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## IT'S A HOMECOMING EVENT FOR CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR ANA CRESPO

Sometimes, when home is thousands of miles (and dollars) away, people have to find new places to call home. For Colorado resident and BGSU alumna Ana Crespo (de Araujo), a Brazilian children's book author, home is Bowling Green, OH. This June, Ana is coming back for a special event. She will be reading her picture book, *THE SOCK THIEF*, published by Albert Whitman & Company ('15) at the Wood County Public Library and signing it at Grounds for Thought.

"This is such an honor to me," Ana says. "I fell in love with Bowling Green – the city and its people. Coming back to share my new book is almost like coming home to introduce a new baby. I visited WCPL so many times when I was a student here and enjoyed Grounds for Thought so much. I never expected I would one day come back as an author. It feels great."

*THE SOCK THIEF* (ages 4-7) is Ana's first book in English. It tells the story of Felipe, a Brazilian boy who needs to take a soccer ball to school, but can't afford one. Felipe uses a lot of creativity and a few socks to solve his problem. The book received a great review from *The School Library Journal*. In addition to *THE SOCK THIEF*, Ana has four more titles scheduled to be released through Albert Whitman & Company. *JP AND THE GIANT OCTOPUS* and *JP AND THE POLKA-DOTTED ALIENS* are coming out this Fall.

The reading will take place on **June 7, at 1:30pm, at the Wood County Public Library** (251 N. Main St., Bowling Green, OH 43402). The signing will be held on the same day, at **2:30pm, at Grounds for Thought** (174 S. Main St., Bowling Green, OH 43402). *THE SOCK THIEF* will be available for purchase at Grounds for Thought starting a few weeks prior to the event as well as during it. For more information, visit Ana's website at [www.anacrespobooks.com](http://www.anacrespobooks.com).

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Ana Crespo earned her M.Ed. in Career and Technology Education from BGSU in 2002. She worked as an Academic Advisor for five years. She also worked as a translator. Now, she's a children's book writer, a career that allows her to keep her imagination wild, just the way she likes it. Ana lives in Colorado with her husband, children, and a variety of wildlife.