

An Evening with Elizabeth Gonzalez James ®

You're invited for an illuminating discussion with national bestselling author Elizabeth Gonzalez James about *The Bullet Swallower* and the history and inspiration behind the novel.

Monday, October 26 / 7-8:30 p.m.
Arcada Theatre, St. Charles

Writing Workshop with Elizabeth Gonzalez James * ®

From small ideas to completed manuscripts, national bestselling author Elizabeth Gonzalez James will guide aspiring writers.

Tuesday, October 27 / 5:30-7 p.m.
Huntley Community Room



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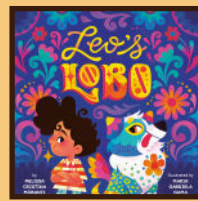
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YOUNG ADULT COMPANION TITLE

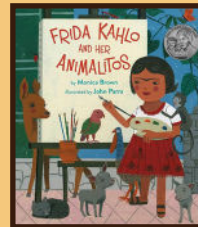


Read *Salvación* by Sandra Proudman. In this Latinx YA fantasy inspired by El Zorro, Lola de La Peña becomes the masked heroine Salvación in order to save her family and town from a man who would destroy it for the magic it contains.

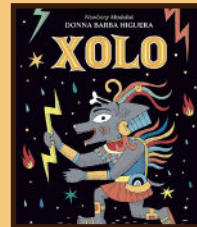
YOUTH COMPANION TITLES



Picture Book:
Leo's Lobo
by Melissa
Cristina Marquez



Non-Fiction:
*Frida Kahlo and
her Animalitos*
by Monica
Brown



**Elementary /
Middle School:**
Xolo
by Donna
Barba Higuera



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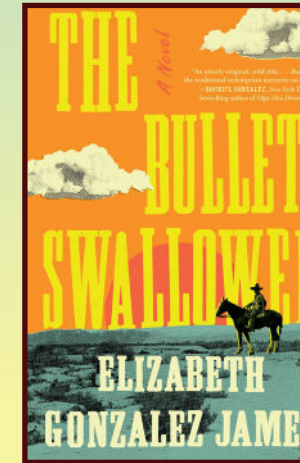
The Bullet Swallower by Elizabeth Gonzalez James

One Book, One Community (OBOC) is a month-long celebration in which the entire community is encouraged to read the same book and connect over the power of a shared reading experience.

All month long, the Library will host events, discussions, and programs built around the themes and imagery of the inspiring novel at the heart of One Book, One Community this year. Please join us this October for what's sure to be an unforgettable month of learning, beauty, and connection.



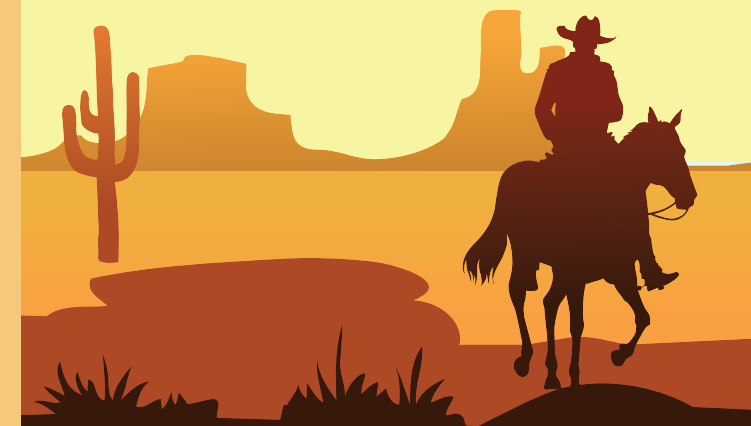
ABOUT THE BOOK



"No man lives free from history." A mysterious man makes this claim in Elizabeth Gonzalez James' *The Bullet Swallower*. Who he is and his ultimate motivations are slowly revealed over the course of this bold Western. Penned partly in response to her own family folklore, James uses masterful storytelling to shape a tall tale into a thrilling adventure that examines what happens when sins go unatoned.

The tension between the sins of the past and the present looms over the novel like the hot, desert sun that scorches the Texan landscape of the U.S.-Mexico border. It's in this locale that James has skillfully drawn together banditos, magical realism, classic Hollywood, and soaring family drama into a grandiose fable. With these ingredients and an electric cast of characters, *The Bullet Swallower* is a thrilling journey through one family's reckoning with its past. Set against the backdrop of a young nation that must also start to pay for the crimes of its own lore.

