



The History and Literary Arts Program (HLA) at the National Hispanic Cultural Center houses a library, archives, and special collections, features two to four exhibits a year, and presents a wide range of history and literary arts programs serving children, youth, adults, elders, and families.

EXHIBITS

August 2021 – December 2021

¡Mira! Nuestra Arquitectura

An architectural history of the NHCC in celebration of our 20th anniversary. Also available as a virtual tour at <https://youtu.be/chErf6uTFjQ>

El Voto Femenino / The Women's Vote - <https://bit.ly/3hHPRqG>

Celebrating the U.S. centennial of the Women's Vote, this exhibit features Latinas from the international Hispanic diaspora who were instrumental in women's suffrage worldwide.

ARCHIVES

The NHCC Archives permanently house manuscript collections, institutional records, photographs, and moving images as well as special collections of rare books, maps, and sound recordings.

We are happy to announce the availability for research of the B. Ruppe Drugs Collection. The collection documents the history and operation of B. Ruppe Drugstore and contains correspondence, herbal/wellness notebooks, records of local and national collaborations, conferences, and workshops files, as well as business and property record. Of note are the handwritten and typed herbal recipes/remedies attributed to herbalist and curandera, Maclovia Sanchez de Zamora.

We also continue to process collections related to the Mari-Luci Jaramillo Collection. The materials provide additional insight into the remarkable life of the first Mexican American woman to become a U.S. Ambassador to a foreign country. Digitization of Mari-Luci Jaramillo Collection photographs continues, offering access to hundreds of images via the New Mexico Digital Collection.

LIBRARY

The NHCC library holds over 14,000 titles with concentrations in the history and culture of the Hispanic/Latino world. The library circulates its collection (except for rare books and special collections) to NHCC members. The library also houses a genealogy research center with volunteers who provide free research assistance.

PROGRAMS

Book Club

NHCC book club members read and discuss fiction, nonfiction, and poetry by Latinx authors. The group meets on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Book Readings and Signings

Each year, HLA presents readings by nationally recognized and regionally important Hispanic/Latinx authors.

Book Review Blog – <https://www.nhcclatinxbookreview.com>

In March of 2020, HLA launched a book review blog where we publish reviews of books by Latinx authors.

La Canoa - <https://crsinfo.unm.edu/presentations/la-canoa-legacy-talks/index.html>

This monthly series (2017-2020) featured talks by Hispanic/Latino academic and community researchers with long-standing and distinguished records of research and teaching about New Mexico and the region.

Children's Bilingual Book Festival (April) – <https://www.nhccbookfest.com>

In April 2019, HLA launched its first annual NHCC Bilingual Children's Book Festival featuring K-6 books in Spanish and English and Native languages and English. The festival includes author readings, student recitations, workshops, art and book activities, a book fair and launches a summer reading program.

History Festival (February)

Each year in February, HLA presents a History Festival. This multi-generational event includes workshops, lectures, art activities, and other exciting events for all ages.

K-12 Social Studies and Language Arts Curriculum - <https://learn.nationalhispaniccenter.org/>

HLA has created and launched a K-12 educational curriculum, including lessons plans, virtual tours, classroom activities, and more.

National Latinx Writers Gathering (October) – <https://www.uslatinxlit.org>

In October of 2020, HLA launched the National Latinx Writers Gathering, bringing writers from all parts of the US together for community-building, networking, and advocacy.

New Year's Eve at the NHCC

Visitors celebrate New Year's Eve by touring various stations with interactive activities. Each station celebrates New Year's Eve with a different tradition from a different Hispanic country.

Perspectivas Modernas: Latin America

A collaboration amongst the NHCC, UNM Department of History, UNM Latin American and Iberian Institute, and UNM Center for the Southwest presenting lectures on Latin American history and contemporary issues. The first season 2020-2021 is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKGeE57ClusdEXintsa3KE87VjMRk4XI>

Podcast - <https://lahilacha1.podbean.com/>

As a result of the novel coronavirus pandemic in 2020, HLA launched a podcast, "La Hilacha," that brings Hispanic/Latino history and literary arts to all. Full season at the above link.

Tertulia Histórica Albuquerque

In partnership with the Office of the New Mexico State Historian, HLA presents a monthly series of talks hosted by the NM State Historian, Rob Martinez. Topics focus on New Mexico history and the state's contemporary influence on culture, identity, and heritage. Visit the NHCC website for dates and topics.

Voces Summer Writing Institute for Teens (June)

Voces is a free, month-long writing institute for high school writers. Teens (rising 9th graders through graduating seniors) are inspired to write prose, poetry, and monologues through a wide range of experiential activities. The program culminates with chapbooks and a public reading/performance.

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