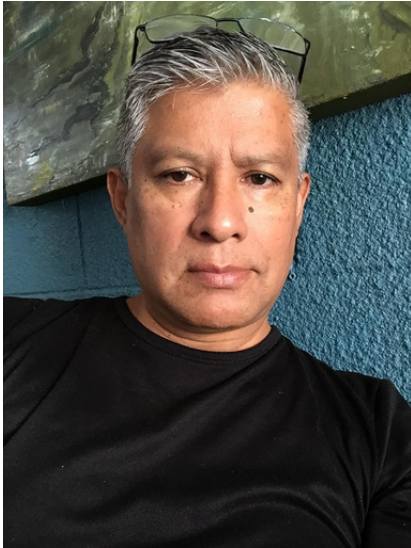


ENTRE PALABRAS

Libros Para Pueblos - Newsletter



Message from the Executive Director

José Luis Zárate G.

On behalf of our staff, Regional Coordinators, and children in communities of LPP-network libraries, I send warm greetings and thanks for your continued interest and support of our mission and work. We are looking forward to autumn and winter seasons full of activities for supporters, new destinations for library visits, new library partners, and innovative projects for reading promotion.

We are most enthusiastic about our new “reading promotion through puppetry” project, which is explained in the section that follows.

Our library partners have worked hard to achieve reactivation following two years of reduced activity due to COVID restrictions.

With the reopening of schools, library managers foresee significant increases in the number of children who visit, books checked-out, and participation in in-library reading activities.

They are already serving hundreds of children and those numbers will increase dramatically as the schools re-open.

We have many activities planned for the months ahead:

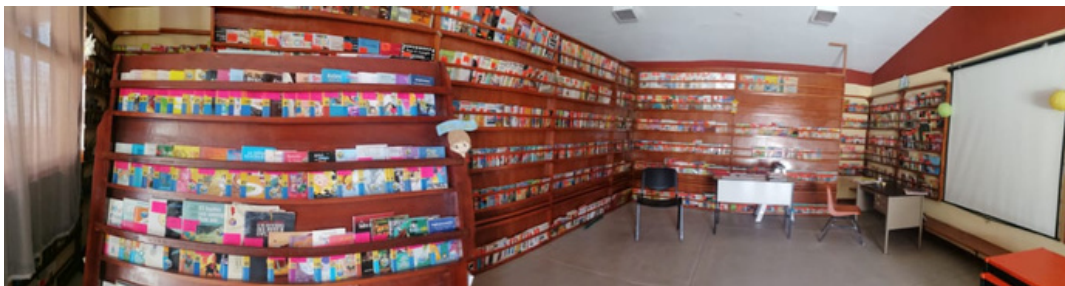
- Library visits to more remote communities, including overnight visits, designed to give participants direct contact with traditional villages. In addition to reading with the children in the library, visitors will have the chance to talk in depth with community leaders, parents, and educators.

- Our popular book-sorting “fiesta” of more than 8,000 books in December.
- A supporter appreciation event during which sponsors can talk with Regional Coordinators and library managers.

LPP has been busy this year:

- Regional Coordinators have visited network libraries to collect data on usage and discuss plans for expansion of activities.
- Library managers and municipal authorities from more than 60 partner libraries came to Oaxaca to pick up their annual book supplement, sign agreements of collaboration, and discuss in detail the status of operation with me.
- We inaugurated a new library partnership with the Arcelia Yañiz school library in San Bartolo Coyotepec.
- We are currently qualifying excellent candidates in the Isthmus and other regions.

We look forward to seeing you in person or keeping in contact through newsletters. Again, we are grateful for your support.



*“A reader lives a
thousand lives before he
dies”*

“Reading promotion through Puppetry”

In July we launched a “reading promotion through puppetry” project which we view as a continuation of the rural education and literacy program initiated in 1921 (a hundred years ago!) following the Mexican Revolution. Puppets played an important role in that campaign, and now educators around the world are using puppets as a tool for building vocabulary and reading skills, as well as supporting social and emotional development. In our presentations, puppets will enact scenes designed to excite and motivate children to read more books in their library’s collection.