Throughout it all, the novel places a profound emphasis on the power of stories and the importance of choosing which ones to share. In that vein, the St. Charles Public Library is proud to present *The Bullet Swallower* as a story worth sharing.



YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Sugar Skull Decorating (Grades 9-12) ^R

Celebrate One Book, One Community as you adorn sugar skulls with royal icing and other embellishments.

Thursday, October 15 / 6-7 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room



Pom Pom Cacti (Grades 9-12) ^D

Make pom pom cacti to add some whimsy to your western aesthetic!

Monday, October 19 / 3-5 p.m.
The Loft



Inspired By Lourdes Villagómez (Grades 9-12) ^D

Add your touch to mural art inspired by artist Lourdes Villagómez's contemporary mural works.

Sunday, October 25 / 2-4 p.m.
The Loft

STC CREATIVE PROGRAMS

Lucky Horseshoe * ^R

Unleash your creativity with our sublimation ink craft! Select from a variety of images, arrange a unique collage, and heat-transfer your design onto a garden flag.

- Friday, October 2 / 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 6 / 6-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 14 / 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Saturday, October 24 / 1:30-3 p.m.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Mexican Cuisine with Susan Maddox * ^R

Spend an evening as Chef Susan explores the wonderful cuisine of Mexico. Utilizing the wonderful late summer and fall ingredients available in markets, gardens, and farm stands for delicious recipes celebrating this cultural cuisine.

Thursday, October 1 / 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

Western Bandana ^R Embroidery *

Professional embroidery designer Mollie Johanson will show you how to add a monogram or a cute pattern to this fun and versatile accessory!

Saturday, October 3 / 10-11:30 a.m.
Huntley Community Room



Sunday Concert ^D Brad Conroy

Enjoy an intimate performance which features music of 19th Century composer Giulio Regondi, Spanish composers Isaac Albeniz and Enrique Granados, and a premier of a new work dedicated to Brad by Eduardo Morales-Caso.

Sunday, October 4 / 2-3 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Classic Movies at the Library: ^D Border Incident (1949)

Join us for a monthly film on the big screen!

Wednesday, October 7 / 6 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

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Tales and Ales Book Discussion ^R

The Bullet Swallower by Elizabeth Gonzalez James
Our book discussion for people in their 20s-40s will discuss our One Book, One Community title.

Thursday, October 1 / 7-8:15 p.m.

Brother Chimp Brewing, 303 N 4th St, Ste A, St. Charles

2nd Tuesday Book Discussion ^R

The Bullet Swallower by Elizabeth Gonzalez James
The Library offers two book discussion times:

Tuesday, October 13
10-11:30 a.m. OR 7-8:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Forever Young Book Club ^R

Salvación by Sandra Proudman!

A club for adults to read and discuss popular YA titles.
Thursday, October 15 / 7-8 p.m.
Study Room 5

Sedona Silhouette ^R Cookies *

Discover the beautiful craft of Sedona silhouette edible art! In this hands-on class, you'll learn about colorizing fondant in vibrant rustic hues and how to create western silhouettes with edible ink.

Thursdays, October 8 / 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Saturday, October 10 / 1:30-3 p.m.
Huntley Community Room



Latinx in Hollywood ^R

Join film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she explores a selection of the studio system's on-and-off screen Latinx talents.

Monday, October 12 / 6-7 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

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MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

OBOC Salsa Tasting * (Grades 6-8) ^R

Rate your favorite salsas from local Mexican restaurants while discussing *Xolo* by Donna Barba Higuera!

Tuesday, October 20 / 6-7 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Hispanic Heritage Celebration ^D (Families)

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and One Book, One Community with activities for all ages! Everyone is welcome to learn, celebrate, and explore together.

Friday, October 2 / 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Youth Services Department

El Mago Magic Show (Families) ^D

Prepared to be amazed at this bilingual magic show to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. Limited space.
Saturday, October 3 / 2-3 p.m.
Huntley Community Room



Family Book Tasting ^D (Families)

Grab a snack and listen to the first few chapters of the book *ChupaCarter* read aloud.
Thursday, October 15 / 6-6:30 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room

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