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*Bookjoy!*  
*alegría en los libros*

*book' · joy*  
*noun, a love of*  
*books and the*  
*pleasure of reading.*

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#### WHERE IS PAT?

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#### Dear E-pals,

I enjoyed wonderful Día events [in Detroit](#) and [in Durham and Greensboro, NC](#) - find more details [on my blog](#). Many thanks to all of you who supported your local Día celebrations and who help Día grow and grow. Remember that I welcome your ideas and suggestions.



When I spoke at the Texas Library Association (TLA), this spring, I read "Library Magic," a poem I wrote to celebrate the premier of the play based on *Tomás and the Library Lady* at the Maricopa County Library District (AZ). Librarians in the TLA audience asked if I'd make the poem available, and we've posted it [on the Tomás page](#) of my web site.

I often speak on the subject of Bookjoy to audiences across the country. Recently I've added "The Zing of Writing" to my Bookjoy repertoire which correlates to an upcoming book I'm writing about creativity. Read more about new and forthcoming books in the body of this newsletter.

[My website](#) has a new look for summer and updated content throughout. Visit it for new book features, resources and activities, poems from my books for adults and more.

Wishing you a happy and healthy summer that includes plenty of good reading.

#### Speaking Engagements

I had a wonderful time speaking at The 13th Annual Effie Lee Morris Lecture at the San Francisco Public Library on June 2. The Woman's National Book Association/ San Francisco Chapter (WNBA-SF) established this free lecture series in 1996 as a tribute to their founding president, Ms. Effie Lee Morris. Morris was the first coordinator of children's services at the San Francisco Public Library from 1963 to 1977 and one of the pioneer children's services leaders in the country. I spoke about "Bookjoy: The Zing of Writing." Effie Lee and I were together last summer when we were awarded Honorary Membership in the American Library Association, a recognition I cherish since I know so many wonderful librarians including Effie Lee.

June 13, I was in my native El Paso, Texas, speaking to teens about "Remembering My Own True Name" at the El Paso Museum of History in connection with their exhibit on the YWCA. I had the honor of being on the YW Board years ago.

#### Book News

I hope you enjoy *Wiggling Pockets/Tus bolsillos se mueven*, the fourth book in the My Family \* Mi Familia, a bilingual easy reader series. That Danny is cute!



I'm delighted that *Dizzy in Your Eyes: Love Poems* is off to the printers. You'll be able to see the great design for Valentine's Day 2010. Now I'm revising my book on creativity for educators and their students. I'll be sharing 7 Practices that I hope you'll find helpful. Corwin Press is publishing the book also in 2010.

In our fall newsletter we'll be featuring my new books *Gracias/Thanks* and *Piñata in a Pine Tree: A Latino Twelve Days of Christmas*.

*Pat Mora*

### Blogs About Latino/a Children's and Teen Literature

The number of blogs relating to Latino/a books and publishing is growing and we recently added [a list of blogs and links](#) to the Resources section on Pat's website. The full list represents a mix of blogs for librarians and teachers with a few well-written blogs for the reading public. Here are a few from the list:

[Cuenticitos](#)- reviews, views and news on Latino children's and young adult literature.

[Imaginense Libros: Celebrating Latino Children's Literature, Literacy, and Libraries](#) - ¡Imaginense Libros! is a virtual evaluation collection of Latino children's and young adult literature designed to help librarians, educators, and parents choose high-quality books authentically representing the Latino cultures. Resources related to Latino/a authors and illustrators are provided in addition to other topics related to Latino Children's Literature.

[Latina YA](#)- an online resource for Latina young adult titles for teen girls; fiction is the focus.

[My World Mi Mundo](#) - the blogger is an ESL teacher.

[Voces](#) - a place for and about Latino authors and their books, Spanish language translations, and news from the Latino book industry.

Past issues of Bookjoy! [are archived on](#) Pat's website.

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