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Rockford Public Library to Host Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Hispanic Heritage kicks off at Montague Branch Library

Rockford Public Library will host a series of events celebrating Hispanic Heritage month starting with a kick-off event at Montague Branch Library on Saturday, September 16th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. The kick-off event will feature Rockford author and businessman Saul Serna who will tell stories and read from his two bilingual books *I Love Rockford*, *How About You?* and *Just Be: A Book to Be a Better Me*. Refreshments will be served at the event.

Mr. Serna is the founder and CEO of the Hispanic career and life coaching company, Business for Life (TM). According to Hispanic Business, Inc. *Just Be*, his children's book written in both English and en español, serves as a guide to empower children to better accept who they are and to embrace, enjoy and celebrate diversity. The two main characters are Papi -- a Hispanic brown-eyed boy bee, and Honey -- an American blonde haired blue-eyed girl bee -- who teach each other about their respective cultures, and discover that they are much better together than either of them would ever be alone.

Other events celebrating Hispanic Heritage month include bilingual storyteller Clare Norelle presenting "Cuentos y Cantos en Dos Idiomas" (Stories and Songs in Two Languages), a cooking class at Los Portales Restaurant and movie nights featuring *Mask of Zorro* and *Frida*. For more information about these and other programs, visit RPL's website at www.rockfordpubliclibrary.org or call (815) 965-7606.

About the Library

The Rockford Public Library, founded in 1872 as the second library in Illinois, currently has six facilities, including the Main Library and five Branch Libraries. The Rockford Public Library's mission is to enhance community life and development by informing, educating, entertaining, and providing cultural enrichment to all people of all ages by collecting information to address the diverse interests of our dynamic community.

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