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Acclaimed Author Sandra Cisneros Comes to Heritage

Toppenish, WA—For 25 years *The House on Mango Street* has been heralded as an American classic, beloved by readers young and old, and brought into curriculums from elementary schools through colleges. Now author Sandra Cisneros is traveling to Heritage University as part of a national tour in celebration of the book's silver anniversary.

Cisneros will speak at a brown bag luncheon in Smith Family Hall in the Arts and Sciences Center on the Toppenish Campus, Wednesday, May 6 from noon- 3:00 p.m. A book signing will take place following the presentation and a time for questions and answers. Visitors can bring their own books to the signing or purchase special anniversary editions of *The House on Mango Street* at the event. The event is free and open to the public.

The House on Mango Street is the coming of age story of an impoverished young Hispanic girl growing up in the Chicago Chicano ghetto. She is determined to overcome other's low expectations and caught between Mexican and American cultures. The book has sold more than 2-million copies and has been translated into more than a dozen languages.

Along with *The House on Mango Street*, Cisneros's works include: *Bad Boys*, a chapbook of poetry; two full-length poetry books, *My Wicked Wicked Ways* and *Loose Woman*; a collection of stories, *Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories*; the children's book *Hairs/Pelitos*; a second novel *Carmelo*; and *Vintage Cisneros*, a collection of her works.

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