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OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOST "CROSS-CULTURAL JOURNEYS, TRAVESÍAS TRANSCULTURALES" PROGRAMS

The Oceanside Public Library is pleased to present a series of free programs in October for the community called "Cross-Cultural Journeys, Travesías Transculturales." This series is made possible by a grant from California Humanities, a non-profit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities, with support from the Friends of Oceanside Public Library.

On Saturday, **October 6** at 1:00 p.m., the Library will host a concert by Tavo Alcosar and Mariachi 3.0 in the Civic Center Library Community Rooms at 330 North Coast Highway. Tavo and Mariachi 3.0 celebrate the diversity of popular border music through an eclectic mix of genres including Mexican folk, Tex-Mex, Latin Rock, and Reggae-Cumbia. Connecting the audience to the multifaceted and vibrant spirit of Mariachi music, this group bridges the modern frontiers between genres, cultures and generations.

Immediately following the concert, the Library is pleased to welcome special guest speaker and author, Reyna Grande at 3:00 p.m. Reyna Grande is an award-winning novelist, and is known for her memoir, *The Distance Between Us*, which captures the heartbreak of the children who are left behind when their parents cross the border, but is ultimately a story of hope. She has received an American Book Award, the El Premio Aztlán Literary Award, and the International Latino Book Award. Her books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. In addition, the Library's book clubs will be reading and discussing *The Distance*

Between Us during the month of October. Check the Library's website at www.oceansidepubliclibrary.org for more information on book club dates and locations.

The final program in this series is an art workshop with People + Places Project on Sunday, **October 7** at 1:00 p.m. at the Mission Branch Library at 3861-B Mission Avenue. The mission of the People + Places Project is to provide an inclusive space for communities to share stories about who they are and places they live. Each participant in this workshop will make a one-of-a-kind handmade talking doll to keep. Registration is required for this workshop as space is limited to 25 participants. To sign-up, call 760-435-5600 or visit the customer service desk inside the Library.

For more information on Library programs and services, please call (760) 435-5600 during regular business hours, or visit www.oceansidepubliclibrary.org.