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ANNOUNCING THE LATINX WRITERS VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

Honesdale, PA - The Highlights Foundation has announced the Latinx Writers Virtual Symposium, an in-community intensive experience for Latinx writers of children's and young adult literature.

The Symposium will feature Live Zoom sessions: lectures, panels, interviews and open Q&A's; pre-recorded lectures; hands-on writing exercises; small group round tables and many opportunities for peer and mentor engagement.

"Latinx people make up over 16% of the US population, and that number is steadily growing. But, according to the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC), in 2019 only 5.3% of children's books published depicted Latinx characters," said Highlights Foundation Ambassador Alexandra Villasante.

"Mia Garcia, NoNieqa Ramos and I wanted to create a writing program to nurture and support Latinx writers so that we can change those abysmal numbers, and increase the representation that Latinx kids--and all kids-- see in children's books. The Latinx Symposium will have a diverse, intersectional faculty and will address everything from craft to gatekeeping in publishing to how to build *comunidad*."

The Foundation will offer [scholarships](#) to the Symposium, as well as [sponsorship opportunities](#) for publishers, individuals and organizations who would like to offer support of the program.

For a full description of the Symposium, please visit:
<https://www.highlightsfoundation.org/programs/1976/latinx-writers-a-virtual-symposium-2020/>

To make a donation to help fund scholarships for the Symposium, please visit:
<https://www.highlightsfoundation.org/latinx-writers-symposium-sponsorship/>

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