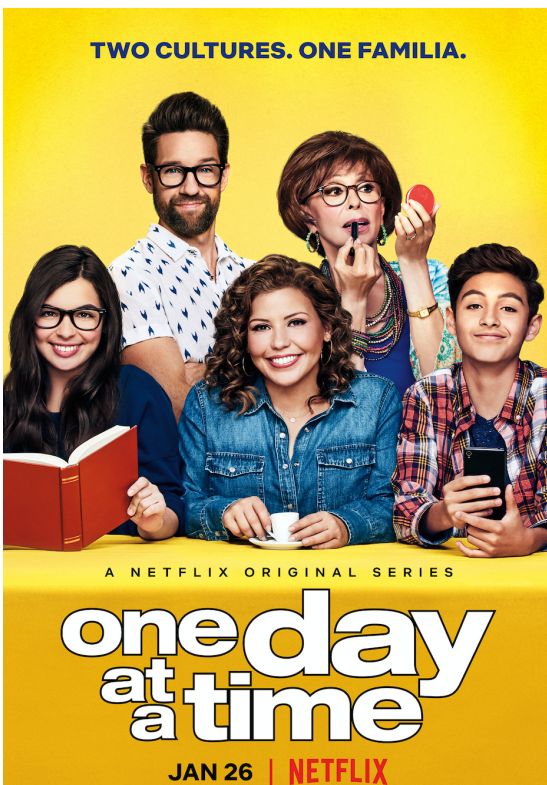
We Set the Dark on Fire by Tehlor Kay Mejia

Daniela Vargas is the school's top student, but her bright future depends upon no one discovering her darkest secret—that her pedigree is a lie. Her parents sacrificed everything to obtain forged identification papers so Dani could rise above her station. Now that her marriage to an important politico's son is fast approaching, she must keep the truth hidden or be sent back to the fringes of society, where famine and poverty rule supreme.

Film/Television Reviews

One Day at a Time

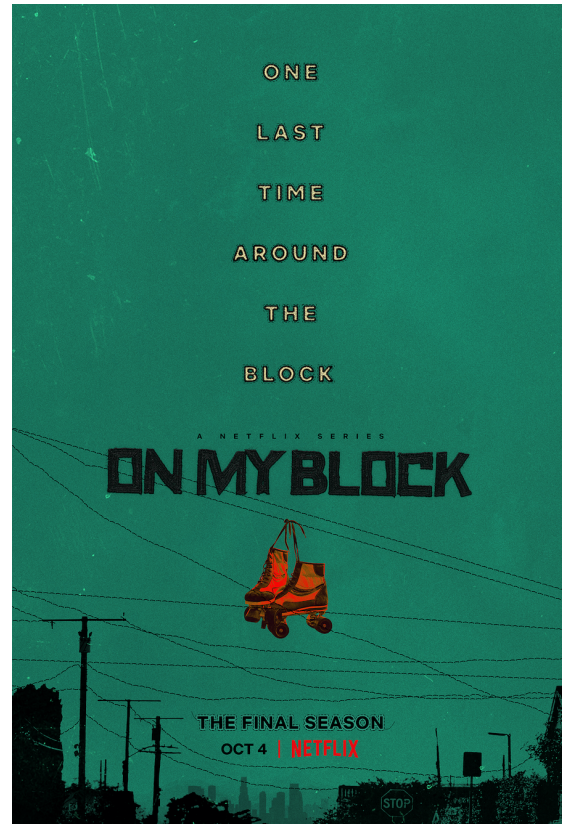
The series follows the lives of the Alvarezes, a Cuban family living in an apartment complex in Los Angeles—that yes, like the original, is again staffed by a handyman named Sneider. The multidimensional Latinx characters attend political demonstrations, work through being LGBTQ+ in the Latinx community and take on racism and colorism.



Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

On My Block

Netflix's critically-acclaimed series follows a group of friends as they navigate high school drama and the real-life threat of danger in South Central Los Angeles. Two of the characters and actors are Latinx—Cesar (Diego Tinoco) and Ruby (Jason Genao). The light-hearted coming-of-age series still covers serious issues including gang violence and kidnapping as the friends try to stick together through it all.



Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Love, Victor

The show's star, Victor (Michael Cimino), is a new Colombian-Puerto Rican student at Creekwood High School. He's on a journey of self-discovery, exploring his sexual orientation all while adjusting to life in a new city and challenges at home.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

