



REFORMA Oregon Membership Meeting

Saturday, February 26, 2022, 11am - 1pm

To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84265027233?pwd=RFhWRjRpSDBCdWUxclJ3cWRhY203dz09>

11:00 - 11:20

- Introductions
 - Bobbye, Eddie, Kristen, Heather, Max, Andrew, Ross, Brandace, Maribel, Megan, Montserrat, Crystal, Soraida, Millie, Sarah

11:20 - 11:30

- Chair's report:
 - RNC VII–Oregon library community did such a great job planning and supporting the conference. RNC VIII will move to another state.
 - REFORMA National Executive Committee meeting on Monday, look for updates soon.
 - OLA Board meeting: a message will be coming out soon in regard to the Libs-OR conversation about EDI Antiracism
- Approve last meeting minutes
 - Kristen moved to approve, Sarah seconded.
- Committee reports
 - Communications, Sarah: looking for someone to help with the blog, we are all in a time of transition right now with a lot of work in our libraries, Sarah is looking to reaching out to a library school student who might want experience. Sarah will reach out to Alice Perez to get a blog post from LIBROS for Oregon
 - Scholarship, Crystal: Have not had anyone reach out to request funding for any professional development or conferences since 2019, but the committee has not been promoting much lately, is

looking at promoting a scholarship for JCLC in Florida this year. This conference happens every 4 years.

- LIBROS for Oregon: Recruiting new members to fill positions for committee work, 2021 student traveler Heather shared her experience in an email, Megan shared that the application should be live next month.
- Fundraising, Eddie: no updates.

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- Mock Pura Belpre
 - Can happen in November, December, January (official award winners announced at ALA Midwinter at the end of January)
 - Looking for people who would like to run the 2022 Mock Pura Belpre event, it is a fun and meaningful event, often includes author event. REFORMA members, community members and educators participate, a large group. A wonderful chance to see books/materials.
 - Please reach out if you are interested in coordinating and/or hosting.
 - Brandace will talk to her library director to see if her organization would be interested in supporting a possible hybrid event.
- Elections
 - Volunteer to run for a position: Vice President, Secretary
- OLA EDI Antiracism committee, Max:
 - Committee is launching a podcast, Overdue: Weeding Out Oppression in Libraries. Full season of topics planned.
 - Libs-OR conversation with pushback on EDI Antiracist work, use of "acceptable" language as a weapon, structural white supremacy in Oregon, the real impact on BIPOC library staff
 - Committee is looking to include in the podcast a discussion of the big issues brought up from the Libs-OR conversation
 - REFORMA National made a statement:
<https://www.reforma.org/content.asp?admin=Y&contentid=535>
 - Clarification, SLO has not yet created the position, the petition is to show support for the creation of such a position
 - Oregon ACRL put out a statement in support of the petition and position
 - How does REFORMA Oregon membership feel? Do we want to make a statement or take other action? Please send thoughts to Eddie and Bobby

- Member comment: so much was said very well and it wasn't heard—and yet there is value to voicing our support for the petition and the work

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- Break

12:00 - 12:35

- What do we as a group want to see with the REFORMA OR chapter?
 - What can we do to support libraries across the state?
 - What does your system need from this division?
 - There is a great need to recruit and retain bilingual staff
 - REFORMA OR can give a space (informal forum) for BIPOC and Spanish speaking library staff to connect and be able to have conversations
 - Keep SLO in mind for support in providing professional development opportunities, resources, workshops
 - How to leverage Spanish services and make a case for more funding and to be included in the process/planning, etc
 - Advocacy and support for using technology solutions for programs and connecting with community, ex: WhatsApp, Facebook, etc – use what the community uses, to get increased engagement and access online for Spanish speakers
 - Support for Spanish language communications—specific to the northwest and library/community terms
 - Mango Languages has Spanish for Libraries course
 - As well as Niche Academy:
<https://my.nicheacademy.com/infopeople/course/2961>
 - Another vocab list:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fm6uHJ1kQxn1gPnGf_p_SJQTq39myzQ/view

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- Member updates - what is happening at your locations?
 - Bobbye has been at Newberg Public Library for 3 weeks. Starting with bilingual storytimes in April, working on getting to know the community
 - Millie at Albany: preparing to DIA, awarded a grant and giving away family literacy kits with What can you do with a paleta book and virtual program

- Megan: take and make kit at beginning of April and an in person event with food and a book giveaway and a dental clinic and performances and various crafts
- Kristen, Springfield: planning small in person DIA event, starting in person weekly bilingual storytimes (in City Council Chambers to spread out) and new bilingual position with staff person starting next week!
- Ross, State Library: New State Librarian starting, coming from State Library in Georgia (was assistant state librarian), was LSTA coordinator in Georgia, will be opening the State Library building to the public on April/May 1. Ross coordinates the state statistical reports, and there is opportunity to capture library data in another way to support Spanish services, data that could illuminate great work that is being done and work that is needed.
- Eddie, MCPL: working on moving to a new space, thinking about the mask optional statewide policy that is starting March 19.
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- Upcoming meetings
 - Will talk on our listserv to find a time for Reformistas to meet up at PLA in Portland this spring
 - Next Quarterly meeting, hybrid meeting: June 4 at Springfield