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Leo Lionni, internationally known designer, illustrator, and graphic artist, was born in Holland and lived in Italy until he came to the United States in 1939. He was the recipient of the 1984 American Institute of Graphic Arts Gold Medal and was honored posthumously in 2007 with the Society of Illustrators’ Lifetime Achievement Award. His picture books include four Caldecott Honor Books: *Inch by Inch*, *Frederick*, *Swimmy*, and *Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse*. Lionni died in 1999 at the age of 89.

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### Discussion Questions
- When do Tico’s friends become angry with him, and why?
- What lesson did Tico learn as he began giving away his golden feathers to people who needed them more than he did?
- What are some ways we can be generous? When have you been generous? When has someone been generous to you?
- At the beginning of the story Tico felt bad because he was different; at the end he realized it was okay to be different. Why do you think he felt this way?
- Are you different from your friends? How are you different?
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- At the end of the story, Tico realizes it’s okay to be different from his friends. Have children do a fingerprint art project. Show children how fingerprints make us all different.
- Create a golden feather using construction paper, scissors, glue, and gold glitter.

**Books To Bridge The Region 2012**

**Theme: Where in the World Are You From?**

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All Tico the wingless bird wants are golden wings to carry him over the mountaintops. But when Tico’s wish is granted, none of his friends will talk to him.

“What’s so wrong with being different?” Tico wonders all alone.

As he gives his golden feathers to people in need, black feathers appear in their place. Though Tico’s friends are relieved to know he is just like they are, Tico knows that he is more than the color of his wings.

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