



International Center for
Spanish Books for Youth

Centro Internacional de Libros
en Español para Niños y Jóvenes



The International Center for Spanish Books for Youth contains the highest quality books to be read by Spanish-speaking children and adolescents and those who wish to learn Spanish.

Center Mission

The International Center for Spanish Books for Youth at the San Diego Public Library is a circulating library that promotes literacy and reading. The Center ensures broad access to high-quality books for children and adolescents in Spanish and in English about Latino people and culture by:

- Reviewing Spanish-language books published in the United States and internationally.
- Collecting recommended and award-winning books.
- Cataloging materials in an online searchable database.
- Conducting conferences and seminars.

Center Purpose



The International Center collects and reviews Spanish-language books for children and adolescents as well as noteworthy books in English about Latino/a people and culture. The Center reviews appear in respected journals. Only recommended titles are added to the Center's collection and become part of the searchable database accessible through the San Diego Public Library's Web site at www.sandiego.gov/public-library/services/ischoncenter.shtml. The International Center for Spanish Books for Youth provides access to both scholarly and recreational books. The Center's efforts are integrated into existing San Diego Public Library literacy programs such as the Summer Reading Program and READ/San Diego (the Library's literacy program).

Founder

The late Dr. Isabel Schon was the Center's founder and first director. The author of 25 books and more than 400 research and literary articles, Dr. Schon received numerous awards and her reviews are still widely read and well respected in the publishing community. Her legacy lives on through the outstanding materials selected for the San Diego Public Library based on quality of writing and illustration, presentation of material, and audience appeal.



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