

Rio Hondo College Library Celebrates Día with Storigami



WHITTIER — Rio Hondo College Library invited students, faculty, staff, and community members to a celebration of El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (Day of Children/Books) on April 19. Sponsored by Verizon, this Día event featured nationally renowned

origami storyteller, Christine Petrell Kallevig. Kallevig demonstrated her storigami style for Child Development Center children, then spoke with students, educators, and community members.

Storigami combines the traditions of origami and storytelling to engage children in traditional folk tales. Kallevig says, "Storigami is a kid magnet. It draws students into a world where language and art co-exist as equal partners, a world where paper folding captures attention, and comprehension is provided by words. The stories stimulate imagination and offer entertaining examples of creative problem solving, but more importantly, they serve as a platform to examine the literary elements that make them successful. Fold-along activities allow students to experience illustration as a dynamic, active art form. Every component of my program is designed to provoke questions, stimulate new ideas, or provide information so that students will look at their own writing in exciting, new ways."

The event brought two groups of fifty children each from the Child Development Center/Lab School into the Rio Hondo College Library. Over one hundred college students attended, many of whom were Child Development Department (CDD) students.



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CDD professor, Dr. Carol Sigala, said of the performer, "She was outstanding! She did great modeling for our students. She engaged the children and was an excellent storyteller." After the storigami presentation, students asked Kallevig how she began her career in storytelling. Kallevig explained that the 1991 publication of her first book

fueled community interest in her technique, which generated numerous nationwide performance bookings. Following the question-and-answer period, students were invited to enjoy snacks, also provided by through a grant from Verizon.

Día is a celebration of children, literacy, and storytelling. Learn more about this celebration @ <http://www.diacalifornia.org/history.html>. Information about this author's storigami style is available via <http://www.storyteller.net/tellers/ckallevig>.

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