

Strengthening LA County Library with YOUR support.

September 2020

Dear Library Champion,

Today starts a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month! I hope you'll enjoy your virtual field trip to a Library gem, the **Chicano Resource Center (CRC)**.

Writer and historian Ron Schuler recently discovered the CRC. In *My Library Story*, he shares his thoughts with you about documenting the Mexican American experience.

[Volunteer Paul Loesch points you to films on Kanopy - chronicles of Hispanic and Latino culture, and others about the Women's Right to Vote movement and the 19th Amendment to the Constitution.](#)

Plus, **don't forget you've got other great resources:**

[Homework Help & Tutoring](#) for students of all ages; [Positive Parenting Tips](#) (and [private phone consults](#) with a Positive Parenting Program Librarian); [Tools for Job Seekers](#); [Virtual Programming](#) and [Activities at Home](#). And, of course, [books, movies, magazines, and music](#)...available online and with [Sidewalk Service](#).

Read on - you can be part of the Library's exciting and innovative [Laptop & Hotspot Loans!](#)

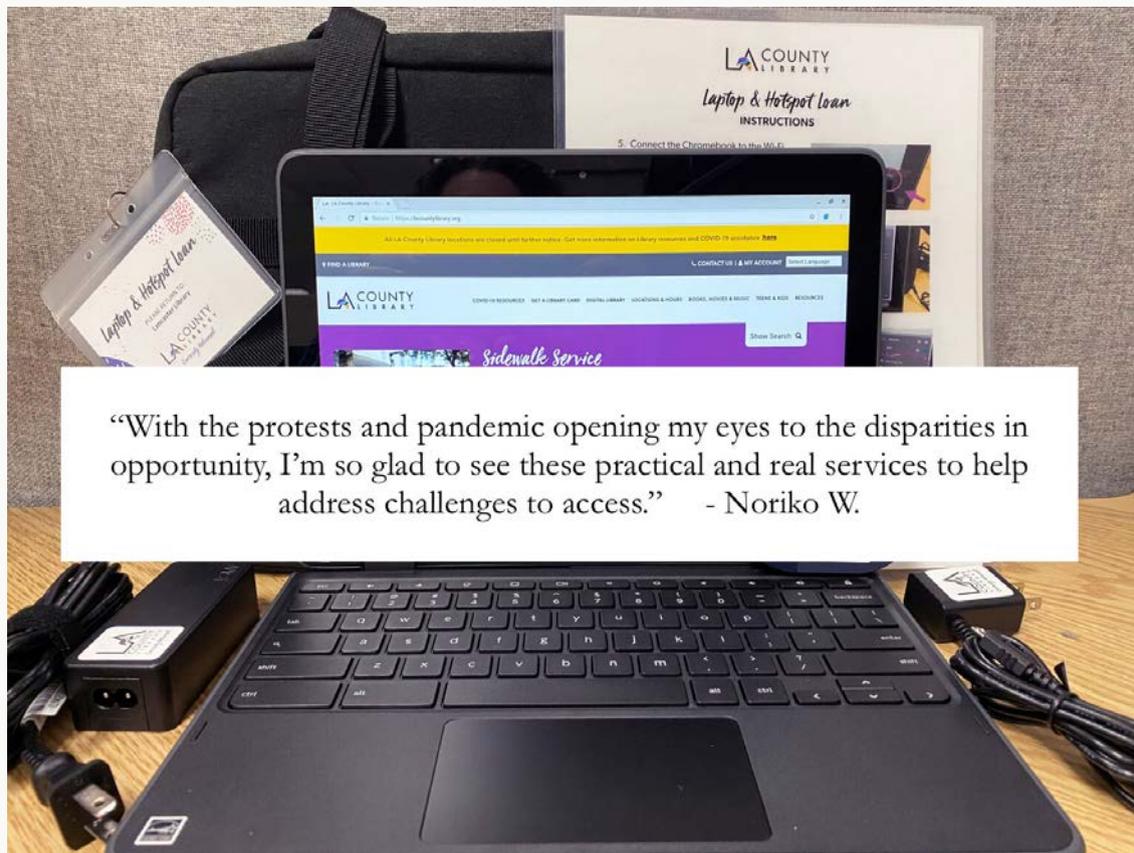
Let me know how you are and how you're using your Library - acarroll@lacolibraryfoundation.org. I love to hear from you!

Wishing you well,

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Executive Director

P.S. Thank you - Library customer, advocate, and donor. You're creating a positive future!



