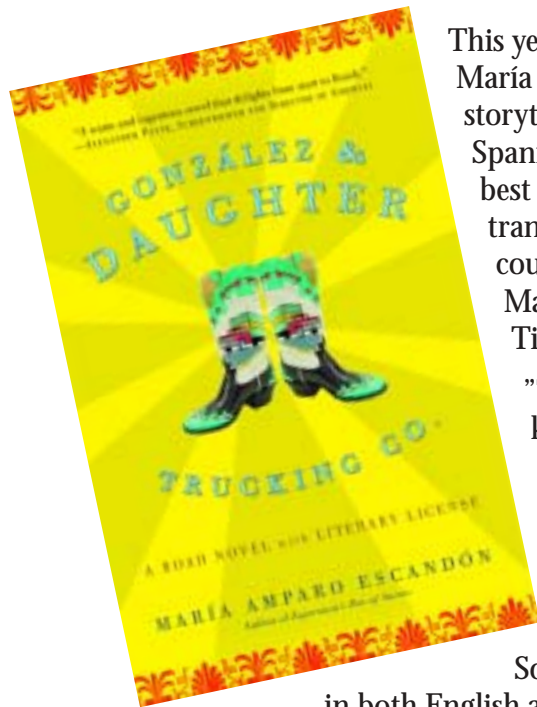


González & Daughter Trucking Co.

2006 “A Novel Idea...Read Together”



The Deschutes Public Library and The Deschutes Public Library Foundation present the third annual “A Novel Idea...Read Together” program. This county-wide reading and discussion program encourages Deschutes County residents to read the same book, at the same time, to create a county-wide book club. “A Novel Idea...Read Together,” is a multimedia, multifaceted series of events. The four-week program kicks off April 2 and runs through April 29. Throughout the month, programs and events highlighting the selected novel are offered at libraries in Bend, La Pine, Redmond, Sisters, and Sunriver Area.



This year’s selected read is *González & Daughter Trucking Co.* by María Amparo Escandón. Ms. Escandón, a bestselling bilingual storyteller, published her first novel, *Esperanza’s Box of Saints* and its Spanish version, *Santitos*, in 1999. Her novel was the number one best seller on the Los Angeles Times Best Sellers List, has been translated into 16 languages and is currently read in more than 80 countries. She was named the “Writer to Watch” by Newsweek Magazine in 1999 and the “Writer to Watch” by the Los Angeles Times in 2000.

“The programs are designed to enhance the participant’s knowledge of the novel in an entertaining and unexpected way,” said Novel Idea Project Director Chantal Strobel. “We’ve combined an array of programs that include presentations by scholars, films, a trucking history museum, food tasting, and demonstration that support and enhance this year’s novel. All of the programs are free and open to the public.”

Some of the marketing materials and resources will be offered in both English and Spanish this year.

A Novel Idea culminates with author María Amparo Escandón speaking at the Tower Theatre in Bend on Thursday, April 27 from 7:30p.m.–8:30p.m. A book signing will follow the discussion at 8:45p.m. in the lobby of the Tower. This special evening is free to the public but attendees must pick up tickets at their local library for entry. Seating is limited. Tickets will become available on Saturday, April 8. Other author events are planned this year. Ms. Escandón will speak at COCC for students and faculty on Friday, April 28 and at the Paulina Springs Book Store on Saturday, April 29. Following the discussion at Paulina Springs, Ms. Escandón will present in Spanish at Mi Pueblito restaurant in Redmond.

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