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ZB Library Awarded 2018 Día Grant

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The Zion-Benton Public Library is proud to announce that we have been chosen as one of the winners for the 2018 Día Grant, sponsored by the Center of the Study of Multicultural Children's Literature (CSMCL). Each of the three winning libraries will be awarded \$500 in selected multicultural children's books.

The Zion-Benton Public Library was awarded this grant for our Día program, El Día de Los Niños/El Día de Los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day) with an African American focus.

Our Día theme is "El Día de los Niños/El Día de Los Libros: Yo Soy Afro-Latinx and will take place on April 30 from 4:00-6:00 PM.

"This is an all ages event, so grab your friends and family and be prepared to enjoy the festivities. For more information visit zblibrary.info."

Other winners of the 2018 El Dia Grant:

Boston Public Library, Connolly Branch in Jamaica Plain, MA. The Día event theme is: "**Neighborhood Literacy: Connecting Libraries, Hair Salons, and Barbershops as Literacy and Confidence Centers.**" The Día event will be held on April 30, 2018 from 7:30 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Logan Heights Branch Library of the San Diego Public Library in San Diego, CA. The Día event theme is: "**Legacy of Our Community: African American Artists from San Diego.**" The event will be held on April 30, 2018 from 3:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

This is the seventh year the Center for the Study of Multicultural Children's Literature (CSMCL) has awarded the Día grant and has been in partnership with the Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC) and Pat Mora. ALSC is a division of the American Library Association. Pat Mora, author and literacy advocate, is the founder of El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day); often known as Día.

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