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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Today in your child's classroom, I read the book ***Biblioburro: A True Story from Colombia*** by Jeanette Winter. This story is inspired by the heroic efforts of real-life librarian Luis Soriano. Luis loads up his two burros, Alfa and Beto, with books and travels over mountains and through valleys to bring literacy and culture to rural Colombia, and to the children who wait for the Biblioburro.

This month's dicho: "Knowledge is power."

This month's classroom activities: One activity option was for students to create their own Biblioburro. Students added an image of the monthly Los Dichos book to their paper donkey. This was a great Los Dichos review. The second activity option was for students to make a standing donkey from a cardstock template and two clothespins. The donkey has the monthly dicho on it. The third and last activity option was to ask students to collaborate to create a mini free library on campus or donate a book to a local mini free library already in place.

Ideas to reinforce the message at home with your child:

1. Discuss the alternative libraries around the world. An information sheet is attached to this letter for your convenience.
2. Compare your local library to the Biblioburro. What do the two libraries have in common? What makes them different from one another? Worksheet attached.

It was a privilege to be the reader in your child's classroom throughout the school year. I enjoyed bringing students a new book every month and sharing stories about the Latino culture. Thank you for allowing me to be a caring adult in child's life.

Sincerely,

Los Dichos Volunteer

Telephone/Email



Libraries Around the World

In **BANGLADESH**, librarians load boats with books and computers to share with villagers in remote parts of the country.

In **NORWAY**, a book boat carrying 6,000 books visits up to 250 communities on the islands and fjords that surround the country.

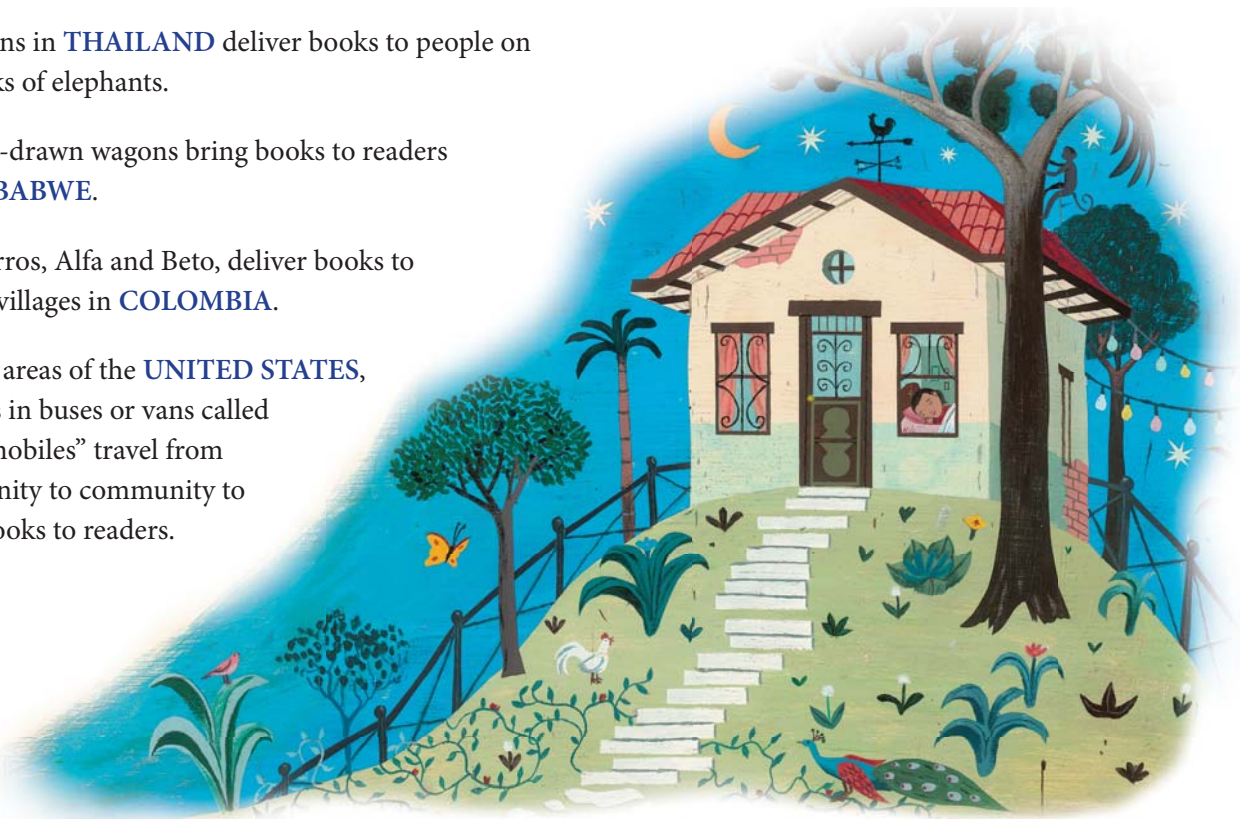
In **KENYA**, librarians ride on camelback over rough terrain and through searing heat to carry books to remote villages.

