

Hispanic Heritage Month 2021

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ELLEN OCHOA (1958 -)

was the **first Hispanic American woman to go to space** with a nine-day mission in 1993.

Ochoa was born in Los Angeles, CA in 1958, the granddaughter of Mexican immigrants. She studied physics at San Diego State University, and later received her master's and doctorate from Stanford University's Department of Electrical Engineering.

Ellen Ochoa impressed NASA with her research, and in 1991, she became an astronaut. She made history two years later on board the Space Shuttle *Discovery* on a mission to study Earth's ozone layer. It was her first of four missions to space.

Ochoa became the first Hispanic American director of the Johnson Space Center in 2013, only the second woman ever to take the helm.

After retiring with 30 years of service, Ochoa continues to fiercely advocate for women in STEM.



9.29.2021

Homegrown Concert: Cambalache 12:30- 1pm EST

Cambalache, named for a Spanish word that means "exchange," is a Chicano-Jarocho group based in East Los Angeles. Cambalache plays and promotes traditional son jarocho through performance, music workshops, and educational demonstrations.

This presentation will premiere on both [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). The presentation will be available for viewing afterwards at those sites and in the Library's [Event Videos](#) collection.

10.01.2021

The PALABRA Archive Releases New Digital Content

The Library of Congress' Hispanic Reading Room will release 50 new recordings from the PALABRA Archive for online streaming.

Uploads will include recordings with Mexican writer Elena Poniatowska, Cuban-American author, poet, and anthropologist Ruth Behar, Spanish poet José Manuel Caballero Bonald, and Portuguese author Dulce María Cardoso.

Use this [link](#) for access and guidance to the PALABRA Archive.

10.11.2021

Celebration of Children's and YA Latin American and Latinx Literature 6- 7pm EDT

[Register to join](#) the Hispanic Reading Room at the Library of Congress and Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) in a virtual celebration of children's and YA Latin American and Latinx literature.

Hear from authors and illustrators amplifying stories and voices from across Latin American and Latinx communities for young readers.