In collaboration with internationally-recognized puppeteer (“Titirero”) Alberto Orozco, his “La Bruja” puppet company and the National Puppet Museum in Humantla, Tlaxcala, Mexico, LPP will launch a pilot project in selected libraries this fall.

<https://www.facebook.com/labrujahumantla>

This short video provides a taste of the campaign. We thank donors in Chicago, Wisconsin, and several library sponsors for the seed money to launch this exciting initiative. If you would like to find out how to support this program, please contact Mike Bronn at: m.bronn@librosparapueblos.org



*Compañía
de títeres
"La Bruja"*



New York school raises funds with crafts fair



We are grateful to donors who support our work even when they are not in Oaxaca. The daughter of an LPP library sponsor leads a Spanish Club which held a crafts fair earlier this year with items from Oaxaca, raising \$870. Here are photos from the event, including the Oaxacan artesana who created bracelets and key chains. The club members are thrilled that their donation will help promote reading for Oaxacan children.

If you would like to organize an event among friends, a book group, or others, we are happy to assist in the planning and will “attend” online if desired. Please contact Mimi Marchev at: m.marchev@librosparapueblos.org



San Miguel el Grande, Mixteca region, Oax.

Exciting library and community visits to start in November

Library tours this year will include new locations, more remote traditional towns, and overnight tours. Each visit includes discussions with local educators and community activists and, best of all, a chance to sit and read with the children in their library. Dates and details will be available at LPP's website starting in late October. For any questions, please contact us at info@librospapueblos.org

Welcome Eduardo Samario



Eduardo comes from the city of Oaxaca and studied English at the Centro de Idiomas of the Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca (UABJO).

He lived in the US for several years working as a microfilm developer in Minneapolis and volunteering in a Catholic Church program for migrant adults as a teacher of English as a second language. Returning to Oaxaca he worked for the past six years teaching English to primary school students.

As the Operations Coordinator Eduardo oversees the day-to-day functioning of LPP. His administrative responsibilities include staff supervision and project management. Since starting in June Eduardo has proven himself to be an essential member of the LPP staff.

Ways to get involved with LPP

Sponsor a library – Sponsors make possible the annual purchase of books to expand library collections and the on-site training of library managers by LPP Regional Coordinators. Several active libraries in rural areas and small towns are available for sponsorship. For a list and description of each, please contact Mike Bronn (with no obligation!) at m.bronn@librospapueblos.org

Join our “book-sorting fiesta” – volunteers gather for a festive event of sorting more than 8,000 books destined for LPP's network of libraries. This is a great way to contribute to LPP's work and a chance to meet other supporters. Dates for this December event will be posted on the LPP website in November.

Donate to a program or general fund – programs include puppetry, training workshops for Regional Coordinators and library managers, and the February Annual Conference. We are happy to talk with you in person or via zoom about your interests and possible areas of support. Please contact Executive Director José Luis Zárate at jl.zarate@librospapueblos.org

DONATE.



RMDs – a great way to donate

The Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) is a great way to maximize your gift to a certified non-profit organization, such as Libros Para Pueblos. Your financial institution can provide details on making the tax-free donation, and we at LPP are happy to provide information to complete the transfer.

Looking for a treasurer

Would you like to join the Libros Para Pueblos team? We are looking for a volunteer with experience in bookkeeping to contribute 3-5 hours a month. Fulltime residence in Oaxaca is a plus, but not necessary. If this position might interest you, please contact Mimi Marchev at m.marchev@librospapueblos.org

A note to Library Sponsors

As we get ready to purchase the 8,000+ books for distribution to network libraries, sponsor donations are of top importance. If you have already donated, thank you. If you have not, we ask that you donate soon or let us know of the changed circumstances.

Reports on current library status and operations were sent to all sponsors last month, following onsite visits by Regional Coordinators. If you did not receive one, please let us know and we'll send it ASAP.



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