

On Saturday, April 15, 2023, WALC held its 18th annual Soup & A Good Book program. Every year, a committee chooses a theme. Then students, assisted by their tutors, write stories based on the topic. This year's subject was unusual animals. We invited students and their families, WALC volunteers, and community members to the program. During the event, students read their stories to the audience or asked someone else to read. This outstanding program sparked our students' creativity and helped strengthen their public speaking skills. We are very proud of our students and their accomplishments.

WALC also invited a talented author and illustrator, Heidi Moreno. She talked about her bilingual children's book, *Luna Oscura*. It is a delightful story about Luna, a black cat, and her best friend, Toad. The tale debunks black cat superstitious beliefs. More importantly, it conveys a strong message of finding a forever home and being oneself.

Everyone enjoyed delicious soups, rolls, breadsticks, tortillas, and condiments donated by local restaurants. Tutors and board members donated tasty desserts. All of WALC's extended family were thrilled with the raffle prizes donated by local businesses, board members, and tutors.

We want to thank everyone that contributed to this event and that helped make it a success

A special thank you goes out to Janice Hahn and the County of Los Angeles for the generous \$520.00 grant.

In addition, WALC thanks Red Casillas for her \$100.00 donation.

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