

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

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Dear E-friends,

Where has the summer gone? I've missed writing time these past months, but I enjoyed visits with family (too brief) and working on my desert garden. Neither of my parents had time for gardening, but I started years ago. In *House of Houses* and *ZING!* I compared gardening to writing. The following similarities also apply to preparing presentations. All include a desire to create, a willingness to experiment and revise, a determination to continue learning, the pleasure of successfully solving a puzzle, enduring frustrations, and (with luck) savoring a satisfying harvest. I'm not a vegetable gardener so don't eat my harvest. I have challenges enough designing and caring for desert spaces that refresh me and others, but in autumn I savor a visual garden "harvest."



After some upcoming travel, I anticipate sinking into the quiet necessary to write--taking with me the lessons my desert garden teaches. Nature can be both a stern and gentle teacher reminding me that new plantings need tending. A new writing project that I'm very excited about and plan to tend is beginning a picture book with my daughter Libby. What fun! I also take with me to my writing space the energy I derive from audiences of all ages. Hope to see some of you.

Wishing you bookjoy!

Pat

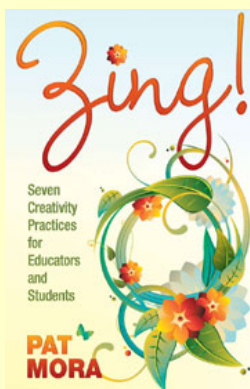
It's Diápalooza 2011!

I've been busy working on ideas for Día's 15th anniversary in April 2011 with Reforma, ALSC, and many of you who send me advice. Last year's first Diápalooza on my [Bookjoy blog](#) was such a success thanks to my web team and all of you who sent us Día posts and/or visited the blog.



For Día's anniversary this coming year, my great web team (Laurina Cashin and Bobbie Combs) and I are planning to share [15 Día Nuggets](#). We're compiling 15 lists of 15 Día Ideas as part of our April Diápalooza 2011. We'll be posting *A Planning Checklist for Día Celebrations*, *15 Literacy-focused Craft Ideas*, *15 Ideas for Funders and Partners*, etc. Our friends who are Día planners suggested that we share those resources long before April, so we'll begin posting the lists this month. The I-Día lists will be posted on the blog and archived on the Día section of my site. If you haven't seen the [video of 2010 Día celebrations](#) throughout the country, I hope you'll visit now.

ZING! on My Bookjoy Blog



You'll notice that the blog has some new colors and a new tagline: **Celebrating creativity, reading, and Día**. Since writing ZING! deepened my interest in the creative process, monthly we'll be featuring two interviews, one with a Día Dynamo and one with people in various fields willing to share how they nurture creativity in their work. In September, we're featuring librarian Meryle Leonard about her Día advocacy in Charlotte, NC; and my friend, writer and illustrator Diane Stanley about creativity in her life. We'll also showcase her new web site and book.

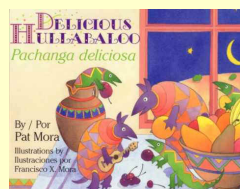
News about Pat

Pat was presented the Literary Legacy Award at the El Paso Community College Literary Fiesta, September 17, 2010. The award was given to Pat for her "work as a Poet, Writer, and Educator." Visit Pat's [blog](#) at the end of September when she'll write about her time in El Paso, her hometown, and share photos from her trip.



Pat is returning to the [National Book Festival](#) in Washington, DC September 25. [Listen to Pat talk](#) about her writing with Matt Raymond of the Library of Congress. During the podcast Pat remembers childhood books, discusses Bookjoy and Día, and tells listeners about a new book she's writing.

An audio performance of Pat's *Delicious Hullabaloo/Pachanga Deliciosa* is now available from [Live Oak Media](#). The bilingual readalong offers three separate tracks - Bilingual, English and Spanish -- with words, music, and sound effects.



Get ready for [Teen Read Week](#) October 17-23 with Pat's [new teen](#)



[poetry section](#) on her website which offers activities and resources that are perfect for the week's theme "Books with a Beat" focusing on poetry, music, and audio.



As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions. *Newsletter Manager, L. Cashin.*

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

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