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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Presents  
**Children's BookFest and Moonlight Tales on April 28**

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – Broward County Library is celebrating children and their books with storytellers, children's authors and entertainers, puppet shows, appearances by storybook characters, book giveaways, music and crafts at the Children's BookFest on April 28 at four library locations.

The free event is held in recognition of Children's Day/Book Day (Día de los niños/Día de los libros), a cross-cultural celebration of children and reading (April 30).

Activities are scheduled on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Northwest Regional Library, 3151 University Dr., Coral Springs; Hollywood Branch, 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood; and Weston Branch, 4205 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston. The first 600 children at each location will receive a free book of their choice as part of the Target Big Book Giveaway.

**Featured presenters include:**

**Ella Jenkins** – Often called "the First Lady of children's music," Ella Jenkins has delighted generations of children and adults with her music. Her voice has been heard on Folkways Records and Smithsonian Folkways Recordings for forty-five years. She has made guest appearances on NBC's *Today Show*, *Barney and Friends*, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, and on *Sesame Street*. Jenkins received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2004 Grammys.

**Dovie Thomason** – A Lakota/Kiowa Apache storyteller, Dovie Thomason is also an author and cultural educator. She has won numerous awards for her recordings of traditional Native stories, including a Parent’s Choice Gold Award. Thomason has been a featured teller at major festivals from Tennessee to Ireland.

**Jaime Riascos** – Acclaimed as the most important storyteller from Colombia, Jaime Riascos has performed in France, Spain, Mexico, Cuba, Venezuela and the U.S. He will tell “Stories and Legends from Latin America” in English and Spanish. Riascos currently resides in San Francisco, working as a researcher and promoter of Spanish storytelling.

**Antonio Sacre** – Born in Boston to a Cuban father and Irish-American mother, Antonio Sacre has been delighting audiences since 1993 with his touching and humorous bilingual stories, solo theatrical performances, and children's books and tapes. His fun-filled performances appeal to all ages.

**Diane Ferlatte** – Spinning yarns from many cultures, Diane Ferlatte focuses mostly on African, Southern, and African-American tales. She has traveled the globe giving storytelling performances to people of all ages. Ferlatte’s honors include the National Storytelling Network Circle of Excellence Award.

“Moonlight Tales: Storytelling Under the Stars” will be the grand finale BookFest event from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Main Library, 100 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale. This enchanting evening of music and stories for the whole family includes performances by Antonio Sacre, Diane Ferlatte, Dovie Thomason and Jaime Riascos. Music will be provided by local folksinger/songwriter Darrell House.

Children’s BookFest is funded through the Broward Public Library Foundation by Target, The Miami Herald, Friends of Fort Lauderdale Libraries, Comcast, KidVision Channel 2, Broward Family Life Magazine and Roepnack Corp. Community partner: Broward Association for the Education of Young Children.

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For complete details, call 954-357-7846, or visit [www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library) and click on the Programs & Events button.

Founded in 1974, the award-winning Broward County Libraries Division, [www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library), provides essential quality of life community service as well as outstanding customer service throughout Broward County. The library consists of 37 branches, more than three million items for public use, 970 permanent staff, 114 part-time staff and \$4.6 million in grants with 41 grant-supported positions. Broward County Library is the ninth largest library system in the United States serving 10 million customers annually.

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