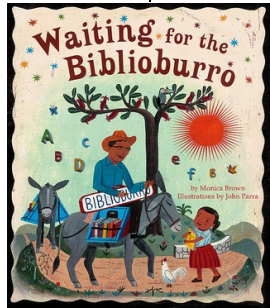# WPL BOOK TALK PRESS

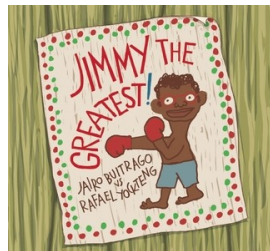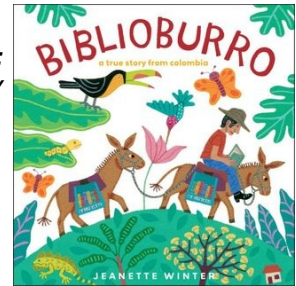**Third Grade Edition**   **March 2013**   **Whittier Elementary**

Waiting for the Biblioburro by Monica Brown   Pic Brown

Ana loves to read but has only one book, given to her by her teacher. But the teacher no longer comes to Ana's village. Though Ana makes up her own stories to tell to her younger brother, she longs for other books to read. Then one day the Biblioburro comes to her village: Luis the librarian and his two burros, Alpha and Beta, who carry books.

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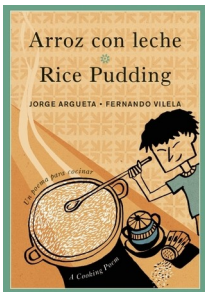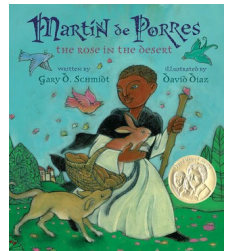*Biblioburro: a true story from Columbia*
By Jeanette Winter

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Jimmy the Greatest! By Jairo Buitrago   Pic Bui

Jimmy lives in a small coastal town in **Colombia** and dreams of becoming a boxer like Muhammed Ali. Training to become a boxer takes his mind off things he doesn't have, and he keeps getting better. But most people leave Jimmy's small town for the big city . . . will Jimmy leave too?

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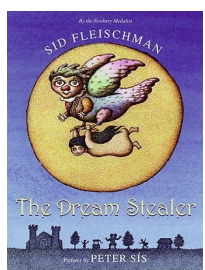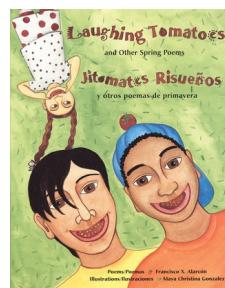*Martin de Porros The Rose in the Desert* (Peru)
By Gary Schmidt

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Arroz con Leche / Rice Pudding: Un poema para cocinar / A cooking poem by Jorge Argueta
(El Salvador)

There's a bit of magic in this kitchen, where rice is falling like snow . . . into the cooking pot. Adding a waterfall of white milk followed by cinnamon sticks, salt stars, and sugar snow, Argueta's recipe is easy to follow and a treat for the senses. You can almost smell the cinnamon as you read.

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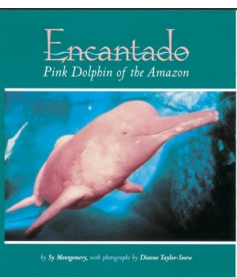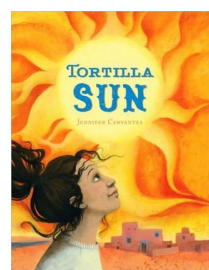By Francisco X. Alarcon
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The Dream Stealer by Sid Fleischman   J Fleischman
(Mexico)

The dream stealer is supposed to steal nightmares and scary dreams . . . But when he gets tired of them, he starts stealing good dreams. Susana was right in the middle of a good dream about her best friend who has moved away . . . And now she is determined to get it back so she can see how it ends. A great introduction to magical realism, a Latin American tradition.

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Tortilla Sun by Jennifer Cervantes (New Mexico)
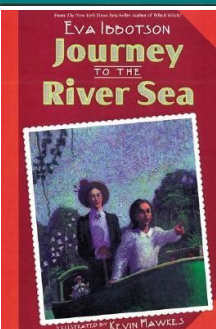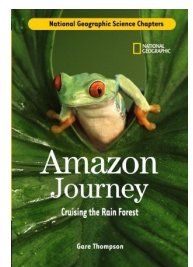
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Encantado: Pink Dolphin of the Amazon by Sy Montgomery
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Yes, there really are pink dolphins. They are freshwater dolphins that live in the Amazon river. They are like ocean dolphins in some ways but also very very different. Find out more in this exciting book!

Like it? Try:
Amazon Journey: Cruising the Rain Forest by Gare Thompson

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Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson   J Ibbotson

Maia is an orphan living in London. As it turns out, she does have family members living in Brazil, on a plantation near the Amazon, called the "River Sea." When she arrives, she discovers they are rather odd, trying to living in the rainforest as if it is England. But Maia is more adventuresome, interested in learning about the people, food, animals and land surrounding her.

Like it? Try:
The Great Snake: Stories from the Amazon
By Sean Taylor

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