



Helping Here.

Presents:

READ AROUND TOWN

Leading up to the South Texas Book Festival, we're celebrating the stories that shape our community!

Join us for storytimes, book talks, and special sessions with children's authors from the Rio Grande Valley.

Meet Our Featured Local Children's Authors!



Patty Raymond York

With Patty Raymond York

Monday, Oct. 20 at 6PM

Location: Raising Cane's in McAllen (10th & Trenton)

We're heading over to Raising Cane's for a special storytime with Patty York Raymond! She'll be sharing *There Was a Tenacious Teacher Who Scarfed Down a Sticker*, a laugh-out-loud bilingual picture book full of rhyme, rhythm, and wild imagination. With every page, this tenacious teacher devours classroom supplies, inspires her students, and sparks giggles for kids and grown-ups alike.



Melissa Diaz

With Melissa Diaz

Monday, Oct. 20 at 11AM

Location: Main Library

My Love For You is Everywhere, a heartfelt picture book inspired by her experiences as the child of a blended family, a stepparent, and an educator. Through her story, Diaz shines a light on co-parenting and the challenges it brings to little hearts.



Suzanne Shepard

With Suzanne Shepard

Tuesday, October 21 at 11AM

Location: Lark Branch Library

Inspired by the real giraffe at Gladys Porter Zoo, Suzanne Shepard's picture books *Rocket the Space Giraffe* and *Wish Upon a Star* take readers on cosmic adventures with Rocket and Cosmo—blending fun animal facts with big dreams.



Juan Reynoso

With Juan Reynoso

Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 1PM

Location: Main Library

Author Juan Reynoso shares his heartfelt picture books *Babble Babble* and *I Love You*. With poetic words and vibrant watercolor illustrations, his stories celebrate growth, love, and family — making them perfect read-alouds for little ones and the people who love them.



Eliza Garza

With Eliza Garza

Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 6PM

Location: Main Library

Author Eliza Garza shares *My Friend Sabrina*, a touching story that reminds us sunshine isn't just in the sky, it's in the love we share. This heartfelt book helps children navigate grief, celebrate legacy, and recognize the light they carry in their own hearts.



Naivi Vera

With Naivi Vera

Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 6PM

Location: Palm View Branch Library

Author Naivi Vera brings a special storytime with *El maravilloso mundo de Susy, la hormiguita aventurera* — a Spanish-English bilingual children's book where a little ant's adventures teach lessons of bravery and teamwork.



Ann Anderson

With Ann Anderson

Thursday, Oct. 23 at 1PM

Location: Main Library

Author Ann Anderson shares *The Pumpkin Seed*, a heartwarming fall story about perseverance and the power of belief. Follow young Robbie as he dreams of growing the biggest pumpkin for his town's festival, learning along the way that anything is possible.

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