Librarians in **THAILAND** deliver books to people on the backs of elephants.

Donkey-drawn wagons bring books to readers in **ZIMBABWE**.

Two burros, Alfa and Beto, deliver books to remote villages in **COLOMBIA**.

In rural areas of the **UNITED STATES**, libraries in buses or vans called “book mobiles” travel from community to community to bring books to readers.

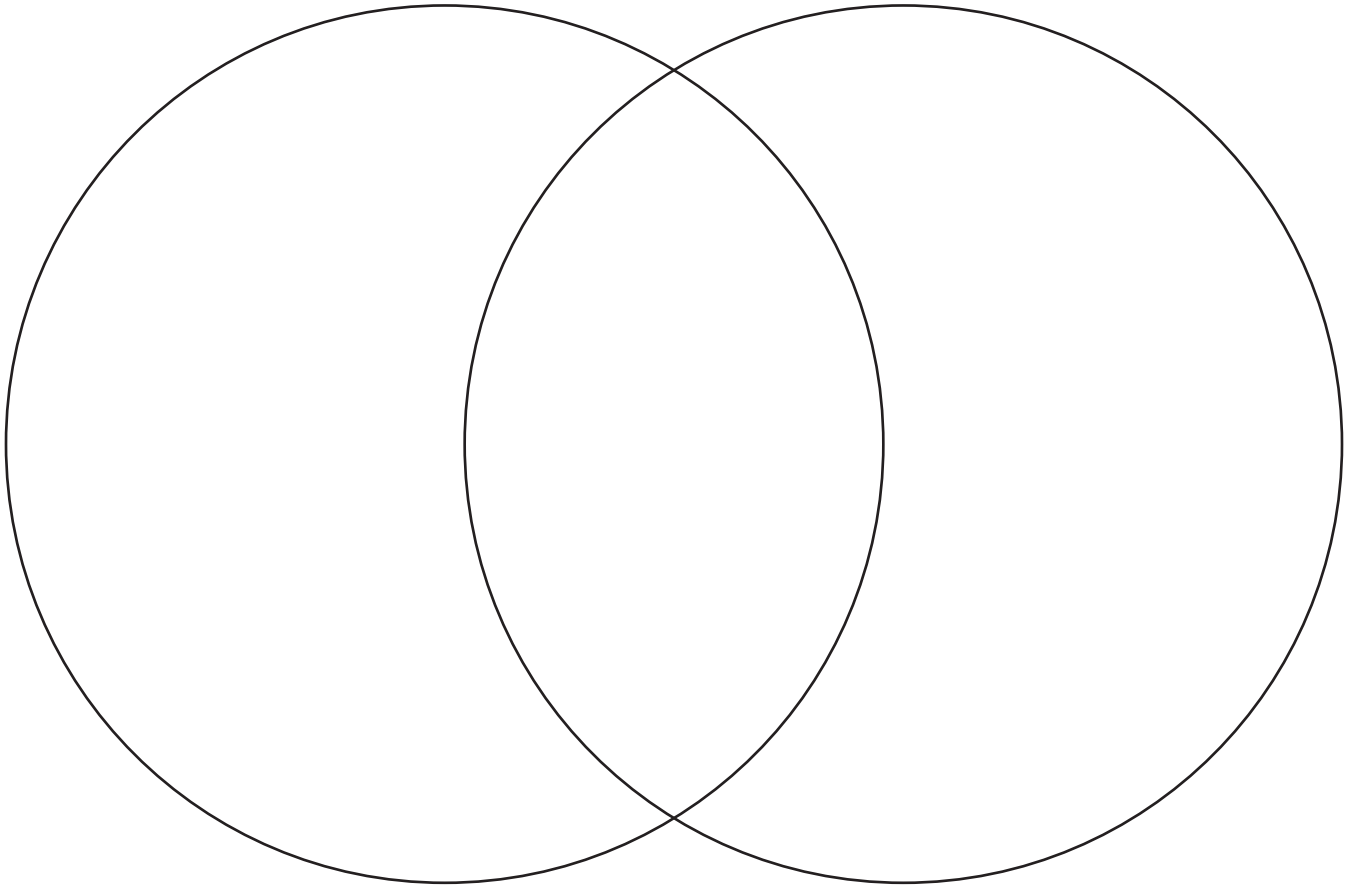




Name (Nombre): _____

Venn Diagram (Diagrama)

Compare your library with the Biblioburro. What do they have in common? How are they different?
(Compare su biblioteca con el Biblioburro. ¿Qué tienen en común? ¿En qué se diferencian?)



Your Library
(Tu Biblioteca)

The Biblioburro
(El Biblioburro)