“With the protests and pandemic opening my eyes to the disparities in opportunity, I’m so glad to see these practical and real services to help address challenges to access.” – Noriko W.

Looking for a job is never easy. Now, in a pandemic and with unemployment nearing 1930s Depression level highs, a job search goes beyond hard – especially if you’re young, older, and/or a person of color.

That’s where your Library shines. **Your Library delivers – what you need, when you need it.**

The Library just rolled out ***Laptop & Hotspot Loans***. It's a **lifeline** – for a job seeker, a student, an older adult, a parent...**for anyone without a computer or reliable internet.**

Like a book, a Library customer can check out a computer and personal hotspot to access the Internet. It's a pilot – starting with 10 communities.

With your help, the Library Foundation will expand the program, plus continue to support the Library in other ways – creating lasting and positive change in our community.

[Your gift today](#) will make a difference.

Thank you!

My Library Story: Showcasing Mexican American Histories

Author and historian Ron Schuler spent much of his teen years at the La Mirada library. He now lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He just published a novel, set in East Los Angeles, that blends historical fact and fiction with his family's immigration story from Mexico.

"While researching and writing my novel, I started off being very conscious, from my own family history, that the story of Mexican immigration during the 20th century does not exist in isolation from the stories of other ethnicities; it is a story that bumps up against and crosses over with the stories of Anglos, Blacks and other groups.



Writer/historian Ron Schuler's grandparents, pictured with his mother (right), moved from Mexico to Los Angeles in the early 1900s. His novel *Angeleños: L.A.'s Golden Age*, tells the story of Mexican and Anglo families trying to "fit in" in the growing city of L.A. from 1920-1950.

I have been surprised, however, how difficult it has been to access a valid historical record about such events as the Bisbee Deportation, the Plaza Immigration Raid of 1931, and even the Zoot Suit Riots.

I used research from a variety of sources as I wrote my book, but I only found out about the Chicano Resource Center recently. I look forward to visiting next time I come out to L.A.

Despite the fact that the growth of Southern California is a multicultural story, we still have a long way to go to make sure that the significant Mexican American component of that story has been properly recorded and remembered. "

What's your Library Story?

Email us!

Virtual Field Trip: Chicano Resource Center

Your Library may be physically closed, but you know your librarians aren't slowing down. **Chicano Resource Center (CRC) librarian Daniel Hernandez encourages you to visit and learn virtually** during National Hispanic Heritage Month (and all year!).

People from across the country - and around the world - take advantage of this unique resource. **Daniel is quick to tell you the CRC is for researchers of all ages, and for families.**

The CRC, housed in East Los Angeles Library, started in 1976. It's rich in information for and about the Chicano (Mexican American) community. **Many Library customers share firsthand stories about being part of the Chicano Civil Rights movement** starting in the 1960s. They, and others, also talk about the vibrant community today.

**CHICANO
RESOURCE CENTER**

THE CHICANO MORATORIUM

Commemorating 50 years

Watch a conversation with our Chicano Resource Center Librarian about the history and impact of the Chicano Moratorium, and visit our website for recommended books, films, and additional resources about the Chicano Movement.

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LACountyLibrary.org/Chicano-Moratorium

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Los Angeles County has the largest population of ethnic Mexicans of any county in the U.S., and also one of the nation's largest populations of people from Central America.

As the community has changed, Daniel has expanded the CRC's collection to include voices and cultures that reflect that change, as well as ongoing art exhibitions.

You can get hard to find materials - English and Spanish language newspapers (on microfilm) **going back to the 1800s**, a full collection of *La Raza*, historical clippings about East Los Angeles, a range of fiction and poetry, to give you just a taste of what's available. You can also put your hands on what's happening today.

Here are just a few of the treats that CRC is serving up:

- A curated list of books and film about the [Chicano Moratorium](#) and a conversation with CRC librarian Daniel Hernandez and My Brother's Keeper Peer Advocate Jacob Montoya;
- [Racial Equity & Social Justice book lists](#);
- Visual stories from community members - [Foto East LA](#); and
- **Made in Mexico: Author Talk with Luis I. Reyes on September 17 at 7pm** via Webex. Learn how Hollywood and Mexico influenced each other through their film artists and technicians. [Register here.](#)

Although you can't visit the Chicano Resource Center in person right now, you can access a lot of the collection - [check out the Library's catalog.](#)

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month - Enjoy!

Where do you want to go next?

Let us know!

Your generous donation today supports your LA County Library - building cultural understanding, developing strong readers, supporting job seekers and students, and giving you knowledge, entertainment, and resources you can use.

Thank you!

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