

# LATINO BOOK CLUB

January 2010

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## Next Meeting

January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Saturday, 3-4:30 PM  
Pomegranate Books  
4418 Park Ave.

## Book Club Members

Haida Andrade  
Isis Doris Arieta  
Julie Bordo  
Mary Bulluck  
Amrita Das  
Kathy Fox  
Jacqueline Galbraith  
Alicia Greenberg  
Rachel Hatfield  
Irene Henderson  
Carol Hernandez  
Jennifer Horan  
Evelyn Hrabankova  
Kathy Humphrey  
Lizzy Irvin  
Marianella Jara  
Kathleen Jewell  
Olga Joachim  
Gwen Jones  
Pat Lerch  
Lauren Moore  
Marcio Moreno  
Joanne Mount  
Cathy Murphy  
N. Eleni Pappamihel  
Nicole Strawn  
Donna Treolo  
Christine Vayo  
Kate Williamson  
Dekia Worthy

## Book List

### October 2009

Xavier Garza, *Creepy  
Creatures and Other  
Cucuys.*

### September 2009

Luis Rodriguez, *Always  
Running.*

### August 2009

Cristina Henriquez, *The  
World in Half.*

## Membership Information

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## Books available at:

Pomegranate Books  
4418 Park Ave.  
910-452-1107  
15% discount for club  
members.

## BOOK OF THE MONTH JANUARY 2010



*Caramelo* (2002) is Sandra Cisneros second novel, written in her well-known humorous style of story-telling vignettes. Celaya (Lala) Reyes, the seventh child and the only girl among her siblings, brings to life her multigenerational family, living from Mexico to Chicago. The 86 chapters and a “*Pillón*,” (which is explained) leave you wanting for more, as many characters remain undeveloped, for there are so many. The narration is interspersed with Spanish words and phrases, without a glossary, which should not hinder your reading if you do not understand Spanish, but if you do, it brings the characters to life. Many of the chapters have endnotes helping you understand the cultural, and historical references or are anecdotal information about the characters. There is also a chronology of various Mexican historical and cultural events at the end of the book. The title refers to the Caramel color of the family heirloom, a wrap worn by women.

## Author

Sandra Cisneros was born in 1954 in Chicago, where she went to Loyola for a degree in English and to the University of Iowa for her Masters in Creative Writing. She has used her talent of writing to help school dropouts in her hometown, and as a visiting artist in many universities. She has many poetry collections including *My Wicked Wicked Ways* and *Loose Women*. She is also known for her fiction *The House on the Mango Street* and *Women Hollering Creek*. She lives in San Antonio, Texas and was known for her controversial choice to paint her house violet, which she later changed to bright pink. She has received many awards herself, and helps many other new artists through her foundations. To read more about her visit: [www.sandracisneros.com/](http://www.sandracisneros.com/)



## BOOK DRIVE 2009

The recently concluded Book Drive 2009, organized by the Latino Book Club, was a huge success. We collected more than 700 books, many of them were collected in the drive and the rest were bought with the money raised in various fundraisers. Mary C. Williams Elementary, Williston

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Middle, and Hoggard High School students are enjoying their new books. We would like to thank all the volunteers for their time, and help towards this project. We would also like to extend a special thanks to our local book store the

Pomegranate Books and its owner Kathleen Jewel, who helped find many of the books on the schools' Wish List. Latino Book Club looks forward to continue to do more projects involving reading and literacy with the Wilmington

Latino community. If you have ideas or want to volunteer please contact Amrita Das.

## Book Club Blog

Do not forget to blog this year at: [latinobookclub.blogspot.com](http://latinobookclub.blogspot.com)

## BOOK DRIVE 2009 IN IMAGES



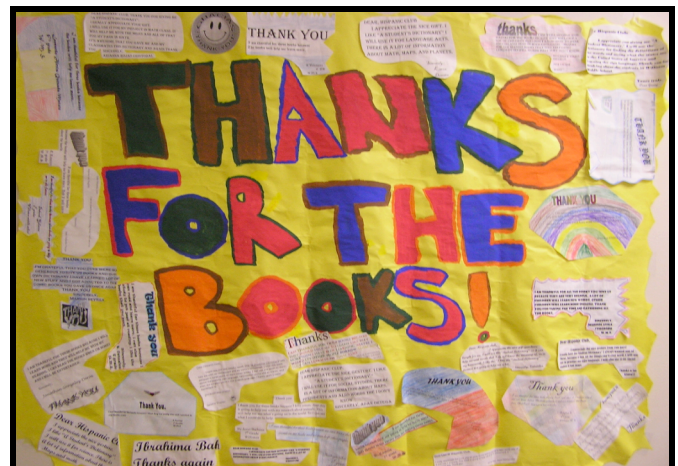
UNCW student-volunteer Sherre Johnson at the Autumn Sale. October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Tidal Creek Cooperative Lawns.



Book Drive volunteers Catherine Murphy, Irene Henderson, Amrita Das, and Eleni Pappamihel at the Mother Earth Circle's Bilingual Book Reading. September 12<sup>th</sup>, UNCW Commons Amphitheater.



Mary C. Williams Elementary School students choose books to take home.



A Thank You Banner sent to the Latino Book Club made by the students of Williston Middle School.