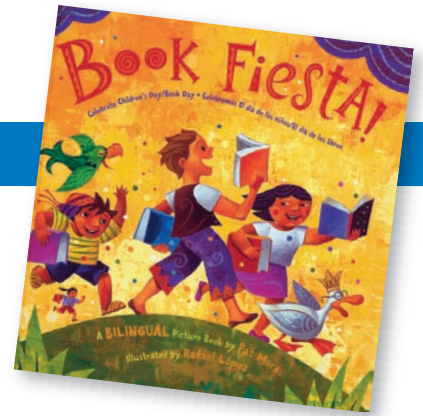


# Book Fiesta!



## A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

**Themes:** Celebrations, Reading, Cultures Around the World

**Grade Level:** Pre-K to K

**Book Brief:** Children from around the world show their love of reading with a day of celebration!

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading:** Read the title and ask children if they know what a fiesta is. What do they think of when they hear the word fiesta? Have they ever participated in a fiesta? Point out that the title is written in English and Spanish. Ask why they think the title is in two languages instead of one.

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS (AGES 5-12)

Materials: tissue paper, yarn, tape, scissors

1. Stack six sheets of tissue paper. Fold the stack like a fan/accordion. Use different colors for each flower or make them a solid color.
2. Cut folded paper fan in half through the middle. Each half will make one flower.
3. Take one half (still folded) and trim both ends into a rounded point.
4. Tie yarn around the center of each folded fan of paper.
5. Gently separate each layer of the folded paper by pulling up and down until you have a circular shape.
6. Tape ends together at the top and bottom so the flower will stay open.

Use the flowers to decorate your space for a fiesta!

### PAPER BAG MARACAS (AGES 5-12)

Materials: 4 small paper bags, rice, paint, paper, 2 rubber bands, tape

1. Place 1 bag into another to make a double bag. Repeat. Paint the two double bags. Let dry. Fill each bag with a cup of rice.
2. Roll paper into a tight tube for the handle. Tape to hold. Put paper handle in the bag, leaving some exposed.
3. Tighten the end of each bag with a rubber band. Tie with ribbon to cover the rubber band.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Gracias / Thanks* (2009), *Confetti: Poems for Children* (1999), *Doña Flor* (2005), *Tomás and the Library Lady* (2000).

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