



The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking  
Connecticut - Massachusetts - New Jersey - New York - Pennsylvania - Rhode Island

**Chapter Meeting**  
**Friday, September 23, 2022**  
**11:00AM - 4:00PM**

**Approved Minutes**

<p><b>In person:</b>  <b>The New York Public Library</b>  <a href="#">Stephen A. Schwarzman Building</a>  <b>Room 216</b>  476 5th Avenue  New York, NY 10018  <a href="#">View map</a></p> <p><b>11:00 am:</b> Welcome/Tour  <b>12:00 pm:</b> Lunch* generously provided by the New York Public Library/SASB  <b>1:00 - 4:00 pm:</b> Membership Meeting</p>	<p><b>Online Access:</b>  <b>REFORMA Northeast Chapter Meeting -</b>  Fri, Sep 23, 2022  <b>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT</b>  <b>Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.</b></p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting  <a href="https://nypl.zoom.us/j/87619511324?pwd=ZXZwQ3p3QlIKMWFEL0huMEhxNXZuUT09">https://nypl.zoom.us/j/87619511324?pwd=ZXZwQ3p3QlIKMWFEL0huMEhxNXZuUT09</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 876 1951 1324  Passcode: x00fnP  One tap mobile  +16469313860,,87619511324# US  +19292056099,,87619511324# US (New York)</p>
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**2022-2023 RNE Executive Board**

Linda Caycedo - President/Elect  
**Vacant**, Vice President  
Elisa Garcia - Past President  
Angelina Anzalone - Secretary  
Manny Figueroa -Treasurer

\*Notetaker: Jessica Agudelo

**11:00 am - Tour of [Polonsky Exhibition of The New York Public Library's Treasures](#)**  
Hosted by **Paloma Celis Carbajal**

**Meeting Agenda**

**12:00 pm Lunch**  
**1:00 pm - RNE Membership**

1. Welcome and Introductions  
Attendees:  
Louis Muñoz  
Michelle Athanas  
Yesenia Lopez  
Linda Goodman  
Miguel Garcia Colon  
Tess Tobin

Haydee Hodis  
Paloma Celis Carbajal  
Elisa Garcia  
Linda Caycedo  
Manny Figueroa  
Fred Gitner  
Madellen Garcia  
Ruth Rodriguez  
Violeta Aybar-Maki  
Jessica Agudelo  
Asuncion Cora  
Yesenia Velasquez  
Adriana Blancarte-Hayward  
Maria Cotto  
Elena Rios

Virtual attendees:

Janice Greenberg  
Elizabeth Garcia  
Roxana Benavides

2. [2021-2022 Annual Report](#): Elisa Garcia recap of annual report slide presentation.
3. Approval of Minutes: [4th RNE Meeting 2021-2022 \(5/13/2022\)](#): Motion to approve minutes, pending corrections by Adriana Blancarte-Hayward. Louis Muñoz seconds. Passed by membership with one abstention-Yesenia Velasquez.
4. [Angelina Anzalone I.A.P.D. AWARD - ALA '22](#): Slideshow prepared by Angelina shared with attendees recapping attendance at ALA.
5. [Treasurer's Report](#): Manny Figueroa-Current balance (14,442). Two chapter reimbursements checks were received, along with a scholarship donation, bringing the income total to (2,155). EB spent money on events, but more fundraising is needed for events, awards, and grants. Not many opportunities to fund raise as we usually do because of the pandemic. Ending balance (13,612.44). [Donations for general funds appreciated](#).
6. [Proposed Budget](#): Manny Figueroa-Corrections suggested: combine "general fundraising" (600) and "fundraising expenses" (300), and change to "general chapter fundraising" for a \$900 total; Remove "TBC" from Judith Rivas Mini-Grant line. "Fundraising Expenses" listed twice for two different amounts, should change \$150 to contingency fund. Motion to pass with amendments by Tess Tobin, seconded by Yesenia Velasquez. Motion passed.
7. [Call for Nomination for Vice President](#): Elisa Garcia, Elections Committee Chair: EB is still seeking a candidate for chapter VP to complete the leadership team for the Northeast. EB is working on a succession plan in the event of no VP nomination/election. Reach out to Elisa ([elisagarcia@nypl.org](mailto:elisagarcia@nypl.org)) with questions about the role. Time commitment: one meeting per month, can nominate more than one candidate, candidates can nominate themselves.
8. [RNE Committees 2022-2023 Updates](#)  
Committee chairs update:
  - a. **Bylaws Committee**: Louis Muñoz-no updates. Anyone who is interested can join.
  - b. **Communications/Social Media Committee**: Asuncion Cora-could use additional support, especially with Twitter and Instagram. Reach out to Asuncion and Linda. Working on establishing an archive for the website/chapter.
  - c. **Election Committee**: Elisa Garcia-update given in 'call for nomination for VP' section.
  - d. **Finance Committee**: Manny Figueroa-committee has not met. This committee reviews bank statements and makes recommendations to EB.

