



## **REFORMA Oregon Membership Meeting**

Saturday, August 28, 2021, 11am - 1pm

Zoom meeting

11:00 - 11:20

- Introductions/Icebreaker
  - What is your favorite place to visit in Oregon (or the Pacific Northwest)?
  - Bobbye, Co-chair, Bilingual Spanish Youth Librarian MCL, Oregon Coast (north coast) is her favorite place
  - Eddie, Co-chair, MCL, local watering holes that are family friendly and close to Portland
  - Kristen, secretary, Springfield Public Library, camping in Cascades
  - Cassandra, Woodburn PL, Seaside Oregon and Oregon Convention Center for conventions
  - Nicole, librarian Beaverton City Library, Silver Falls
  - Ross, Data and Digital Projects Consultant with State Library, Steens Mountains in southeast corner of state, on virtual conference committee for RNC VII
  - Elizabeth, library supervisor at Hillsboro PL, Oregon Coast
  - Sarah, Eugene PL, Cougar hot springs & McCredie hot springs
  - Millie, Albany PL, Oakridge area

11:20 - 11:40

- Chair's report--OLA Board Retreat occurred recently, Vice President Brandace Rojo attended. Current advocacy efforts that Eddie will share via email.
- Approved last meeting minutes, Elizabeth moved, Sarah seconded
- Committee reports
  - Libros for Oregon: LfO's poster session was accepted for the 7th Annual REFORMA National Conference and we're currently

assisting the cohort with outreach plans and getting ready to send travelers to FIL this fall.

- Communications Committee: Natalia needs to step down from the blog due to a temporary administrative position. Martin will step back but continue to help post on Facebook.
- Fundraising: Previously we disconnected from Amazon Smile due to business practices. We are looking for another passive income option. eScript is an option. We're also looking into how we could set up a donate button on our website (through PayPal or CC)--we need to see how this will work with us being a division of OLA. Looking for other options for income outside of membership dues. Look into the possibility of setting up individual donation options linked to specific committees and projects (scholarship, LIBROS, Mock Pura Belpre)
- Pura Belpre

11:40 - 11:50

- RNC VII update: November 3-7
- Opportunities for folks to volunteer and assist
- Scholarships available through OLA and State Library
- Donate to RNC VII as the REFORMA OR chapter?
  - Soraida (treasurer) not in attendance today--Bobbye will check with her on our fund level and according to our funds, leadership will create a virtual ballot for membership to vote on a donation level (\$50-\$100)

11:50 - 12:00

- Mock Pura Belpré
  - Members are working on RNC VII, we don't have the capacity to plan another event at the same time of year
  - RNC VII has a few sessions that celebrate and focus on Pura Belpré--we will highlight these sessions and encourage people to attend the conference. We will not hold our own REFORMA OR Mock Pura Belpré this year

12:00 - 12:15

- Break

12:15 - 12:45

- Member updates - what is happening at your locations?
  - Virtual programs?
  - In person services?
  - New Spanish items in your collections?
  - Bobbye: MCL has been reopening locations in stages, Eddie's location just recently reopened and was the last to reopen. As a

system completely virtual programs. Are doing virtual bilingual storytime. Were doing some outreach in person, but have been advised to stop in person outreach. Completed a project to level all the beginning readers (leveled readers). With support from Friends, put together Spanish language leveled reader bags to give away to families.

- Nicole: Beaverton now again requiring masks, but otherwise open normal hours and no capacity limits. Paused youth in person programs, but still is going to launch in person programs for adults in the fall. Had been doing outdoor storytimes that were huge (over 100 ppl). Outreach is quietly happening with partners. Nicole is working on citizenship classes in person to meet requests (with back up to hold them virtual). Statistics for World Language collection: Spanish is the largest collection because the population is the largest, but it had lower than expected circ over the past few years.
- Elizabeth, Hillsboro: in July made the decision to keep virtual programs. Positive partnership this summer for outreach with a local art nonprofit agencies that brought art activities to our Park visits. Outreach coordinator is planning to do some back to school events. It's a hard time to know what outreach will look like moving forward. Taking an extended storytime break (up until now had been sharing storytime videos on social media with a few livestreamed storytimes on Facebook). Are taking the opportunity to do staff training during this break. Planning to do a few virtual events over winter break (STEM activities). Had a very successful maker fair program with preregistration so that participants could pick up supply kits for the virtual workshops. In December wants to do a virtual Spanish language variety show (their local take on Sábado Gigante).
- Eddie and Nicole talked about "New Americans" corners or info centers in libraries. Eddie has some contacts in other states if members would like information about how to set one up. Nicole shared an online resource to help reference staff: [citizenshipworks.org](http://citizenshipworks.org)
- Sarah, Eugene: slowly gradually opening over the past year. Push to get all staff back on site and full open hours right now although the pandemic case levels are at the highest ever, so there are challenges to be met with creativity. Outdoor programs and outreach are being postponed or downsized, including their annual Fiesta Cultural event. Had done in-person storytimes in a very open indoor space, but now taking a pause on storytime. Focus on virtual programs. Two new staff: supervisor for adult programs and supervisor for youth programs. Have been restructuring management over the pandemic.

- Millie, Albany: dropping hours but staying open. Are now again enforcing masks. Have had successful in person outdoor programs. Bilingual program with Kalapuya Watersystem--really awesome and felt pretty safe. With weather changing, programs will go virtual. Currently doing bilingual weekly storytime. No adult programs on site. Vox book collection in Spanish and bilingual titles has grown nicely. Albany is raising funding to get a book mobile.
- Cassandra, Woodburn: summer reading program but not with a lot of in person programs, but virtual storytime, bilingual! Hoping to go back to regular programming and schedule in late fall. Children's librarian position is open (also bookmobile position). Hoping to bring back Teen Night in fall. Have been boosting Teen graphic novel book collection. Working on Kanopy virtual program (virtual movie night). Study rooms are open again. Planning is flexible according to pandemic situation. Currently short staffed. Working to expand both Spanish and Russian language collections and have reorganized the collections to make them more accessible.
- Kristen, Springfield: Drop-in open hours, in-person outdoor programs for families (performers and traditional crafts). Have done some in person outreach events, most successful have been at food-box distribution where library brought books to check out, a traditional craft to do and registered Spanish speakers for library cards. Flexibility will be needed in the future for programs and services during this changing pandemic situation.
- Ross, State Library: most state agencies were scheduled to reopen Sept 1 but this date has been postponed. Ross has been kept busy on the virtual conference committee for RNC VII. Most of the regular program sessions are posted on the website. Preconference and special events will be up soon! State Library has set aside funds for registration--please encourage folks to participate! If you want conference support, please apply! If you have ideas of good statewide stats around Spanish services, email Ross.
- Eddie MCL: Relocated library from a strip-mall (last 40 years location) to an old Carnegie library. The building is beautiful, but the building was last used over 40 years ago, so there are a lot of structural needs that aren't yet being met. This location pre-pandemic had 60% of collection checked out. Now it's 20% checked out. This is a challenge--they have a closed stacks at the moment to accommodate space. Looking at how to highlight collections to serve marginalized communities. Last year's

statistics show “what power users are able to use and want to use” but it doesn’t show what the entire community would like.

12:45 - 1:00

- Upcoming meetings
  - December 11, 11am-1pm virtual meeting