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Durham County Library Hosts 2016 Steinfirst Lecture Featuring Newbery Winning Author Matt de la Peña

Program: 2016 Steinfirst Lecture: "Reading (and Writing) from the 'Wrong Side of the Tracks'"
Date: Sunday, March 13
Time: 3 p.m.
Location: Main Library, 300 N. Roxboro St.
Cost: Free and open to the public

DURHAM - Durham County Library, in partnership with the University of North Carolina School of Information and Library Science, will host the 2016 Steinfirst Lecture "Reading (and Writing) from the Wrong Side of the Tracks" by Matt de la Peña at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 13 at Main Library, 300 N. Roxboro St.

De la Peña is the author of six critically-acclaimed young adult novels, including *Mexican WhiteBoy*, *The Living* and *The Hunted*, as well as two picture books. He won the Newbery Medal in January for his most recent picture book, *Last Stop on Market Street*. Illustrated by Christian Robinson, the book was also named a Randolph Caldecott Medal and Coretta Scott King Book Award honoree.

Presented by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science (SILS), the event is free and open to the public. In addition to the author's presentation, activities will include storytime for young children, book giveaways and book signings. Translation will be provided for Spanish-speaking youth and parents.

In conjunction with the lecture, de la Peña will spend a week as an artist in residence at a Wake County middle school.

The Steinfirst Lecture honors the memory of Susan Steinfirst, a professor of children's and young adult literature at SILS from 1976 to 1996. Steinfirst dedicated her life to the promotion of children's literature by teaching future librarians and by publishing scholarly works in the field.

For additional information, please contact Faith Burns at 919-560-0122.

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