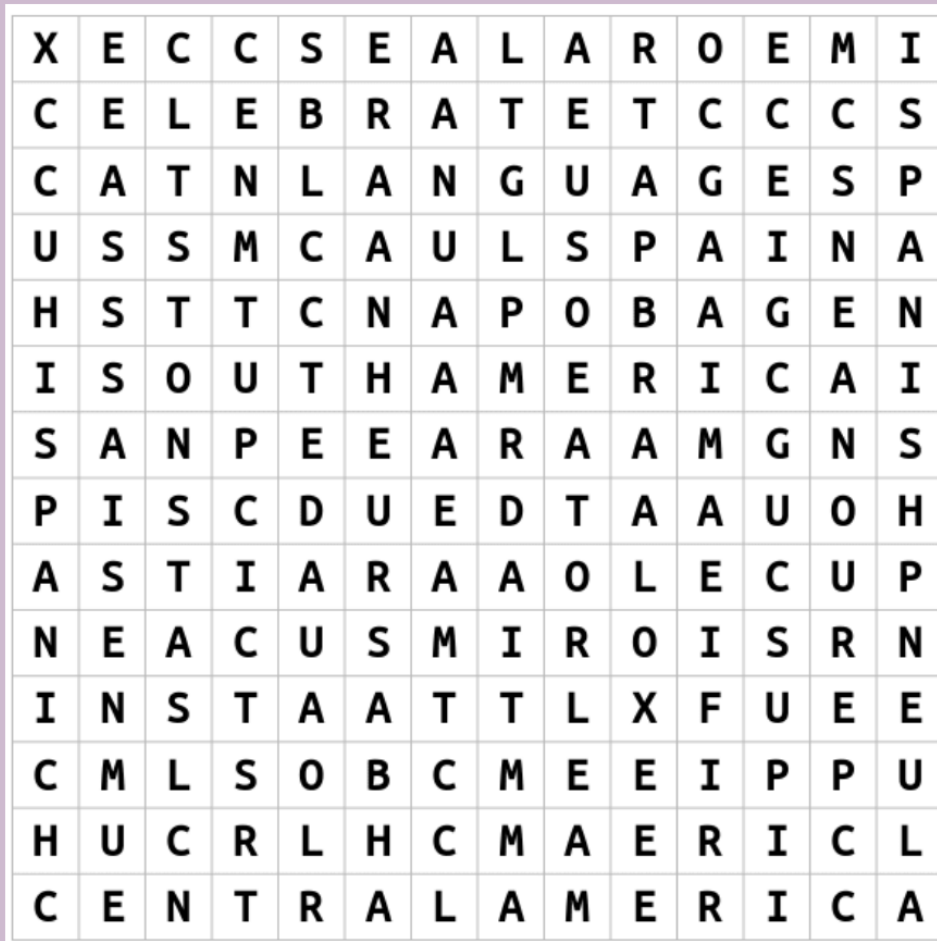
Julie & the Phantoms

Julie and the Phantoms is a super-cute Netflix original series about a teen girl who rediscovers her passion for music when she starts seeing ghosts. She teams up with the musically-inclined apparitions and winds up forming a seriously rockin' band.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Activities Corner

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH WORD SEARCH



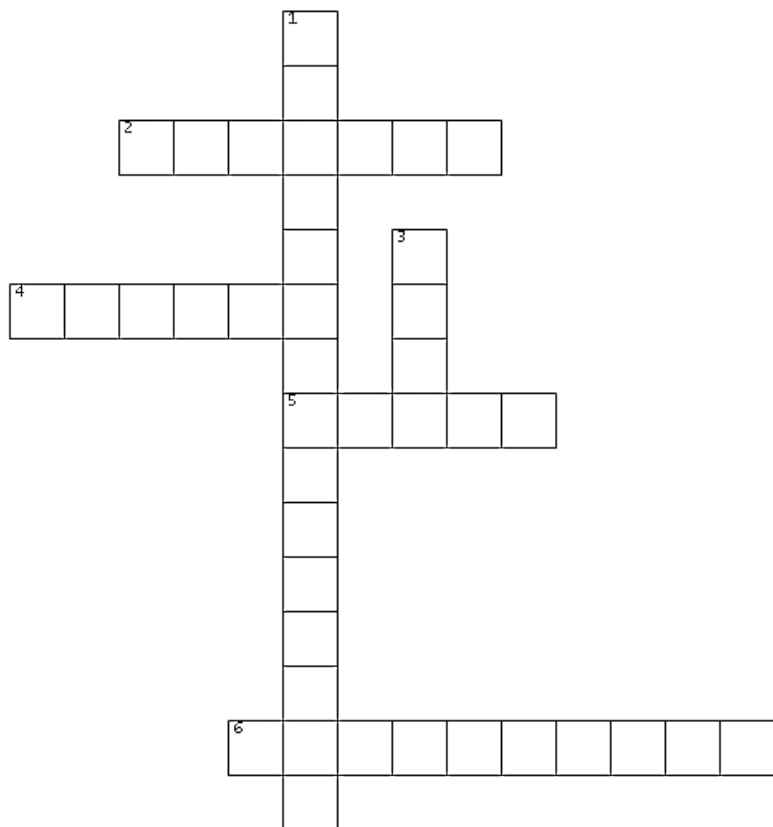
Word Bank:

SPANISH	SOUTH AMERICA	CENTRAL AMERICA
MEXICO	CELEBRATE	CULTURE
HISPANIC	FOOD	LANGUAGES

Bring back a completed word search for a sticker!

Activities Corner, cont.

Hispanic Heritage Month Crossword Puzzle



Sudoku 9x9

5	6		4	2		3	1	8
		1	5		9		2	
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Color Me!



Across

2. What was the first Disney animated film to feature all Hispanic characters?
4. This is the biggest country in South America
5. Mexico declared its independence from what country?
6. What language is spoken in Brazil?

Down

1. Mexico celebrates this holiday on November 1st
3. This word means 'hello' in Spanish



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