

Seattle Rainbow Bookfest presents

NewVoicesNewStories

A MONTHLY PROGRAM OF UNIVERSAL STORIES FROM OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

SAVE THE DATE

2010 Seattle
Rainbow Bookfest
September 25, 2010

All readers invited!

Words

&

Pictures!



Community Speaks!

Come join us to hear stories from our local community – stories of family, of personal journeys, of memorable people from old and new places.

Saturday

July 10, 2010

10 – 10:30 a.m.

Community stories

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Maria Victoria
Blanca Santander

Neighborhood House

High Point Center

6400 Sylvan Way SW

Seattle, WA 98126

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Discover the power of storytelling with our featured guests

MARIA VICTORIA BLANCA SANTANDER

WITH MUSIC BY ENRIQUE WETZEL



Do you love picture books? Do you wonder how writers and illustrators work together? Come and have fun with bilingual author Maria Victoria and artist-illustrator Blanca Santander as they uncover the magic that takes place when their creativity merges unto the same page. The audience will help create the first-ever Seattle Rainbow Bookfest illustrated book. Blanca and Maria will take you to a playground of words, color and rhyme where every child, and adult has a good time.

Coming soon

More **NewVoicesNewStories** programs every second Saturday of each month in the Neighborhood House High Point Center.

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MARIA VICTORIA

A native of Veracruz, Mexico, Ms. Victoria's first novel, "Les Dejo el Mar" (Ediciones B, 2005) was a finalist for the Mariposa Book Award (best first Spanish novel) and took third place as the best overall Historical Novel. Her short stories have been published in Spain, Argentina, and Mexico. Her work has also been published in the U.S. in literary journals such as Nimrod, and Quercus Review. She has been the recipient of numerous literary awards including the James W. Hall for Fiction award and the Jimmy Knudsen Memorial award from Pacific Lutheran University. She is a Hedgebrook alumna and has been a featured author and organizer of local literary events.



BLANCA SANTANDER

Formerly from Peru, Blanca Santander lives in Seattle, Washington. For National Hispanic Heritage Month, Barnes & Noble's Booksellers selected Blanca as their feature artist in September 2009 and again in 2010. Recently the United States Census Bureau commissioned twelve illustrations from her for use in books, posters, and calendars to reach out to the millions of people in the Northwest United States region about the importance of filling out the Census.

In her native Peru she illustrated for UNICEF, FAO-HOLLAND, COTESU, and other nonprofit organizations, winning 1st Prize in a national contest sponsored by FAO-Holland-INFOR. Notably, her illustrations have been used by major publishers and with many authors of children's books. In 2009, Ms. Santander won 1st Prize in a contest from National Hispana Leadership Council of Washington DC. Her heritage and energy resonate in the use of color and magical themes to delight children and the young at heart. She is very active in the local art scene in Seattle and contributes to many cultural events.

