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Library's International Book Fair set for July 6-8

The event will feature authors and illustrators locally and from around the world

DALLAS, TX – Local, national and international authors and illustrators will discuss their work, present workshops and sign books at the Second Annual Dallas International Book Fair July 6-8 at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St. The free event will also feature artistic and cultural performances for the entire family. Activities are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

"Our goal is to promote a love for books, reading and writing," said Dallas Public Library Assistant Director Miriam Rodriguez. "This year's event will celebrate Asian cultures, but will also include readings and performances from many different countries. It's a free event that the whole family will enjoy."

Among the illustrators and authors to be featured at the Book Fair are:

- Yangsook Choi, named one of the most prominent new children's book artists of 1997 by Publishers Weekly and winner of the International Reading Association's Children's Book Award,
- William Poy Lee, author of *The Eighth Promise*, a rare glimpse of the Chinese-American immigrant experience from a mother-son perspective.
- Qiu Xiaolong, author of *Death of A Red Heroine*, selected by National Public Radio as one of the 10 best books of 2000. He will discuss his successful Detective Chen series
- Juan de Recacoechea, whose recently released *American Visa*, has enjoyed incredible success in Latin America, and is the winner of Bolivia's National Book Prize.
- Angel Esteban, professor of Granada (Spain) University will be presenting *Gabo and Fidel*, a book that takes on the intriguing topic of the close friendship between Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Fidel Castro.
- Monica Lavin, whose book for young readers *La más faulera*, about a girl basketball player in Mexico City is recommended reading for teenagers.

Local, national and international vendors will be selling books and materials in multiple languages to the public and to librarians that attend. The Book Fair will also present a variety of entertainment for children and families including multilingual storytimes, dance and musical performances.

For more information go to www.dallasinternationalbookfair.com.

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