

Spring Gala

FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST

Sandra Cisneros

RIVERFRONT LIBRARY

MAY 20, 2019



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Dear Library Supporters,

Welcome to the Second Annual Gala for the Foundation of the Yonkers Public Library! No, time is not running faster than usual; it has only been 7 months since we celebrated our inaugural Gala in October 2018! In this year of growth and experimentation, we are trying on Spring for size and hope it fits.

In a very short time, you have already helped the Foundation support the Yonkers Public Library in many ways. The wildly successful 1000 Books before Kindergarten program is going strong, as is the Teacher in the Library program, thanks to Foundation support. While you are here, visit the Riverfront Art Gallery, where programming for teens offers creative arts workshops and meetings twice a week. This, too, is running with support from the Foundation.

We are delighted that you can join us tonight to enjoy the evening with friends and trailblazing author Sandra Cisneros, whose work speaks to the struggles and empowering effect of growing up Latina in the US, a theme that resonates for anyone who has had to bridge cultures. Funds raised tonight will support YPL's programming, with a focus in 2019 on teen and young adult services. Among the initiatives we hope to support are extending homework help to high school students and to offer expanded art-related programming for teens and families in Riverfront Art Gallery.

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Spring Gala

MAY 20, 2019

- 6:00 Cocktail Hour
- 7:15 Welcome
Nancy Maron
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- 7:20 Live Auction
- 7:30 Guest Author
Sandra Cisneros
- 8:15 Booksigning
Dessert is served

Catering provided by Le Moulin

Music provided by the Joey Berkley Band

Bookselling provided by Womrath Book Shop

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Silent Auction

Visit the Silent Auction to place your bid on a phenomenal selection of goods and services before the night is done!

**Special thanks
to our auction donors:**

Alamo Drafthouse

Dobbs and Bishop Fine Cheese

Lee Romero

Patty Santos

**The Writing Institute
at Sarah Lawrence College**

Please note 100% of proceeds from locally donated auction items go to The Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library, while we receive a portion of proceeds from other items on auction.



Special Guest

SANDRA CISNEROS

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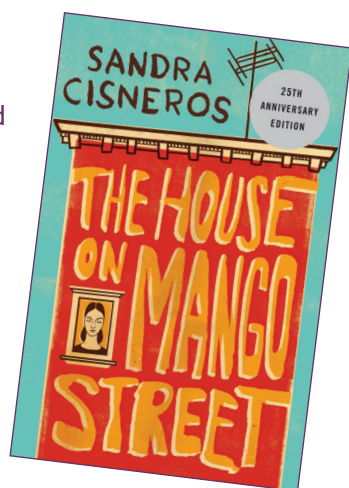
Sandra Cisneros is a poet, short story writer, novelist, essayist, performer, and artist whose work explores the lives of the working-class. Her coming of age novel, *The House on Mango Street*, has sold over six million copies, has been translated into over twenty languages, and is required reading in high schools and universities across the country.

Her numerous awards include NEA fellowships in both poetry and fiction, the Texas Medal of the Arts, a MacArthur Fellowship, several honorary doctorates and national and international book awards, including Chicago's Fifth Star Award, the PEN Center USA Literary Award, the Fairfax Prize,

and the National Medal of the Arts awarded to her by President Obama in 2016.

Most recently, she received the Ford Foundation's Art of Change Fellowship, was recognized among The Frederick Douglass 200, and won the PEN/Nabokov Award for international literature. Her classic, coming-of-age novel, *The House on Mango Street*, has sold over six million copies, has been translated into over twenty languages, and is required reading in elementary, high school, and universities across the nation.

Sandra Cisneros is a dual citizen of the United States and Mexico.



FYPL Accomplishments

Since the Foundation launched in 2018 and through your generous support, we have successfully:

- ✓ Fully funded the **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** program in all branches in 2019
- ✓ Underwritten the **Homework Help** ("teacher in the library") program at all branches for 2019, supporting students in grades 1–7
- ✓ Identified corporate grants for the library that have brought VR technology to patrons and helped to kick-start a vibrant new teen program, **NEO**, in the Riverfront Gallery in 2019
- ✓ Identified a corporate donor to provide \$12,000 in free games and puzzles to serve as 2018 **Summer Reading Rewards** and restock activity offerings at each branch
- ✓ Unveiled the beautiful **Dedication Wall** at Grinton I. Will Branch that utilizes panels from the original sunshades from building's façade to memorialize patrons' love of the library with personalized inscriptions
- ✓ Sponsored **Senior Law Day** on June 1, 2019 at the Will Branch, including free educational seminars and one-on-one, 15-minute consultations with attorneys and financial planners





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Celebrate the history of the library, while helping insure its future.

In May 2019, the Foundation installed the Will Library Dedication Wall, a testament both to our love for the original faade's incomparable style, and to our collective desire to keep building the Yonkers Public Library for generations to come. The plaques used in the display have been cut from Grinton I. Will Library's original sunshades. Plaques are still available and can be personalized with the inscription of your choice.



SHAPING THE FUTURE

Sunshade Plaque Fundraiser



Be a bridge to the future of the Yonkers Public Library by ordering your piece of history! For \$200, your personalized 4"x 11" plaque is cut from Grinton I. Will Branch's original sunshades and hung on the Dedication Wall in the library's lobby.

Celebrate the history of the library, while helping us to insure its future! Funds raised will benefit programs such as Homework Help and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.

ORDER YOURS FOR \$200!

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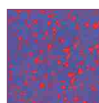
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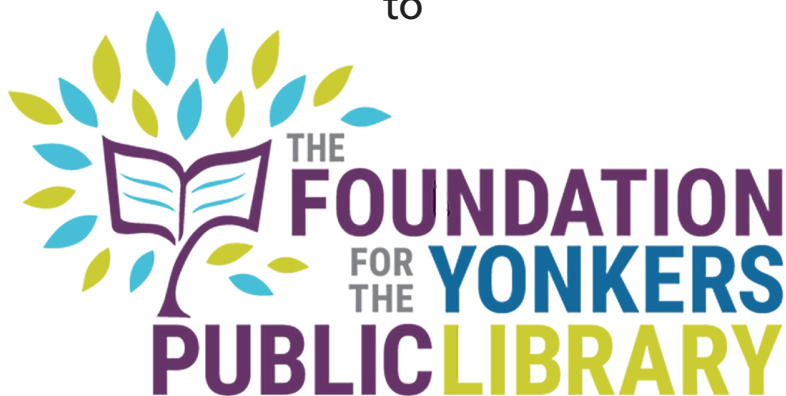
Plaque Dedication

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Mayor

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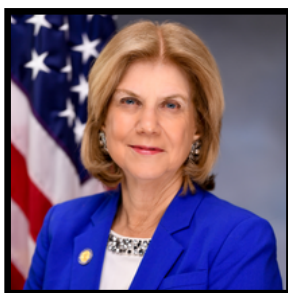
Best wishes to my friends at the

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PROGRAMMING, SPACES, & COLLECTIONS
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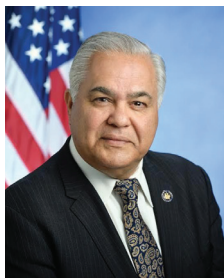
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Honoring Guest Speaker

Sandra Cisneros

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on another successful year.



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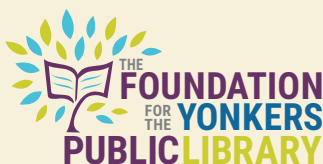
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