Do you remember reading or being read children’s books? Were they about leyendas y mitos, historias or places you had been near home? ¿Was there a vaivén between languages? In this talk, Dr. Anna M. Nogar will discuss the research involved in creating illustrated, bilingual books with a regional focus for children; how such books are written; and what is involved in their reading for young audiences. Teaching and working with current students in an online undergraduate class on “La vida juvenil bilingüe” in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Dr. Nogar shares that experience and helps us think about what these books mean for their audiences and for us.

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