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## **CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PERFORM MULTILINGUAL STORYTIME FOR EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM AT THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 53<sup>rd</sup> STREET BRANCH**

New York, NY - Cathedral High School (CHS), a Catholic college preparatory school for young women located in the heart of Manhattan, announced a multilingual performance by several students as part of The New York Public Library (NYPL) Early Literacy program *Family Storytime: Wild Rumpus!*. Taking place during Family Storytime at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Street Library on Saturday March 11, 2017 at 11 a.m., the students will recite the classic book *Where the Wild Things Are* in English, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, Latin and American Sign Language (ASL).

CHS foreign language students have been translating *Where the Wild Things Are* in class, and are excited to demonstrate their foreign language mastery at the popular Family Storytime program at NYPL. CHS offers a robust foreign language program, with students highly engaged in unique class offerings such as Mandarin Chinese and ASL.

This event also highlights the strong partnership CHS has developed with The 53<sup>rd</sup> Street Library this year. Librarians from the branch have made over a dozen trips to CHS throughout the academic year, sharing information about free creative programs and college preparatory courses available to high school students. At this time, at least 75 percent of current CHS students have signed up for NYPL library cards, and staff is dedicated to increasing participation to 100 percent by the end of the school year.

The NYPL Family Storytime: Wild Rumpus! event allows CHS students to serve the local community while also applying their foreign language skills. CHS looks forward to this event and future collaborations with the NYPL.

**About Cathedral High School:** Founded in 1905, Cathedral is a Catholic, college preparatory school dedicated to empowering young women, academic excellence, and commitment to service. Since 1905, CHS has educated over 35,000 women. True to the spirit in which it was founded, Cathedral High School is a school with ties to a rich history and tradition, and yet it has remained responsive to the ever-changing needs of its students. Part of the curriculum at Cathedral includes courses and clubs in foreign languages, including Spanish, American Sign Language (ASL), Latin and Mandarin Chinese, including college-level and AP courses.