



CHECK IT OUT!

News from the JMS Library & Literacy Corner

Volume 4, Issue 1

September 2024

Did You Know...

* Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated each year from 9/15 through 10/15?

* Your library has books to help celebrate? Click on the book covers below to read a summary of each book.



Book Award Spotlight

Pure Belpre Award



Super Readers

JMS Super Readers are chosen by their ELA teachers for demonstrating a love of reading. Our August Super Readers are Emery Huggins, Faith Patterson, Liam Harrison, and Peyton Howell. These students received a sweet treat and a canteen pass.

Author Spotlight — Pam Muñoz Ryan

Pam Muñoz Ryan is an award-winning American author. Her writing journey began when a college professor asked if she had ever considered writing as a career. Once that seed was planted, she could not stop thinking about the possibility of becoming a writer. Today, she has written over 40 books. Her stories often feature strong female protagonists. One of her most popular novels, *Esperanza Rising*, was inspired by her grandmother.



Source: <https://www.pammunozryan.com/about-pam-munoz/>

Pura Belpré Award

This award is named after Pura Belpré, the first Latina librarian at the New York Public Library. The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented annually to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.

Source: <https://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/belpre>