



HISTORY AND LITERARY ARTS

at the National Hispanic Cultural Center

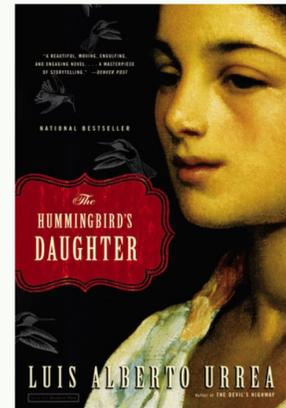
Despite COVID-19, we are working hard to continue to bring history and literature programming into your homes.

BOOK CLUB ONLINE

We have taken the NHCC Book Club online! Join us on the last Thursday of the month to discuss our selected work of Latinx literature. The next book club meeting is Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Contact [Cassandra Osterloh](#) who will send you the information you need.

Our book for May is *The Hummingbird's Daughter* by Luis Alberto Urrea (Back Bay Books 2006). This award-winning novel depicts a young woman's sudden sainthood in late 19th-century Mexico.

"It is 1889, and the civil war is brewing in Mexico. Sixteen year old Teresita, illegitimate and beloved daughter of the wealthy and powerful rancher Don Tomas Urrea, wakes from the strangest dream, a dream that she has died. Only, it is not a dream. This passionate and rebellious young woman has arisen from the dead with the power to heal, but it will take all her faith to endure the trials that await her and her family now that she has become the Saint of Cabora."--Goodreads



PODCAST: TEENS ON COVID-19



Tune in to the newest episode of HLA's new podcast, ["La Hilacha: Words and Memories."](#)

Episode 5 features six teens who live in the Barelas neighborhood of Albuquerque. They talk about living inside the COVID-19 pandemic. These teens are part of the Barelas Youth Team (see below) and call themselves the "Sunset Mix."

We call our HLA podcast "La Hilacha" because we understand history and literature as an unraveling thread ("hilacha")--from the richness of our individual and collective stories to the writing that tells these stories to the world. [Listen!](#)

BARELAS YOUTH TEAM

HLA, in partnership with [Artful Life](#), Working Classroom, and Homewise, has formed a team of teens who live in the Barelás neighborhood of Albuquerque.

Since October of 2019, the team has been engaged in teambuilding, creative collaboration, and community outreach under the guidance of project coordinator, Maria Herrera.

The team will be designing and creating a public work of art in the neighborhood, inspired by their experience of living in Barelás as well as input by their neighbors and families. Their weekly in-person work sessions have been interrupted by COVID-19, but plans and art-making continue.



The team (which calls itself "The Sunset Mix") has written a collaborative "[Pandemic Poem](#)" that expresses their experience of living inside a pandemic. Learn more [here](#).

Since 2018, HLA has been working closely with the Barelás community on a wide-range of neighborhood initiatives in an effort to be even more involved in the neighborhood where the NHCC is located.

SHORT FILM: HLA SIGNATURE EVENTS



Check out a [sweet little film](#) that captures moments from the past year's History and Literary Arts signature programs.

From our Children's Bilingual Book Festival, Iluminarte, History Festival, and Voces Summer Writing Institute for Teens, HLA has been working hard to create exciting and innovative programming for children, youth, adults, elders and families.

Thank you to Chris Roybal for capturing the spirit of HLA programming. [This](#) one-minute video will make

you smile!

CANCELLED: VOCES SUMMER WRITING INSTITUTE

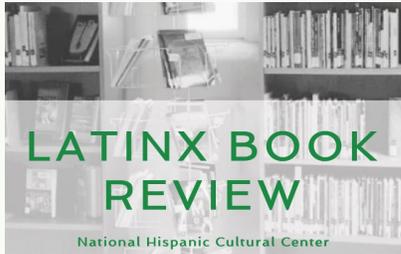
Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our popular Voces Summer Writing Institute for Teens for 2020.

This month-long writing intensive nurtures teen writers through a wide range of writing and experiential activities. A very important aspect of the program is team-building that depends on teens being able to get to know each other in-person. This is not possible, right now, because of COVID-19 and state guidelines for summer camps.



We are sad that we have to cancel this program for the first time in its history, but we understand that the health of our teens and their families is of the utmost importance.

RECOMMENDED READING



Check in with our [book review blog](#) to read our latest recommendations for books by Latinx authors. There are new reviews each week, and we'd love for you to read with us.

[NHCC Latinx Book Reviews](#)

ONLINE: "EL VOTO FEMENINO" EXHIBIT

You can now visit our Women's Vote Centennial exhibit [online](#)! There's also an activity booklet and fun games and puzzles.

"El voto femenino: Sufragistas Latinas luchando por el derecho al voto/The Women's Vote: Latina Suffragists Fighting for the Right to Vote" features Latinas from the international Hispanic diaspora (24 countries) who were instrumental in women's suffrage worldwide.



For **more information** about any of these events, contact History and Literary Arts Director Valerie Martínez at valerie.martinez@state.nm.us, 505-263-1977.
