

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month: A Resource Guide

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About This Resource Guide

Commonfund, in conjunction with our Hispanic Heritage Month subcommittee, has created a resource guide to help all of us celebrate the contributions of Hispanic and Latinx Americans in all aspects of American Life. With that said, this resource guide is not an exhaustive list by any stretch of the imagination, the hope is that you will take advantage of a few of these resources to begin your exploration of this very important part of American history; your history, our history.

About Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month (Spanish: Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana) is an annual celebration commemorating the history, contributions, and culture of U.S. Latinx and Hispanic communities. Latinx is a gender-neutral, inclusive term to describe the Latino community. The event highlights the influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, innovation, and achievements of the United States. In 1968 President Lyndon Johnson started the observation of the event, but it was only a week long. It was not until 1988 that it expanded to cover a 30-day period: September 15th – October 15th. The significance of September 15th stems from it being the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries: El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Guatemala. The month is a joyous celebration and proud remembrance of the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors originated from Mexico, Central and South America, Spain, and the Caribbean.

If you want to listen and be engaged

- [Latino Today](#)

Latino USA, a Peabody award-winning radio program and podcast that presents, a window into the political, cultural, and social beliefs that impact the nation's fastest-growing demographic. The nationally syndicated program has a mission to provide perspective into the lived experiences of Latino Americans. Hosted by, Maria Hinojosa, Latino USA is the oldest national Latino news and cultural public radio program in the country.

- [Latino Rebels](#)

An iconic and humorous, independent digital media site that provides smart analysis of events and culture from the US Latino world. In 2019 Latino rebels was nominated for best multicultural podcast by iHeart Radio.

- [Radio Ambulante](#)

Hosted by Daniel Alarcón, Radio Ambulante is a Spanish-language podcast that shares narratives from Latin America and all regions where Spanish is spoken, including the United States. The award-winning podcast utilizes long-form audio journalism to voice underrepresented and unique Latin American and Latino stories.

- [Bodega Boys](#)

From the Bronx, New York, co-hosts Desus Nice and The Kid Mero give their hilarious and informative options on pop culture, politics, and society. Recent success and popularity have transformed the podcast to an illustrious late-night show on Showtime, featuring guests such as Barack Obama, Mark Cuban, and Yo-Yo Ma.

For more podcasts by Latinx creators please visit the [Luz Collective website](#).

If you want to watch and enjoy

Documentaries

- *PBS Voices* (2021)

This national television series produced by PBS honors the prolific history of Latino arts while also exploring the diversity of the Latino cultural experience.

- *The Hand that Feeds* (2014)

Located in an Upper East side cafe in Manhattan, New York, this documentary follows undocumented immigrant workers who operate a café and are tired of unfair wages, poor work conditions, and abusive management. Through corporation with fellow New Yorkers and members of the Occupy Wall Street Moment, the workers gain access to the resources and the support needed to fight the establishment's exploitation.

- *¡Palante, Siempre Palante! The Young Lords* (1996)

A youth militant group with members in cities from Chicago to New York, The Young Lords, fought for equality, access, and the empowerment of Puerto Ricans and other Hispanic communities. The award-winning documentary depicts how Latinx communities struggled for economic freedom and social equality during the social movements of the 1960s.

- *The Latino List* (2011)

Directed by Timothy Greenfield-Sanders the documentary spotlights 16 prominent Latino Americans from different spheres such as sports, music, and business to discuss what it is like to be Latinx in the States. Eva Longoria, Pitbull, Emilio Estefan, and others speak to the prejudice they've encounter, share their family's immigration anecdotes, and more.

For more insightful and educational documentaries on Hispanic and Latinx history please visit the [Modern Tejana website](#).

For more movies honoring and celebrating Hispanic and Latinx culture please visit this list on the [Women's Health website](#).

If you want to understand and connect

Cultural and historical resources

- [¡Printing the Revolution! The Rise and Impact of Chicano Graphics 1965 to Now](#)
- [Explore American Latino Heritage through exhibits produced by the National Parks Service Project](#)
- [The Latino Art Museum](#)
- [About National Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
- [The Hispanic Society of America](#)
- [Our America: The Latino Presence in American Art](#)
- [The Museum of Latin American Art](#)
- [What's Liberating, Not Limiting About Using The Term Latinx](#)

For more events and art exhibitions by prominent and new Latinx artists please visit the [Luz Collective website](#).

Articles and other educational resources

If you want to investigate and explore

- [Young Latinos: Born in the U.S.A., Carving Their Own Identity](#)
- [History of Latin America: Meaning, Countries, Map, and Facts](#)

- [American Family, About the Family: What It Means to Be Latino](#)
- [The Hispanic Influence on the American Culture](#)
- [Latino Americas: A PBS collection of videos, lesson plans, and other educational resources](#)

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If you want to read and absorb

- *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

Organized as a series of vignettes, the 1984 novel take place in the Hispanic quarters of Chicago and follows the life of a 12-year-old Chicana girl named Esperanza Cordero. Rudiments of Mexican American culture and themes of class, identity, and gender are interlaced throughout the novel.

- *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende

Fleeing the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War, two young people travel for decades and traverse continents in search of a new place to relocate and call home.

- *Undocumented* by Dan-el Padilla Peralta

Discover Dan-el Padilla Peralta's journey as he recounts his life and the challenges he faced to become an Ivy league graduate after living in a New York City homeless shelter. *Undocumented* is an inspiring read that shines light on the plight of immigrants in this country, but also tells the tale of a passionate and driven young scholar.

- *Dominicana: A Novel* by Angie Cruz

A timeless coming of age story, set in New York City that depicts a vital image of the immigrant experience. Inspired by the story of her own mother, author Angie Cruz portrays the experience of a young Latina finding her voice in the world.

- *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez

In this historical fiction novel, three sisters become activists during the Dominican Republic's Trujillo regime when members of their family are killed by the government's troops. This novel is an uplifting story of perseverance and triumph in the face of political discrimination and oppression.

For more inspiring stories about the Hispanic experience and greater access to novels by influential Hispanic and Latinx authors please visit this comprehensive list on the [Women's Health website](#).

If you want to support and experience

Nonprofit and community resources

- [NALEO Educational Fund](#)
- [Latino Victory](#)
- [Hispanic Scholarship Fund](#)
- [National Alliance for Hispanic Health](#)
- [Hispanic Institute](#)
- [The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families](#)
- [Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute](#)

For more nonprofits and other community organizations that support and serve Hispanic and Latinx communities please visit the [Every Action website](#).

For additional resources, please visit the [Commonfund](#) website to download our [Diversity and Inclusion: Ways to Make a Change](#) resource guide.