

## News Release

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### CELEBRATE DÍA THIS APRIL WITH TWO AUTHOR EVENTS

Annual celebration of children, literature and culture features online author events

**Charlotte, NC – April 20, 2021** – Charlotte Mecklenburg Library continues to celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children’s Day/Book Day) with two online author events on Wednesday, April 21 and Saturday, April 24.

On Wednesday, April 21 at 11 a.m. join Lester Laminack, Professor Emeritus at Western Carolina University and children’s author, along with Charlotte Hornets mascot Hugo the Hornet for Supporting Families with Read-Aloud and Literacy Activities, a special virtual family workshop. Participants will learn the link between family engagement and student learning and development as well as identify read-aloud concepts to focus on at home with their child. This workshop is presented by 19TwentyEight in collaboration with the Charlotte Hornets’ mascot Hugo and the Hispanic/Latino Fan Engagement Committee. Click here to [register](#).

Then, on Saturday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m. join us for Storytelling with Author Carmen Agra Deedy, a virtual experience of the unique world of storytelling. Carmen Agra Deedy is a *New York Times* best-selling author of twelve children’s books including *Rita and Ralph’s Rotten Day*, *The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet*, and *14 Cows for America*. Click here to [register](#).

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library celebrates Día as part of its commitment to connecting children and their families to multicultural books, bilingual services, and educational resources. Día, also known as Diversity in Action, emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds, and special Día storytime programs are being offered online throughout the month of April. Learn more about the services provided by the Library by visiting [www.cmlibrary.org](http://www.cmlibrary.org).

For information in Spanish, call 704-416-0556.

#### **About Charlotte Mecklenburg Library:**

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is one of America’s leading urban public libraries, serving a community of more than one million citizens in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Through 20 locations, targeted outreach and online resources, the Library delivers exceptional services and programs, with a mission to improve lives and build a stronger community. For more, visit [cmlibrary.org](http://cmlibrary.org).

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**Photo caption 1:** Día signature author Lester Laminack.

**Photo caption 2:** Charlotte Hornets’ mascot Hugo the Hornet.

**Photo Caption 3:** Día signature author Carmen Agra Deedy.



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