You’re invited to explore our play space featuring Casa Camino Real, Libros Para el Viaje, and stories from the US-Mexico borderlands.
Denise Chávez and her husband, Daniel Zolinsky—a photographer born in France—opened Casa Camino Real in 2012 as a place for book lovers of all ages.

The adobe building is owned by former New Mexico Supreme Court Justice Daniel Sosa and was once home to the Grimes, one of the first African-American families in Las Cruces. At Casa Camino Real, Denise and Daniel celebrate the many traditions of the Borderlands, the unique region where Mexico and the United States meet. The Borderlands region is particularly special to Denise. She grew up in Las Cruces and her family has deep roots in Texas, New Mexico, and Mexico.

**Fun Fact:** Denise's mother, Delina, studied under painter Diego Rivera in Mexico City.

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Want to be part of a book drive like Libros Para el Viage? Bring new or gently used books in Spanish and Portuguese (or bilingual Spanish-English or Portuguese-English editions) to the UA Poetry Center. We will donate these books to kids and adults staying at hospitality centers right here in Tucson!
Friends from other countries? Fill in the titles.

What books would you share with new
The ancestors’ lives in our blood.

Great Beauty and power of history and feel the pull of what was once the ocean. How can one not feel the Rio Grande, until it changed course, and in the middle of what was once the Cruces town site, in the middle of what was once the historic Las Cruces, says, “On the Camino Real, on the historic Las Cruces, sometimes these caravans were up to two miles long! Journeys on the Camino Real were very difficult, and many people did not survive. That lined the sides of the road. Descanso, resting places marked with crosses.

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This room is named for Denise's mother, Delma, a dedicated school teacher and home cook famous for her attending family reunion for the Grimes family, over 150 people house from 1919 to 1965. In 2012, Denise and Daniel hosted Denise's office is named after Lula Grimes, who lived in the Bistro Room should have books! My mystery writer's bonus is also the bathroom. Every bathroom philosophy books, but now it houses a collection of great thoughts about the world. This room was once full of do you like reading mysteries? How about thinking big. The Philosophers Room / The Mystery Room before passing to the stars in 1923. seaward and nother, she painted this room turquoise shortly Charlie Conway, who was a strong and generous public Denise dedicated this room to her sister, Fae. "Fae's Fae's Room favorite messages of peace and world unity. "made with plinchoillo, chivo, and candela. Denise loves to greet guests at her table, serving them Mexican coffee treats like pan dulce and cafe de olla—Mexican tradition. Can you and loved ones by naming all the rooms in her One of the ways that Denise connects to her ancestors match the name of each room with its description?
On the walls of Lula's Room are movie posters from the Golden Age of Mexican cinema, including films starring Pedro Infante, the beloved Mexican performer and singer, who acted in over 60 films in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s.

Color in the poster above for Los Tres Huastecos, a movie where he plays three characters—a priest, an outlaw, and a soldier!