



Big Read Roswell 2021 free Event!

For all
ages!

Sunday, March 7, 2 p.m.

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José Chávez

Dancing Fruit, Singing Rivers, Baila la Fruta, Cantan los Ríos, A Book About Healthy Food and Taking Care of Mother Earth

As a former teacher, there is a recognition that our Latino community needs to make healthier food choices to improve our health. My presentation will provide examples of healthy food for families through poetry. Important poems will include, **Fruit Fiesta**, **Ballad of the Salad**, and **Watermelon**. In an era of Climate Change, taking care of our Mother Earth has come to be of utmost importance. Poems will include, **Everything in Its Place**, about recycling, **I Am Desert Rain**, about conserving water, and **Where the Rivers Sing**, which describes a native family taking care of their habitat in the Amazon region.

The introduction will include a brief summary of my life, including being born in Roswell, moving to Los Angeles in 1963, attending UC Berkeley, and graduating with a BA in teaching from ENMU, Portales in 1979. The presentation will be engaging and lively owing to my experience as a public speaker.



The presentation will take around 45-60 minutes with a Q & A following



José Chávez, a retired bilingual teacher dedicates his life to writing. His goal is to inspire and educate children to value language, culture, and family. His current bilingual poetry book for children, *Dancing Fruit, Singing Rivers, Baila la Fruta, Cantan los Ríos* won two awards from the International Latino Book Awards in 2020. Themes about healthful foods and taking care of Mother Earth enhance the reading experience for students, teachers, parents, and poetry lovers. He lives with his lovely wife, three children, and two energetic cats in Riverside, CA.

Dancing Fruit, Singing Rivers, Baila la Fruta, Cantan los Ríos
Bilingual Family & Environmental Poetry Books for Children, Volume 2
Libros de Poesía Familiar y Ambiental para Niños, Volumen 2
By José Chávez Illustrated by Aydee López Martínez



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