Spanish-Language Children’s Books
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This bibliography is a selected list of Spanish language children’s literature for use in the K-8 classroom. Some books are bilingual, while others are written entirely in Spanish.

Big Books:

Exercise by following the movements of various animals.
Call Number: [Big Book] PJ Car

Numbers from one to ten tell how a family shops and works together.
Call Number: [Big Book] PJ Fal

A pictorial biography of the civil rights leader, Martin Luther King, Jr.
Call Number: [Big Book] jB Kin 1993

A bilingual poem that describes the sounds of nature in a desert.
Call Number: [Big Book] PJ Mor

(Grades PreK-2).
Photos represent numbers 1 through 10, in English and Spanish.
Call Number: [Big Book] j513 Num

When a fire consumes their home, a young girl helps her family save money to purchase a new chair.
Call Number: [Big Book] PJ Wil

Seven blind mice spend seven days exploring a mystery animal.
Call Number: [Big Book] j398.2 You 1995
Picture Books:

Leaves blowing in the wind frighten rabbit so he and hedgehog flee in opposite direction. Fearing they may be in danger they disguise themselves.
**Call Number: PJ Alb**

Describes the life cycle of water from the perspective of one drop.
**Call Number: PJ Arg**

Two Latino boys experience carefree camaraderie despite one boy’s disability.
**Call Number: PJ Ber**

When Sierra’s auntie can’t be at her last soccer game, she asks Coach Marco if they can play on a field in her neighborhood.
**Call Number: PJ Boe**

When a young girl invites a group of cats to join her for playtime, she must keep pace with their mischievous feline antics!
**Call Number: PJ Bri** (also available in English)

Marisol McDonald, a biracial, nonconformist, soccer-playing pirate-princess with brown skin and red hair, celebrates her uniqueness.
**Call Number: PJ Bro**

A young child describes what it is like to be a migrant as she and her father travel north toward the US border.
**Call Number: PJ Bui**

Mira and her neighbors discover how art can inspire transformation and how even the smallest artist can achieve something great.

**Call Number: PJ Cam**


What does it mean to be right side up or upside down? Shifting your point of view changes everything.

**Call Number: PJ Cot**


Swim along with the Pout-Pout fish as he discovers that being glum and spreading dreariness is his destiny.

**Call Number: PJ Die**


Two baby giraffes encounter a baby ostrich and must guess how their potential new friend feels.

**Call Number: PJ Dom**


A rhyming twist on the classic fairy tale in which a little girl saves her grandmother from a wolf.

**Call Number: PJ Ely**


A rhyming twist on the classic fairy tale where the queen places a pea under a young lady’s mattress to see if she is a princess.

**Call Number: PJ Ely**


Introduces young children to color names and to the names of objects illustrated in that color in both Spanish and English.

**Call Number: [Small Book] PJ Emb**


Follows the four seasons around the year.

**Call Number: PJ Gom**
During the early days of the great Depression, New York City’s first Puerto Rican librarian, Pure Belpre, introduced the public library to immigrants living in el Barrio.
**Call Number: PJ Gon**

Maya opens her eyes to find the colors in her desert world, from Papi’s black hair and Mami’s orange and purple flowers to Maya’s red swing set and the fiery pink sunset.
**Call Number: [Small Book] PJ Gon**

Sisters Rosa and Blanca are such good gardeners that their Mamá who lives between them, winds up with too much corn, tomatoes, and red hot chilies.
**Call Number: PJ Hay**

Counting *ovejas* (sheep) makes a little girl bored, not sleepy, so instead she counts mischievous sheep, but will that solve her problem?
**Call Number: PJ Igl**

A young Mexican girl who is not allowed to use her mother’s thread to weave, exercises her ingenuity and repurposes plastic bags to create colorful weavings.
**Call Number: PJ Mar**

When Alma asks her father why she has so many names, she hears the story of her name and learns about her grandparents.
**Call Number: PJ Mar**

Questions about opposites draw attention to the ins and outs of a young boy’s quiet day at home. The answers come alive in the illustrations.
**Call Number: PJ Mar**

Lola wants to grow her own garden of silver bells and cockle shells and pretty maids in a row. She plants a flower garden and watches it grow.
**Call Number: PJ McQ**
A young girl tries to stop her cat from getting into mischief. Young readers will learn simple antonyms as they follow illustrations of the two at play.
Call Number: PJ Mei

Children celebrate El día de los niños, or Children’s Day, in this bilingual story.
Call Number: PJ Mor

A young boy celebrates family, friendship, and fun by telling about some of the everyday things for which he is thankful.
Call Number: PJ Mor

Bilingual text describes a family as they sit down to a table filled with good food.
Call Number: PJ Mor

Hoping that the enemy pie which is father makes will help him get rid of his enemy but instead it helps him make a new friend.
Call Number: PJ Mun

The class gerbil is not in his cage! The students join together to look for Max.
Call Number: PJ Pea (also available in English)

When a young girl enlists her father’s help to make a cake, nothing can be messier.
Call Number: PJ Per (also available in English)

Learn about adjectives with Jaime Josué who enjoys playing with his trucks.
Call Number: PJ Pet (also available in English)

