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**Dallas Public Library will present tribute to *Los Comentarios Reales*;  
The special exhibition will be Oct. 31 at International Book Fair**

**DALLAS** – The Dallas Public Library will pay tribute to one of the world’s best known books on history and Hispanic literature, *Los Comentarios Reales*, at a special exhibition Saturday, Oct. 31 at the Dallas International Book Fair.

The book by Inca Garcilaso de la Vega was first edited in 1609 in Portugal, said Olga Milla, creator of the tribute. “The City of Dallas will join celebrations around the world dedicated to the first Mestizo classic writer who happened to die the same day as Shakespeare and Cervantes,” she said.

Co-sponsored by the Peruvian Consulate in Dallas, the program will be held at 10 a.m. in the Dallas Public Library’s Performance Space, fourth floor, 1515 Young St. The library has prepared a special exhibition of rare 17th and 18th century Spanish and English editions of the book along with interesting titles about Peru’s tourism, gastronomy, music, sociology, and novels.

Translated into French, German and English, *Los Comentarios Reales* has inspired numerous essays, cultural studies and historical works, including *The life and Times of Garcilaso de la Vega* by John Grier published by the University of Texas.

Peruvian writer and journalist Alonso Rabí will discuss the Inca’s legacy and that of immigrant writers today. Andean music by Jacco Velarde will welcome visitors who sign a Guest Book that will hold the names of real and virtual attendees; the book will be part of the library’s collection. Attendees will also receive a small Peruvian treat. A Web cast of the event can be viewed by connecting to [www.lagartijapop.com](http://www.lagartijapop.com).

“We all need heroes that will inspire us with their work,” said Milla. “The strength and inspiration of this book rests in the spirit of the writer: a man who lived in difficult times but built bridges between cultures.” For more information about the exhibit contact Olga Milla at (972) 252-4004.

For more information about the International Book Fair visit [www.dallasinternationalbookfair.com](http://www.dallasinternationalbookfair.com).

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