

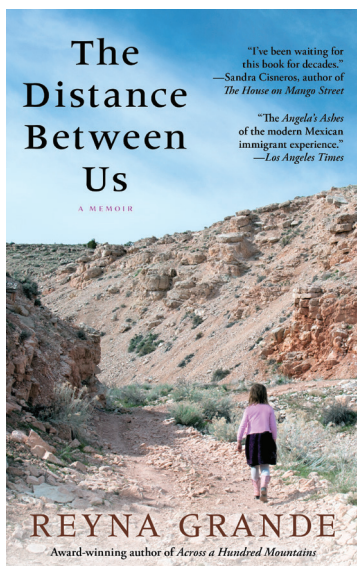
Meet Author *Reyna Grande*

7pm Wed., June 14
Ela Public Library

Award-winning author Reyna Grande speaks about her memoir "The Distance Between Us," a story that details her childhood journey from Mexico to the United States. Hear her share an unprecedented look into the immigration experience and the reality that millions of people face each day.

Ms. Grande will speak about:

- Hopes and hardships of undocumented immigrants and the circumstances that drive them to the U.S.
- Perseverance and pursuit of the American dream
- Latino culture in the U.S. and Mexico
- Assimilating to a new country while maintaining ethnic roots
- Education's role in escaping domestic violence and poverty
- Importance of teachers, relatives and community mentors in encouraging and supporting children



Audience Appeal:

- Perfect for anyone interested in learning firsthand about an immigrant experience
- An adventurous journey, without being confrontational

Reyna Grande is a fierce, smart, shimmering light of a writer with an important story to tell.

— Cheryl Strayed, author of *Wild*

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