



# International School of Brooklyn

## International School of Brooklyn Hosts its First Annual Multicultural Book and Holiday Fair on December 10

*English-, French- and Spanish-language children's books  
and educational magazines to be available*

**Brooklyn, NY, Nov. 16, 2005** — International School of Brooklyn (ISB), Brooklyn's first French and Spanish language immersion preschool, hosts its inaugural multicultural children's book and holiday fair at the school on Saturday, December 10 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Holiday shoppers looking for educational gifts for multilingual young readers should stop by the fair to find English-, French- and Spanish-language children's books and educational magazines from publishers **Scholastic**, **Milan Press** and **Bayard Press**.<sup>1</sup>

"Finding age-appropriate French- and Spanish-language children's books can be difficult despite Brooklyn's diverse population and growing interest in multilingual education," says Rebecca Skinner, ISB's director and co-founder. "We are thankful to the publishers for joining us in our inaugural fair to provide the community with a one-stop resource for language-specific reading material."

The fair is the first of many community programs ISB hopes to offer to support families' efforts to raise their children in a multilingual, multicultural environment. ISB plans to open a multicultural resource center in the future where community members and families could come to read and borrow multilingual resources.

**Holiday fair vendors, raffle and bake sale:** In addition to the book fair, **Discovery Toys** and Brooklyn clothing designers **ArteBebe** ([www.artebebe.com](http://www.artebebe.com)) and Argentine-born designer, **Magdalena Marcenaro** will be selling toys and chic adult and children's wear. A selection of handmade home and baby gift items will be available from **Green Table Studio**. A bake sale and raffle will also take place; proceeds will benefit the non-profit preschool's various educational and community programs.

**French/Spanish Immersion Playgroups for Toddlers preview:** Parents interested in previewing ISB's Language Immersion Playgroups (for 18-month-olds to 3-year-olds) can attend a free demonstration from 11:00 to 11:30 am and 1:00 to 1:30 pm. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and experience the class before signing up for Winter Playgroup sessions (January – March 2006) in Park Slope, Cobble Hill or Brooklyn Heights.

**Event Location:** International School of Brooklyn, 298 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets) in Park Slope. Phone: 718-369-3023 for directions or more information.

**About International School of Brooklyn (ISB)**

ISB is an independent, non-sectarian, non-profit school where students are taught in a caring, loving and challenging environment in order to become bilingual in French or Spanish at an early age. ISB opened in September 2005 with Nursery and pre-Kindergarten classes. Kindergarten will be added in September 2006. ISB also offers two other French and Spanish language-immersion programs – an after school program for 3-year-olds to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and a toddler playgroup for 18-months to 3-year-olds. More information on ISB can be found on its website: [www.isbrooklyn.org](http://www.isbrooklyn.org)

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<sup>1</sup> **EDITOR'S NOTE:** **Milan Press** and **Bayard Press** are best known for their children's books as well as their *Picoti*, *Toupie*, and *Popi* educational toddler magazines in French and Spanish, respectively.

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