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The Oakland Public Library Celebrates Día (Diversity in Action) with Cultural Events for Kids

Oakland, CA – Día, celebrating its 20th year in 2016, is a nationally recognized initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for all children from all backgrounds. It is a daily commitment to linking children and their families to diverse books, languages and cultures. Oakland Public Library upholds this daily commitment, and once a year celebrates it city wide in the month of April, culminating with El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

In April 2016, each Oakland Public Library location will celebrate Día with one of the following performances, followed by a book giveaway supported by the Kenneth Rainin Foundation. "Every day is a day to celebrate children, books, language and culture, but in April we invite every Oakland family to come together in this celebration," says Supervising Librarian for Children's Services, Nina Lindsay.

For the full schedule, please check www.oaklandlibrary.org/dia-2016.

Alphabet Rockers, a hip hop, rapping, moving kind of group, is Oakland's answer to "Sesame Street." They amplify family fun in their new show: "The Playground Zone." This hit new show for kids age 3-9 and parents uses hot beats, hip hop moves, and rap lyrics.

Mariela Herrera, a Chilean-born performer who is well-versed her native country's folkloric traditions, brings her energetic and exciting bilingual music, dance and storytelling to Oakland Libraries. Especially for ages 2-6.

Sean's Shadow Puppet Theatre entrances audiences with folk tales come from Africa, China, or the Caribbean. His stories, hand-made shadow puppets, and instruments from around the world demonstrate the power of tales in every culture.

Kamishibai (paper theater) is a story telling form that was popular throughout Japan in the 1920s to 1950s. Join Librarian Erica Siskind as she travels from branch to branch on her bicycle to deliver stories.

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