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Deschutes Public Library Newsletter

3rd Annual

A Novel Idea... Read Together

With the Award-winning *González & Daughter Trucking Co.* by María Amparo Escandón

The Deschutes Public Library and the Library's Foundation present the third annual **A Novel Idea...Read Together**. This reading and discussion program encourages Deschutes County residents to read the same book, at the same time, and join in a countywide book club.



This year's selection is *González & Daughter Trucking Co.* by María Amparo Escandón. It has captivated reading groups across America with its rich story of life on the road and the love and hurt of a father and daughter on the run.

"This award-winning book is a whimsical and passionate novel that explores the power of storytelling, the bonds of family, the meaning of freedom, and the quest for redemption," said Novel Idea Project Director Chantal Strobel. "The story of Libertad, her father, and her fellow inmates in a Mexican prison is unveiled to readers through clever storytelling. The novel's cathartic power allows readers opportunities to experience, resolve, and confront issues."

An array of programs include presentations by scholars, films, music, art, truckers, and several events with the author that support and enhance this year's novel. All of the programs are free and open to the public.

The novel and accompanying materials are in both Spanish and English. A reader's guide and event listing are available online (www.dpls.us) and will be in the Libraries at the end of March.

A Novel Idea culminates with author María Amparo Escandón who will discuss her novel at the Tower Theatre in Bend on Wednesday, April 26 and Thursday, April 27 from 7:30–8:30 p.m. A book signing follows in the lobby. These special evenings are free to the public but attendees must pick up tickets at their local library for entry. Seating is limited. Tickets will be available on Saturday, April 8 at the public libraries in Bend, La Pine, Redmond, Sisters, and Sunriver Area.

The author will also read and discuss her book in Spanish at Mi Pueblito Restaurant on Saturday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m.



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