Bilingual Picture Books:
A Select List of Brown County Library Children’s Books
Age group: Preschool – Early Elementary

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**Margaret and Margarita / Margarita y Margaret** - Lynn Reiser
Two girls, Margaret and Margarita, become friends while playing in the park and spend a fun day learning Spanish and English words.

**Build a Burrito: A Counting Book in English and Spanish** - Denise Vega
Readers learn to count to 10 and the names of various foods, all while building a delicious burrito!

**Book Fiesta!** - Pat Mora
This festive book celebrates reading and the celebration of Children’s Day / Book Day, which celebrates children of all cultures and reading on April 30th each year.

**I Love Saturdays y domingos** - Alma Flor Ada
A little girl tells the reader about Saturdays spent with her European American Grandmother and Grandfather and domingos spent with her Mexican American Abuelita y Abuelito.

**The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred** - Samantha R. Vamos
The farm maiden and animals work together to make rice pudding in this bilingual cumulative story. The repetition of Spanish vocabulary helps the reader to learn words while having fun. Includes a recipe for rice pudding!

**Fiesta Babies** - Carmen Tafolla
This light short story of babies enjoying a fiesta is the perfect way to introduce some simple words in Spanish.

**The Storyteller’s Candle / La velita de los cuentos** - Lucía González
This is the story of New York City’s first Puerto Rican librarian Pura Belpre and her efforts to make new immigrants feel welcome in their neighborhood library.

**The Spirit of Tío Fernando / El espíritu de tío Fernando** - Janice Levy
A little girl helps her family to prepare for Day of the Dead / Día de los Muertos, a holiday commonly observed in Mexico and Central America that honors those who have passed away. As the family prepares to celebrate, the reader learns about traditional customs of this vibrant holiday.

**My Colors, My World / Mis colores, mi mundo** - Maya Christina Gonzalez
Maya appreciates all the colors that surround her, from her father’s black
hair to the colors in the sunset.

**Grandma and Me at the Flea / Los Meros Meros Remateros** - Juan Felipe Herrera
Juanito helps his Grandmother and friends at a flea market in Southern California.

**Playing Lotería / El juego de la lotería** - René Colato Laínez
A boy and his grandmother teach each other words in Spanish and English as they play a popular game of Spanish picture bingo called lotería.

**Bebé Goes Shopping** – Susan Middleton Elya
Spanish vocabulary words and rhyming text describe a trip to the store for Mama and Bebé.

**Oh, Crumps! / ¡Ay Caramba!** – Lee Bock
Sleepy Farmer Brown needs to get to bed because he has many chores to do in the morning. Unfortunately, he is repeatedly woken up by various farm animals. The later it gets the more tired Farmer Brown becomes and the more mixed up and hilarious his list of chores becomes!

**Say Hola to Spanish** – Susan Middleton Elya
A fun and easy introduction to some basic Spanish vocabulary!

**My Pal, Victor / Mi amigo, Víctor** – Diane Gonzales Bertrand
This Schneider Family Book Award winner is a story about friendship and acceptance. Through lively and simple text in both Spanish and English, Dominic tells the reader about his great friend, Victor. Victor tells scary stories and funny jokes, cheers at Dominic’s baseball game, rides on roller coasters, and plays catch with his dog. The best part of their friendship is that Victor likes Dominic just the way he is. The last illustration reveals that Victor is in a wheelchair. Braille version also available at the Central Library.

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