No one understands Niko’s abstract pictures until a new friend sees the thought and feeling within his shapes and forms.
Call Number: PJ Rac
A young girl breaks her grandfather’s vihuela. While searching for someone to fix it she discovers her grandfather was a mariachi.
**Call Number: PJ Tor**

Simple directions lead the reader to experiment with mixing and changing colors on the printed page through the reader’s imagination.
**Call Number: PJ Tul**

The author describes Christmas at his grandmother’s apartment in Spanish Harlem.
**Call Number: PJ Vel**

Welcome to a family that’s just like yours, with a father, mother, sister, brother, abuelita, and gato. Family life from a Day of the Dead perspective.
**Call Number: PJ Wei**

**Juvenile Fiction:**

Amelia, a child of migrant farm workers, believed that every road led away from a potential home—until she found a connection to one special place.
**Call Number: J Alt**

A young girl’s compassion triumphs over prejudice when she befriends a boy who has just crossed the border from Mexico into Texas.
**Call Number: J Anz**

Evan and his younger sister are both going to be in the same class and as the end of summer approaches they battle it out through lemonade stands.
**Call Number: J Dav**

When a pair of twins with multicolored skin search for a place where no one will ridicule them, they learn an important lesson about humanity and belonging.
**Call Number: J Gar**

A young fan of luchó libre Mexican wrestling makes a connection to his battling hero.

**Call Number: J Gar**


Old Cricket, afraid that his chirp will be lost in a sea of cricket song, regains his identity when a singing competition begins between the crickets and the frogs.

**Call Number: J Mis**

**Juvenile Literature (Folklore & Poetry):**


Nursery rhymes in Spanish and English.

**Call Number: j398.8 Ada**


A young boy and his sister gather the ingredients and grind them up in a molcajete like their ancestors used to make salsa.

**Call Number: j861.64 Arg**


A mysterious woman shares an inexplicable bond with nature.

**Call Number: j398.21 Cru**


An illustrated collection of nursery rhymes, finger play games, and lullabies from the major Latino groups living in the United States today.

**Call Number: j398.8 Arr**


The little red hen can’t find anyone to help her make the bread but when all the work is done all the animals want to eat the bread.

**Call Number: j398.2 Fin**
This bilingual anthology of stories and folktales from Latin America contains topics such as scary stories, tricksters, strong women, and myths.
Call Number: j398.2 Loy

This bilingual, bicultural book presents us with a beautiful vision of a planet in which nature, words, and the rising and setting of the sun and moon exist in harmony.
Call Number: j861.7 Luj

This is an opossum. This animal has hardly changed since it appeared 50 million years ago and is one of the oldest mammals on earth.
Call Number: j813 Oje

Animals flutter and hum, dance and stretch, and slither and leap their way through this collection of poems.
Call Number: j811.54 Pas

**Juvenile NonFiction:**

Color photos and simple text written in Spanish and English describes the tools and units used in a standardized unit of measure and introduces the metric system.
Call Number: j530.8 Ada

Simple text and photos describe the units and tools needed to measure liquids both in standard and metric units in Spanish and English.
Call Number: j530.8 Ada

Learn how to tell time in Spanish and English as Ann participates in common activities such as watching a movie, jumping rope, and ballet class.
Call Number: j529 Ada
Describes the coming of autumn and discusses how leaves change color in the fall and other ways nature responds to the arrival of colder weather.
Call Number: j508.2 App

Learn about New Jersey, its geography, history, and the state today.
Call Number: j974.9 Bro

Learn about the sense of touch from skin to brain.
Call Number: j612 Day

Discover the Spanish words for your favorite animals in the zoo.
Call Number: j468 Dee

Describes the life and works of the famous Mexican painter, Diego Rivera.
Call Number: j759.972 Guz

Explains the origin of a group of children from Paraguay who formed an orchestra with instruments made from recycled trash and perform all around the world.
Call Number: j784.206 Hoo (also available in English)

This book follows one child on a visit to the post office. Then tracks the posted letter from the time it is dropped off until it is delivered.
Call Number: j383.4 Kaw

This book describes the upbringing of Frederico Garcia Lorca, admired poet and dramatist who was murdered at the start of the Spanish Civil War.
Call Number: jB Garcia Lorca

Spanish words about parks, playgrounds, and other sights.
Call Number: j468 Lei
Nutritious foods presented in an alphabetical order form with healthy food faces depicting a variety of emotions.
Call Number: j613.2 Maz

Describes words for different family members in Spanish. A “dictionary” features all the vocabulary words in both Spanish and English with a pronunciation guide
Call Number: j468.1 Nun

A birthday party is an exciting place for children to learn many uses for their hands.
Call Number: j612.98 Rau (also available in English)

Presents facts about crows, how they communicate, mating habits, and many more interesting facts.
Call Number: j598.8 Roz

Learn the basic characteristics of what fish are, how they swim, breathe and reproduce.
Call Number: j597 Sil

This bilingual picture book compares idioms with similar meanings in both English and Spanish.
Call Number: j428.2 Tab

Biography of Pedro Martinez who was a kid from the Dominican Republic who loved baseball. He would later pitch for the Red Sox and win a World Series championship.
Call Number: j796.357 Tav

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