



## **REFORMA Oregon Membership Meeting**

Saturday, May 22, 2021, 11am - 1pm

To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87685340612?pwd=YkRHcGEycVVhMmdRUVNReG1WQjIRUT09>

11:00 - 11:20

- Introductions/Icebreaker
  - What's your favorite summer treat?
  - Bobbye Hernandez: Ice Cream Sandwiches
  - Eduardo Arizaga: Ice Cream truck or bicycle
  - Kristen Curé: berries & flowers
  - Megan Pinder: Ice Cream and swimming in the river
  - Sarah White: Mint Juleps
  - Martín Blasco: Chocolate Ice Cream
  - Natalia Fernández: Dairy Queen Thin Mint Blizzard
  - Star Khan: Cold Watermelon with Feta Cheese and Pita sandwiches
  - Miller Barriger: Watermelon Popsicles and Tofuti Cutie Ice Cream Sandwiches
  - Soraida Lopez: Not a fan of summer
  - Mike Jansen
  - Marci Ramiro-Jenkins

11:20 - 11:35

- Chair's report
  - Approve minutes: Star moved to approve the minutes, Millie seconded, approved with unanimous vote.
  - Bobbye: last OLA executive board meeting was focused on the OLA conference; one related item was that REFORMA was up for a vote to join OLA as a full division at the OLA conference (which happened, more on that later).

- Committee reports
  - Fundraising: Eduardo Arizaga, Chair--let's all think about: -What is the goal for fundraising and what are we trying to raise funds for or towards? -Historically, our funds have been used for the Scholarship Committee and the Mock Pura Belpré authors, as well as occasional reimbursements for treats at in-person meetings, towards LIBROS for Oregon in the beginning. -Do we want to think about offering professional development funds to membership? Do we want seed money for special projects? A Special Workshop that would be free to members. Members would like to see wellness workshops for BIPOC library workers.
  - Scholarship: Crystal Garcia, Chair -- We did not receive any applications for the OLA scholarships that were offered. Likely, the brief application period, combined with the significantly reduced conference costs, likely contributed to why there were no applicants. We did receive a donation for future scholarships that was forwarded to Bobbye and Soraida for follow-up.
  - Communications: no update
  - Libros for Oregon: Hannah Bostrom, Chair--Libros received \$16,500 from the LSTA grant. 10 libraries across Oregon will receive donations of \$1,000 in materials and \$400 for cataloging and processing materials.
    - The OLA auction had a top bid of \$200! Items have been sent out and funds will be split between LfO and Reforma.
    - New LfO co-chairs, Valeria Davila and Alice Perez Ververa will be taking over in June and guiding this year's buying process!
    - LfO submitted a poster session and presentation for the Reforma National Conference and we are excited to share information about our process with more libraries!

11:35 - 11:45

- RNCVII updates - Eddie Arizaga
  - Looking for more voices and more people to share their work. A lot of this work that we do, especially when it is very focused, it is very important for us to share and celebrate. Please reach out to Eddie if you have something you could share, he is happy to connect you with another person who could collaborate with you on a presentation.

- RNC VIII will likely happen in Oregon, at the Marriott in Portland. Looking for local folks who would like to help.
- Can we provide a scholarship for RNC attendance? Or PLA 2021 (in Portland) since we didn't have applicants for 2021 OLA and OLA will not have a 2022 conference.

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- Oregon Latinx/e Writers Panel - Martín Blasco
  - A proposed panel for RNC VII -- could we have REFORMA OR chapter sponsorship? Including chapter support to help organize the panel.
  - Bobbye moves to back this panel, Kristen seconds, unanimously approved.

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- Break

12:05 - 12:30

- OLA Recap - everyone
- REFORMA Oregon is officially a division of OLA and now has a voting seat in OLA. Eddie previewed some of the changes that may need to be made to the REFORMA Oregon By-Laws when this new division status begins in FY 2022. Also looking at changing some language to make membership more inclusive (ex: replacing "librarian" with "library staff").
- Many people found it hard to actually attend many sessions in a virtual format when you don't have the dedicated time. Some people are still accessing recorded versions of sessions.
- Some favorites: EDI Anti-Racism preconference, Ryan Dowd Burnout session (a take-away develop a culture of gratitude, suggestions for what you can do if you are a supervisor and if you aren't), Slow Librarianship (how achievement culture is part of White Supremacy culture, good messages about slowing down and looking at your institution). EDI Anti-Racism and Slow Librarianship are recorded for your viewing.
- Marci Ramiro-Jenkins chair of EDI Anti-Racism committee: recruiting new members, please reach out to Marci. (Martín and Kristen are present and also part of the committee.)
- Marci is running for OLA Vice-President/President Elect
- Star is running for OLA Secretary

12:30 - 12:55

- Share out/member updates - everyone
  - What are your library's plans for summer programming?

- Bobbye: MCL--opening up 5 locations for limited access. Have only been doing curbside pick up until now. Her location will be one of the ones opening. Expanding the leveled reader project, money that needs to be spent by the end of the fiscal year--making these "welcome to reading" kits in Spanish (bolsitas de lectura) and creating giveaway bags for Spanish speaking families.
- Eddie: At MCL, does not have a timeframe for his location opening. MCL is hiring bilingual Spanish youth librarians: <https://multcolib.org/about/jobs-library>
- Marci: reminder about the federal funds available through State Library of Oregon. Combine all of the needs for your library and put them in one application so that our communities get support. McMinnville is opening up every day at full capacity; a challenge in that some of the staff is furloughed. The home delivery program is going very well with the help of the Fire Department!
- Megan: Jackson County library back to full hours with limited capacity with masking and physical distancing. After CDC lifting the masking guideline, it has been a challenge for staff, especially as some community members see it as a political issue. Summer reading theme is "Readers are Leaders." Some in person outdoor programs. Local ballet folclórico will perform at a park with a mobile vaccine clinic and the library will make a recording. Mostly zoom programs for the summer, inviting local leaders to read at storytimes.
- Martín: Washington County Cooperative LS: Starting to organize Summer Reading program with a focus on book distribution at parks and food pantries. Coordinating with two libraries for summer migrant family programs with storytime, crafts and book giveaway.
- Star: Lincoln City Library: hiring a youth services coordinator! It's been almost a year with this position empty. Continuing computer appointments and curbside. Opening library on June 7 in some capacity, county was moved to low risk. Star has been working on workshops for the fire survivors: art of storytelling and mandala workshop most recently.
- Sarah: Eugene Public Library: open in limited capacity, counting people as they enter. The security guards are at the door and get the brunt of the difficult conversations about masks, as well as custodial staff. Planning outdoor book clubs for summer and bringing storytime back in person in July with taped squares. Open position they are hiring for. Continuing curbside. They are on track to go into low risk due to the rate of vaccination in the county.

- Kristen: Springfield PL: continuing computer apt and curbside, adding browsing apt in June, looking at really spreading the word with marketing as library increases hours and services with a human face (library staff), looking at providing outdoor storytimes and some presenter/performer events, working with partners to have pop-up library events this summer at community events and food box distribution sites. Visiting adult language classes to connect with immigrant population that doesn't have young children (and don't use the library)
- Mike: Woodburn PL: The city council may be voting on a policy to allow people to not wear masks if they present their vaccination card. Applying for a van to better reach their community, school district does migrant summer school and will be collaborating with them--they are serving 900 families! Looking at quite a different library this summer.
- Millie: Albany: continuing browsing and computer appointments, received grant from Mid-Valley STEM hub so that they can get tablets and set up a maker space once library opens up. At the moment, this grant is funding maker kits that families can take home. Partnering with school districts to get students signed up for summer reading and will be streaming virtual programs. May move to a drop-in model. Booked Uno, Dos, Tres, Andres for a virtual concert in July! Continuing to wear masks in the building.

12:55 - 1:00

- Upcoming meetings
  - Stay virtual / start planning in person?
  - Set dates: 8/28/21, virtual for now, as we get closer it could be hybrid--Mike volunteered to host in August at Woodburn if we can have a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting