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**Prince George's County Memorial Library System Wins Grant for
El día de los niños/El día de los libros or Children's Day/Book Day Celebration**

Largo, MD – The Association for Library Service to Children ([ALSC](#)) awarded a Día Turns 20 grant to the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), the only library system in the state of Maryland to receive the grant. Twenty libraries throughout the United States were selected by ALSC to receive the grants in celebration of 20 years of Día. The grants were made possible by the [Dollar General Literacy Foundation](#). El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Día), translated Children's Day/Book Day, is April 30. The \$2,000 grant will fund a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Fiesta!

The STEM Fiesta for families will be held at our Hyattsville Branch Library; please visit www.pgcmls.info for details. A culturally diverse group of scientists and mathematicians, including those under-represented in the field, will be joining us. "When children see themselves represented in STEM careers," said Rachel Zukowski, PGCMLS Youth Services Coordinator, "they are more motivated to pursue STEM professions and become our future innovators." Come enjoy fun activities, plus receive a free science book and snack.

The idea to combine the celebration of children with that of literacy, El día de los niños/El día de los libros or Children's Day/Book Day, was proposed by nationally renowned author Pat Mora in 1996. The proposal was later endorsed by [REFORMA](#), an affiliate of the [American Library Association](#). ALSC is Día's national home.

About The Prince George's County Memorial Library System

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Early literacy and skills development Library resources include: Ready 2 Read Centers, ABCmouse, AWE Early Literacy Stations, Beanstack, Lynda.com and Brainfuse's JobNow. Enjoy STEM activities such as STEM-tastics, STEM for Families, Crazy 8s Math Clubs, Minecraft, 3D printing, Makerspaces, DREAM (Digital Resources for Electronic Applications in Media) lab and more. Other educational and fun digital offerings are: OverDrive, Inc., FastPencil, hoopla digital, Freegal and Zinio. All these services are free with your PGCMLS library card. Try out our new PGCMLS app too! Storytimes, Read to Rover, Meet the Author, Teen Advisory Board (TAB), Chess Clubs, MAC: Manga and Anime Clubs are just a few of our many free library events. For additional information, please visit our website at www.pgcmls.info.

About ALSC

The Association for Library Service to Children is the world's largest organization dedicated to the support and enhancement of library service to children. ALSC's network includes more than 4,000 children's and youth librarians, children's literature experts, publishers, education and library school faculty members, and other adults dedicated to creating a better future for children through libraries.

About REFORMA

Established in 1971 as an affiliate of the American Library Association (ALA), REFORMA, has actively sought to promote the development of library collections to include Spanish-language and Latino oriented materials; the recruitment of more bilingual and bicultural library professionals and support staff; the development of library services and programs that meet the needs of the Latino community; the establishment of a national information and support network among individuals who share their goals; the education of the U.S. Latino population in regards to availability and types of library services; and lobbying efforts to preserve existing library resource centers serving the interests of Latinos.

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