

## Rowland and Hacienda Heights libraries welcome artists in residence

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Artist Lilia Ramirez teaches children monoprinting at the Rowland Heights Library on Jan. 21

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The artists are coming; the artists are coming.

Local libraries recently welcomed two professional artists thanks to the Theatre of Hearts Youth First Artists-In-Residence Program. The artists will share the world of art with children in Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights.

The workshops began on Jan. 16 at the Hacienda library and Jan. 21 in the Rowland library. The visual arts program is sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Public Library and Supervisor Don Knabe.

"We had the artists once before and their workshops were very popular," explained children's librarian Paula Vannucci. "We're glad the program is coming back to the Hacienda Heights Library."



Artist Ramirez holds one of the children's monoprints at the Rowland Heights Library.



Children work on monoprinting at the first Theatre Of Hearts/Youth First Artist-In-Residence workshop

So popular in fact, that Vannucci expects registration to fill up quickly at 9 a.m. on Mondays. Artist Donna Bradley teaches the class on Saturdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. It is open to children 7 to 13 years old.

The artist in residence at the Rowland Heights Library is Lilia Ramirez. Her workshops are on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. They're aimed at students 11 to 15 years old.

Program coordinator Angela Penaredondo said the artists offer their expertise to teach the basics of art. For example, the children will learn drawing and painting techniques.

"In Hacienda, they'll also be making sculptures with Donna Bradley," Penaredondo said. "Each workshop will feature an art project for the students."

In Rowland Heights, Ramirez will teach print-making.

Students at both libraries will also learn how to create collage designs. They will also make recycled art.

"We've been working with the county libraries for years. Each of our programs is customized for the youngsters in that area," noted Sheila Scott-Wilkinson, executive director for Theatre of Hearts.

The workshops continue through Feb. 13 in Hacienda and Feb. 18 in Rowland.

"It's good for everyone. The children learn about art and they enjoy making the different art projects," Vannucci said.