

The Birthday Swap

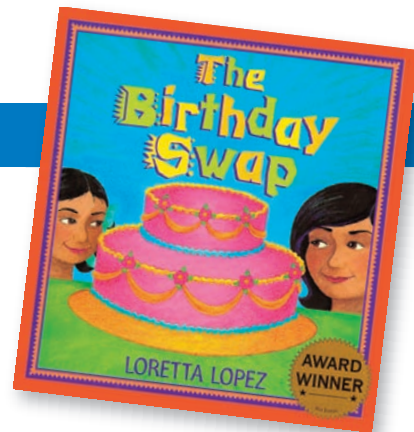
A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Latino Culture, Birthdays, Family Traditions

Grade Level: K to 3rd grade

Book Brief: Lori's looking for the perfect gift for her older sister, but Lori's the one who winds up with a birthday surprise!

Author & Illustrator:
Loretta Lopez



TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Discuss how the children celebrate their birthdays. Let kids share their families' birthday traditions and their favorite birthday memories. Ask them to guess what the book's title means.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

BIRTHDAYS AROUND THE WORLD (AGES 5-12)

Find out how kids celebrate their birthdays in other countries. Create a new tradition for your community center to honor kids on their special day. Some examples follow.

Brazil: The birthday child gets a pull on the earlobe for each year.

Canada: The birthday child's nose get greased with butter or margarine.

Japan: The birthday child eats noodles, for a long life.

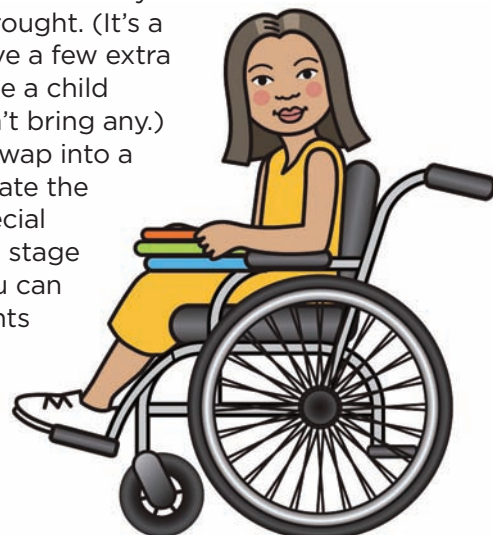


Norway: The birthday child stands in front of the group and performs a little dance with a friend while everyone sings a happy birthday song.

Puerto Rico: The birthday child gets a tap on the arm for each year.

BOOK SWAP (AGES 5-12)

Organize a book swap at your community center. Ask each child to bring in a few books they've already read and don't want anymore. Keep track of how many books each child brings in. During the swap, kids can pick as many books as they brought. (It's a good idea to have a few extra books just in case a child forgets to or can't bring any.) Make the book swap into a big event. Decorate the center, serve special drinks or snacks, stage read alouds—you can even invite parents and other community members to join in!



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Say Hola to Spanish (1998), *I Remember Abuelito* (2007), *Celebrate! It's Cinco de Mayo!* (2007).

TECHNOLOGY LINK FOR KIDS

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