



Librotraficante Caravan in El Paso, Texas

February 21, 2012: BorderSenses, a literary nonprofit organization, in collaboration with Cinco Puntos Press, Mercado Mayapán, and local writers and activists, is proud to announce that we will be having a reading to welcome the Librotraficante Caravan passing through El Paso, TX en route to Tucson, AZ.

The reading will be on March 14th at 7:00 pm, at Mercado Mayapán

(2101 Myrtle, 79901). The event will feature writers and activists that are joining the Caravan from different parts of the country, as well as some local artists.

The Librotraficante Caravan is a movement that started in Houston, TX and that is responding to the book ban in Tucson United School District after the disintegration of the Mexican American ethnic studies program. The objective of the caravan will be to take banned books into Tucson and bring awareness to Arizona's unconstitutional law that prohibits Mexican American ethnic studies in schools. Headed by Tony Diaz, the caravan is set to pass through San Antonio, TX; El Paso, TX; Mesilla, NM; Albuquerque, NM, and will finally end in Tucson, AZ.

"The caravan is intended to raise awareness of the prohibition of the Mexican American Studies Program and the removal of books from classrooms, to promote banned authors and their contributions to American Literature and celebrate diversity. Children of the American Dream must unite to preserve the civil rights of all Americans and create a network of resources for art, literature and activism."

– Tony Diaz (founder of *Nuestra Palabra: Latino Writers having their say*)

To learn more about the Librotraficante Caravan visit: librotraficante.com

Also, please visit bordersenses.com, cincopuntos.com, mujerobrera.org to learn more about participating organizations.

