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**The Triton College Library Celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with
*Lessons from the Dead: Hispanic Heritage Month Leadership Symposium***

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with *Lessons from the Dead: Hispanic Heritage Month Leadership Symposium*, on Wednesday, Oct. 11, in the Library Main Commons (A Building). The event featured two speakers, Paul Martinez-Pompa, author of *My Kill Adore Him* and a Triton faculty member; and Nora Sanchez, the Latine Language and Culture Librarian at the Oak Park Public Library.

“This symposium focused on Hispanic students and helping them open up and talk about challenges that they’ve faced,” explained Alex Gutierrez, Triton’s reference librarian.

Nora Sanchez talked openly about her mother crossing the Mexican border when she was eight months pregnant with her. Since her mother was undocumented, Sanchez had to take on many leadership roles by translating for her family as a young girl.

Paul Martinez-Pompa shared his thoughts on teaching and what he feels makes a good leader.

“I will never give my students more work than I could handle,” Martinez-Poma explained. “Leadership is not about abusing your power.”

Students and staff were also able to ask questions, talk openly, and share their own stories and struggles.

“It’s exciting to know that an institution like Triton is hosting events for Latino students,” said Sanchez. “It was great talking about leadership and what it means to us.”

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