

People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos: Outcome Domains and what *community group participants* have to say
Excerpts from participant program evaluations

Self-Esteem	Literacy	Critical Thinking	Cultural Context	Authentic Voice	Engagement	Well-Being
<p><i>“First of all I met new friends. I was able to listen to their opinions about the stories and it helped me greatly to reflect and remember that I myself had lived certain moments of those characters.” ~Spring 2013</i></p> <p><i>“This program will help you gain more confidence to be able to join a conversation about a book, and also to explain to your children how to better understand a story.” ~Spring 2013</i></p> <p><i>“In this program, I feel I have grown a lot as a human being.”~Summer 2013</i></p> <p><i>“The opportunity to share my opinion after the readings has helped me to be more self-reliant.” ~Spring 2013</i></p>	<p><i>“This program is perfect to discover the beautiful literature of Latin America.” ~Spring 2013</i></p> <p><i>“It’s great for somebody to come in with literature that we discuss and find ways to relate it to our own lives.”~Spring 2013</i></p> <p><i>“In this program, literature became a part of my life and gave me interest in authors.” ~Fall 2013</i></p> <p><i>“A memorable moment was when we read a short story (“The Shawl” by Louise Erdrich) about a Native American family that lost their daughter and the father became abusive because of it. I can relate to it.”~ Spring 2013</i></p> <p><i>“It is hard for me to remember what I read and with the discussions I learned to remember.”~ Fall 2013</i></p>	<p><i>“I’ve learned from this group how to unburden myself of how I feel inside. To widen my ideas and to realize that I am not the only one that undergoes difficult situations.” ~Spring 2013</i></p> <p><i>“I would recommend it, because it’s an interesting program and I think you could learn something new in it, especially about yourself that maybe never was discussed before. It’s a change...and different from typical groups. A way to use the imagination.” ~Fall 2013</i></p> <p><i>“This program helped me to think outside of the box.” ~Spring 2013</i></p>	<p><i>“What I’ve learned from this group is knowledge, or better yet, introduction to authors from diverse South American countries. Also the possibility of meeting many people which could eventually become your friends is very important.” ~Spring 2013</i></p> <p><i>“I have learned about other cultures and traditions.” ~Fall 2013</i></p> <p><i>“I learned that literature can open many doors between people who come from different backgrounds.” ~Spring 2013</i></p>	<p><i>“First of all, it has always been very difficult for me to be able to speak with a group of people. The opportunity to share my opinion after the readings has helped me to be more self-reliant.” ~Spring 2013</i></p> <p><i>“I’ve learned how to use my voice when telling stories to my children.” ~Fall 2013</i></p> <p><i>“I felt very much at ease and enjoyed the program. After a few sessions I could offer my opinions more openly.” ~Spring 2013</i></p> <p><i>“I’ve learned how to open up and share my opinions more.” ~Spring 2013</i></p>	<p><i>“I learned to listen and to share ideas and experiences with the other participants in the group.” ~Spring 2013</i></p> <p><i>“It helps to learn how people all over the world live and it helps you keep from isolating (yourself).” ~Spring 2013</i></p> <p><i>“If I was to recommend this program to a friend, I’d say that you will be able to share your experiences here and listen to others who can help you and give you advice.”~Fall 2013</i></p>	<p><i>“The reasons to recommend the program would be: you will live moments of relaxation, unwind your emotions, offer ideas and points of view that make you feel good, learn from others’ advice that will help your daily life as mother, wife, daughter and immigrant to this country”. ~Fall 2013</i></p> <p><i>“This program is a nice way to relax, read and discuss in a group setting.” ~Fall 2013</i></p> <p><i>“P&S was an amazing experience. I have a new found appreciation for my life and my mind to be able to look at things in many different ways all at once.” ~Spring 2013</i></p> <p><i>“If I was to recommend this program to a friend, I would say that it’s an opportunity to indulge yourself in stories and be a listener for a change.” ~ Spring 2013</i></p>

