

The Friends of the Long Beach Public Library

Blanche Collins Forum presents

Luis J. Rodriguez

Luis J. Rodriguez, the current poet laureate of Los Angeles, is an award-winning writer, poet, journalist and critic, but also an author of children's books, and a peace activist.

His first memoir, "Always Running," won a Carl Sandberg Literary Award and was also honored as a New York Times Notable Book.

His life story illustrates the toil and time it takes to rise above poverty, gangs, alcohol and drugs, and he has evolved into a major inspiration and mentor to troubled youth.

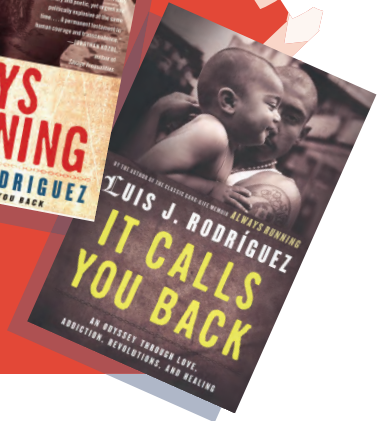


**Saturday
February 27
2:00 PM**
Doors open at 1:30

**Main Library Auditorium
101 Pacific Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90822
(562) 570-7500**

**FREE program ~ All ages are welcome
No tickets or reservations are necessary**

Luis Rodriguez will speak and sign copies of his books after the program. Books will also be available for purchase on-site from Tia Chucha's Cafe Cultural



Main Library parking is available in the structure at the corner of Broadway and Chestnut. With library validation, parking is free for the first 30 minutes and is \$1.75 for 2 hours. Maximum parking cost is \$10.00

