

Twenty-five titles by and about Fidel launched

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Romay Guerra said that book launchings and activities to celebrate Fidel's birthday will continue throughout the year, and noted that Fair events had also focused on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Santiago writer José Soler Puig, and the 130th anniversary of the abolition of slavery.

In an evaluation of the Fair, Romay reported that a total of 522 new releases and 2,563,337 copies were available, fewer than last year, given production problems. She noted that almost two million visits to the Fair were recorded nationally, and highlighted increased sales in Sancti Spíritus, as well as improvements to fairgrounds in Santiago de Cuba, Holguín, Villa Clara and Pinar del Río.