



Driftwood Public Library
801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City OR 97367
Saturday, March 23, 2019, 10 am - 4:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Angelica Novoa de Cordeiro (WCCLS), Elizabeth Lopez (Hillsboro), Kim Servera (Multnomah County Library), Eddie/Eduardo Arizaga (Multnomah County Library), Alice Perez Ververa (Estacada Public Library), Mary Kay Dahlgreen (Lincoln Library District), Violeta Garza (Multnomah County Library), Martín Blasco (WCCLS), Marci Jenkins (McMinnville), Rita Martinez-Salas (McMinnville), Star Khan (Driftwood Public Library), Millie Barriger (Albany Public Library), Leonora Ramirez (Multnomah County Library)

VIRTUAL MEMBERS

Sarah White (Eugene Public Library), Jennifer [last name] (Crook County), Natalia Fernández (OSU), Nicole [last name] (Beaverton), Bobbye Hernandez (Multnomah County Library)

TREASURER'S REPORT

At the end of February the Enterprise Account was \$360.

US Bank balance was \$745.19.

Sent Shirley an ERRF for \$285 for scholarships. Shirley sent the checks to scholarship recipients.

Angelica sent check for \$100 from US Bank to Enterprise account. Shirley just received it. Next week I will send another ERRF to Shirley for \$165 to recipients.

After the scholarship payments clear then we will have \$10 in the Enterprise account and 645.19 in the US Bank Account.

The Libros for Oregon Enterprise Account balance is \$10.

Reforma is changing to a January to December fiscal year. The Oregon DOJ "short-year" report is due May 15. \$20 fee to submit the short year report.

Transactions in the US Bank account since last meeting:

Date	Amount	
12/11/2018	-350	Speaker reimbursement
12/11/2018	-89.55	Refreshments for Mock Pura Belpre
12/28/2018	1.77	eScrip
1/9/2019	190	Reforma National Dues
2/15/2019	9.92	Amazon smile

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING

Besides our Amazon Smile and eScrip options, these are other thoughts:

- Raffle idea: to give away a free hotel stay to an individual. Possibly during the Mock Pura Belpré? Angelica is very pumped about this idea.
- How to get more [Online Donations](#) via the website? Sarah mentions that Pati's conversations with Shirley stalled the process. Perhaps those wanting to donate need an OLA login?
- We discussed putting a button on Facebook. ACTION: Martín and Alice will work on this.

Voices from the group:

Marci: Thank you for your scholarship! It was a great initiative. It means a lot to me to be picked because I put a lot of personal experience in my pitch. I want to be involved with OLA this year because there are a lot of opportunities to work with the Latino community. Nice to have you, Marci!

Star: National Reforma chapter has a lot of money! One of the things they want to work on is creating programs for chapters to get seed money to run events. My suggestion is to have something prepared for how to use this money, ie presenter at Mock Pura Belpré in the future.

Eddie: I spoke with Madeline of National Reforma and they're looking for chapter

representatives to work nationally. ACTION: Please speak with Eddie if you are interested in joining National Reforma.

MOCK PURA BELPRÉ

It was great!

Alice: There were 27 librarians and library staff from all across the state of Oregon gather together to attend Oregon's 4 th Annual Mock Pura Belpre Awards at the Estacada Public Library on Saturday, December 8th. This was the first time REFORMA OR had a guest speaker and was honored to have Pura Belpré Author Winner Guadalupe Garcia McCall for [Under the Mesquite](#) in 2012. Guadalupe Garcia McCall shared her story to a room full of librarians and library staff about the importance of our jobs and feeling thankful for what we do. She also shared her love of poetry. "I go to memory, memory is where your heart is," And how she got inspiration from her students and began saving her favorite poems for Under the Mesquite, the book that won her the Pura Belpre in 2012. After her presentation she answered questions and stayed after to sell and signed her latest book [All the Stars Denied](#). Overall, the feedback was positive, everyone enjoyed Guadalupe's presentation and the Mock.

Planning for 2019 Mock Pura Belpré

Next year: McMinnville w/Marci and Rita! December 7 2019

Future years: Driftwood Public Library w/ Star? WCCLS w/Angelica?

Brainstorming:

- Should we do a half day or full day? The concensus is that we should do a full day.
- Should we get members to do short reviews of the books for the blog? Yes. ACTION: Natalia will work with members to make this happen. It would help some of us who are doing new collection development.
- Who should be on the committee? Alice, Martín, Star agree to help Marci and Rita.
- Who should we get to come to Mock Pura Belpré? Perhaps Cathy Camper or Raul the III of Lowriders in Space fame. She can sell the books. Hopefully national Reforma can help us fund this. [Las Musas](#) is a collective of juvenile and YA authors-- 2 of them live in Portland.

COMMUNICATIONS

There was a recommendation to have the dates to the two upcoming meetings on the website. ACTION: The co-secretaries Alice and Violeta will work on this.

The four members of the communication committee (Natalia, Martín, Sarah, Alice) are at capacity. We're not being proactive like submitting to national Reforma newsletter. This could be an opportunity for someone else, although we may not need a chair. It was decided that the group will continue what they're doing without a chair. ACTION: The communication committee will promote the OLA/WLA preconference.

