



## TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL TO HOST READING ROCK STARS WITH ACCLAIMED AUTHORS AT CUNNINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 1

*Texas Book Festival to Donate 2,000 Books to Houston Students with Reading Rock Stars Author Presentations*

**WHAT:** The Texas Book Festival will host one of its Houston Reading Rock Stars presentations on Friday, December 1, at Cunningham Elementary School. Beginning at 8:05 a.m., the school will host three authors — **Lulu Delacre**, bilingual, award-winning author and illustrator of *Olinguito A to Z*; **Nate Ball**, host of PBS Kids series *Design Squad Global* and author of *Alien in my Pocket* series and *Let's Investigate with Nate* series; and **Diana López**, author of novels *Ask My Mood Ring How I Feel*, *Choke*, and *Confetti Girl*.

The Texas Book Festival's Reading Rock Stars literacy program brings books to life for children in low-income schools by inviting authors and illustrators into classrooms with entertaining presentations that inspire students to read, write, and create. Thanks to support from sponsors, including H-E-B Tournament of Champions, Texas College Savings Plan, and Texas Capital Bank, the Texas Book Festival also gives each student an autographed copy of the presenting author's book and provides the school library with a new set of books by the visiting Reading Rock Stars authors. The Texas Book Festival will donate a total of 720 books to Cunningham Elementary School.

Texas Book Festival will coordinate Reading Rock Stars presentations at four Houston elementary schools with seven participating authors and illustrators. With this latest round of Reading Rock Stars, the Texas Book Festival will have coordinated nearly 390 author visits and provided more than 87,000 books to students in Title I schools across Texas since its inception.

For more information on the Texas Book Festival and Reading Rock Stars literacy program, please visit [www.texasbookfestival.org](http://www.texasbookfestival.org).

**WHO:** Lulu Delacre – *Olinguito A to Z*

Nate Ball – *Investigate with Nate: The Solar System*  
Diana López – *Nothing Up My Sleeve*

**WHEN:** Friday, December 1  
**8:05 a.m.** - Grade 2 and Grade 3 - Nate Ball  
**9 a.m.** - Pre K, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 - Lulu Delacre  
**10:05 a.m.** - Grade 4 and Grade 5 - Diana López

**WHERE:** Cunningham Elementary School  
5100 Gulfton St.  
Houston, TX 77081

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### **ABOUT TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL**

The Texas Book Festival connects authors and readers through experiences that celebrate the culture of literacy, ideas, and imagination. Founded in 1995 by former First Lady Laura Bush, Mary Margaret Farabee, and a group of volunteers, the nonprofit Texas Book Festival promotes the joys of reading and writing through its annual Festival Weekend, the one-day Texas Teen Book Festival, the Reading Rock Stars program, grants to Texas libraries, Fresh Ink Fiction Contest, and year-round literary programming. The Festival is held on the grounds of the Texas Capitol each fall and featured more than 300 renowned authors, panels, book signings, live music, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities. The 2017 Texas Book Festival Weekend took place on November 4 and 5. Thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and 1,000 volunteers, the Festival remains free and open to the public. Visit [www.texasbookfestival.org](http://www.texasbookfestival.org) for more information, and join the conversation using the hashtag #txbookfest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest.