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## **Harlingen Library Hispanic Heritage Week Includes Celebration Event**

**Harlingen, Texas**– Activities this week at the Harlingen Public Library have focused on observing and celebrating the artistic and literary influences of Hispanic artists, poets, and authors. It's part of Hispanic Heritage Week established in 1968 and later expanded to one month from September 15 to October 15 by congress and President Ronald Reagan.

It is a time set aside to celebrate and pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation.

Children were invited to participate in an art contest by submitting art that is displayed in the children's area of the library and poets shared their poetry. The community is invited to attend the Hispanic Heritage Movie Night on Wednesday, September 19 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The featured film is "Selena" the story of the Tejano and Pop Music Icon who was killed by her fan club president in 1995 in her hometown of Corpus Christi. The week-long celebration will culminate on September 22 with a community event that will include food, music, and activities for children including a clown, bilingual stories, crafts, a cake walk, door prizes, and a piñata.

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The event will kick-off in the auditorium at 2 p.m. where the Art Contest participants will be recognized and the winners will be announced.

Event Schedule:



2 p.m. Kick-off in the auditorium and Art Contest Winners announced

2:15 Bilingual story

2:25 Clown presentation

2:45 Door prizes

2:50 Activities throughout the library

3:30 Piñata in the courtyard

The activities throughout the library include crafts in the conference room, music in the courtyard, a cake walk in the courtyard, bubbles in the grass under the tent, Sweet Blessings Food Truck, the clown handing out balloons, and vendors displaying information and crafts inside the library.

Assistant Library Director Molly Walter says staffs hope is that the children and the community have fun but more importantly, that they cultivate an appreciation for Hispanic traditions, achievements, and history.

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