Alice: Can we get our Reforma Oregon chapter meeting dates on the National Reforma website? ACTION: NOT SURE WHO WILL WORK ON THIS.

Mary Kay: You have to get the library directors invested. ACTION: Mary Kay will reach out to Public Library Directors (PLD) to try to recruit members. Go Mary Kay!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Last two years, we have applied for 2 State Library grants to provide scholarships to our members. Gabriela Martinez Mercier was the chair. We had 5 applications this year and we have the process down. We need to start thinking about the next committee chairs and to invite people to apply. This is a low-key committee to be in.

LIBROS FOR OREGON

We are recruiting participating libraries. Deadline is April 30th. We haven't received official applications yet, including Salem and Newport. Do you know of any school libraries? We need help promoting cooperative book-buying. We've been working on updates to the [LfO website](#). We opted to open a Facebook page but when we get closer to FIL, it will serve as a tool for participants to communicate with each other. We always want new members if you want to join our committee. LfO will participate in joint OLA/WLA conference and may do a poster session with Star. Mark Peterson from Mt Hood Community College will be helping out as well. Our budget is at a \$10 surplus.

Vote: We've been talking about having a logo to sell swag. Would Reforma be willing to

part with \$150 to create that logo? ACTION: We will vote online after the preconference, per Elizabeth's recommendation.

OLA/WLA CONFERENCE

Preconference Session

- Managing the ICE Storm (preconference, OR lawyer will help find a WA lawyer even though it's federal law, we need to promote it so that we can get more money, Angelica will ask Sue how many people are registered and then we can decide whether we want the Legal Reference Round Table to help us alleviate the costs, we should offer mileage at least)

Conference sessions

- An Unconference: Special Libraries Division (Star will help)
- Is this outreach? (session got canceled)
- Spanish Materials: Libros for Oregon
- Poster session: Libros for Oregon

Questions:

- Do we want a table? A free half table. Yes. Let's create an online calendar. Need to be at the table during breaks. ACTION: Star will lead the scheduling process.
- Promo pieces: Reforma OR. We want ribbons that specifically mention our local chapter versus the national one.
- Could we take Reforma WA members if no one is organizing out there? Bobbye says that they are starting to organize again.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Brainstorming individuals who would be great at a particular role. As Natalia said, a cold call for volunteers tends not to be great. Pick someone based on their interests and then put them on the ballot. Some people are interested in the same position, but members express sometimes that they don't want to pick between one person or the other. When this happens, people can be co-leaders in the position.

Current positions:

Co-Presidents: Angelica Novoa de Cordeiro / Pati Morán

Vice-President: Star Khan

Co-Secretaries: Alice Perez Ververa / Violeta Garza

Treasurer: Sarah B White

Positions to be filled:

Vice-President: Eddie Arizaga at MCL? Kristin at Springfield? Works every Saturday and may not be able to work.

Secretary: Zoraida Lopez / Claudia Gomez? / Millie Barriger? / Kim Servera?

Treasurer: Bobbye Hernandez / Sarah's colleagues?

Do we want to make secretary / treasurer roles last two years? This would be a change to the by-laws and would necessitate a virtual vote. ACTION: This will go out in the vote for offices-- to have the treasurer do a two-year commitment.

Committees:

Scholarship

Communications

Fundraising

Mock Pura Belpre -- Marci and Rita

Libros for Oregon

[Alice, not sure what to add here. I don't remember much discussion around these.]

REPORT FOR SEGUIMOS CREANDO ENLACES

Eddie, Deb Gitlitz, and Martín attended this two-day conference this year. They do this conference every year and they have librarians from CA, US and Baja California, Mexico. There are a lot of different presentations. One session was about the LGBTQ experience for Latinx youth. Another was working with incarcerated individuals. Some Mexican librarians talked about lack of resources for migrant camps. It was very inspiring. A lot of times we complain that we don't have resources or capacities, but if you have the passion, you can make it work. It's a very good conference to go to, and it's been built from the bottom. The librarians who hosted did a great job.

The San Diego Reforma San chapter Libros put on a great party! Eddie gave kudos to Martín's presentation. Eddie agrees that you should advocate to go. It's a free conference, but the connections that you make are fantastic, despite the fact that it's public and academic librarians. The closest thing was like attending Joint Conference for Librarians of Color (JCLC). Also, the library culture in Mexico is to keep working together. Tijuana has 15 libraries.

Star: Do we want to think about proposing a session? [Alice, I don't remember what was said about this either. If you don't remember I can ask Star.]

OLA and EQUITY DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PLAN:

We are in a good position now that Mary Kay is part of Reforma so we can brainstorm with her and other directors so they can help us present. Sometimes library directors are on board but their partners ie city officials don't always help. Sometimes it's not an urgent need for the city or county.

We will start brainstorming for next year's OLA.

HELP FOR PUERTO RICO

Star is going to Puerto Rico for huge conference in August. They're not getting money from the government to rebuild libraries and Star is going to help. They're looking for new or used books in Spanish. Several members have materials-- Alice, Marci, etc-- to see if the group can donate items. How do we send them? Can we speak with UPS or FedEx to do a partnership with us?

ACTION: Marci acknowledges that it's a noble cause and will figure out a way to send Spanish materials. Can we check in with Reforma Puerto Rico and National Reforma to see how they can contribute?

ACTION: By the next meeting, we can touch base and possibly bring discarded items and give to Star to take with her to Puerto Rico

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS EN ESPANOL

- [Food Truck: Libro de Cocina](#) (2017): published in Spain but contains recipes from food carts all over the US, including some from PDX
- [Los niños perdidos: un ensayo en cuarenta preguntas](#) (2016): Valeria Luiselli: first

hand account of youth as they're going through the court system and navigating their status. She participated in podcast with Ira Glass, experimental fiction and non-fic

- [Hotel Dare](#) Terry Blas, GN
- [Un traductor](#) (2018), película
- [Exámen GED Revisión de Razonamiento Matemático](#) (2017): Kimberly Stafford
- [¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market](#) (2019): Raul Gonzalez / Raul the Third
- [Planting Stories: The life of librarian and storyteller Pura Belpré](#)
- [Voices of Resistance](#): focused on Chicax literature
- Marci program: Read and Dine: Latino authors and movies including author visit from Reyna Grande

LIBRARY UPDATES

- Leonora: Día at St Johns Library: High schoolers from Woodburn, community member brings a pony, Transiciones at Mt Hood, art decorations on April 6th. My outreach has become more aggressive because housing in my area has gotten so expensive that sometimes parents work two jobs. So they stop coming. My boss understands that I need to be out of the branch a lot.
- Marci: partnership w/city officials, in charge to put together Latino Outreach Mission, proposing leadership, excellence in building outreach model, connection, be aware of Latino patron needs, put together an action plan, results of surveys, Spanish speakers at every single desk, Michelle Obama's book in Spanish, online resources in Spanish
- Rita: Cuentos en español Dia de los Niños, bilingual storytime taken over by English-speaking families, focusing on Latino outreach, van has been converted to bookmobile, making their cultural passes marketed in Spanish, doing outreach called Juntos and they promote higher education to middle school and high school students, looking for different ways to connect with the community, we're encouraging partners who work with Latinx community to use our meeting room space to strengthen our relationship, we've only recently increased visibility for Latinos
- Elizabeth: at Hillsboro Library, I was tasked with creating an outreach plan for our mobile van for the rest of the year. We got 2/3rds of it approved. You have to submit 3-tiered proposal-- bare bones, mid-level, pie in the sky kind of plans. We've seen an increase in outreach requests so we needed to have a plan in place. We've been partnering more with other city departments to have a library presence at annual events in the area. Criteria for outreach requests. Some requestors don't know how those requests affect the rest of our days. This summer we're targeting apartment complexes around our branches due to the

fact that many youth spend their days at the library alone because their parents are working. Informal conversations lead us to bringing activities to the apartment complexes. We only see 1/3 of children living in the neighborhood because some of the youth are not allowed to leave the complex. We bring activities to free lunch sites. Elizabeth will share her outreach plan.

- Alice: Next week is our STEAM week. A lot of kids during spring break are using our computers at the library. I'll be doing a different activity every day. I've started Bilingual Storytime and Spanish Conversation group. I'm getting ready for Día de los Niños. The theme is Around the World and they'll be getting a little passport. We are starting to do LGBTQ programming so she's doing Family Pride Day. She's partnering with The Living Room because she looked for community organizations that work with LGBTQ. We are trying to include more inclusive programming. I got a grant for Hispanic Heritage Month. We were invited to El Grito in Canby so we can be outside the library more through our new equity committee.
- Millie: We are gearing up for Día and we're employing 18 bilingual volunteers. Book cake walk, we are making bookmarks, and a 4-piece brass group is coming from the local high school
- Eddie: Pilot for Critical Issues Task Force impacting different communities in different ways. This will hopefully lead us to partner better with stakeholders in communities.
- Kim: We started a Staff of Color group because some people were feeling alienated. We worked with our executive management team so that we feel protected. We are doing monthly meetings.
- Jennifer: Crook County-- we haven't had anyone at the library who speaks Spanish for a long time. We're starting from scratch with me. I don't have a collection development budget for youth in Spanish at this time. I have 2.5 months to figure out how to spend 1K for adult Spanish materials. It's a challenge fitting everything into my schedule. Chat with Deb Gitlitz and Pati Moran.
- Natalia: At OSU, there is a big push to support Dreamers and undocumented youth.
- Nicole: Started in new position in Beaverton. We have a lot of students and a lot of English language learners. Looking to create an activity program. We're trying to figure out how to make connections with the community regarding the 2020 Census.
- Sarah: We hired a new director in Eugene. I also have a new position and joining a supervisory team, supervising support staff.

NEXT MEETING

- June 1st in Albany OR? (Millie Barriger will let us know.)

- September 21st Cornelius OR? (ALICE: Is this where Angelica is?)