- e. Fundraising Committee-Asuncion, Tess and Manny discussed some fundraising ideas. Any interested members can join to plan in-person events.
- f. Ismael Alicea Professional Development Award Committee: Linda Caycedo-\$600 award to attend ALA conference.
- g. **Joint Mini-Conference:** Elisa Garcia-in need of additional members to help plan the event, which occurs every June. Event was created by Loida Garcia-Febo.
- h. **Judith Rivas Mini-Grant:** Tess Tobin-\$500 award given every other year for a library program. Last grant winner was Lisa Melendez for a photography program in Colombia. Application goes out in January, and the winner is announced in March.
- i. **Leadership Institute Committee:** Manny Figueroa, on behalf of Mary Marques-\$500 grant was received for an ebook about virtual/hybrid programming during the pandemic. May hire someone to help edit the ebook before sharing it with the public. Webinar in November featuring presentations by ebook contributors about their programs. More info forthcoming, committee meets once a month.
- j. **Lillian Marrero Scholarship Committee:** Louis Muñoz-\$1K scholarship (given out in 2 disbursements) to a Library Science student who is an active chapter member. Committee will start to review materials to send out to library schools to promote scholarship. Application period runs from Jan 1- April 1, then announced at the Joint Mini-Conference.
- k. **Membership Committee:** Linda Caycedo-usually the VP is the chair of the committee, currently vacant. Reminder to renew your membership if it has expired.
- l. **Spanish Book Buzz Committee-**Elisa Garcia-possible name change since the program has expanded from just Spanish language materials. If anyone is interested, please join the committee. Elisa will send out the information about forthcoming plans.
- m. **Teresa Mlawer Lifetime Achievement Award Committee-**Louis Muñoz, on behalf of Libbhy Romero-recent recipients included Linda Goodman and Tess Tobin. Award is given to recognize lasting contribution to the chapter by a member. Award was renamed after Teresa Mlawer, who founded Lectorum & and translated numerous books. Libbhy will put out a call to begin accepting nominations.
- n. **Inter-ethnic affiliates:** Adriana Blancarte-Hayward-EB hoping to review committee charge to encourage collaboration with other NALCOs and plan Joint Mini-Conference. Need to discuss name change, since “ethnic affiliates” is no longer in use.

## 9. New Business

- a. **IFLA Report:** Haydee Hodis-[Conference took place this year](#), NE chapter members were present, along with over 2K librarians attended. Were able to meet with representatives from many Latin American countries. Haydee and Roxana connected with library workers from Latin American countries. Can work with the international committee. Paloma Celis-Carbajal: was past president of [SALALM](#), organization should coordinate with REFORMA. Next conference will be in Washington DC, the theme is “Connection Development.”
- b. **Asylum Seekers Support:** Linda Goodman-how are NYC libraries working to support the migrants? Does REFORMA want to consider how to help?

Adriana Blancarte-Hayward- NYPL is conferring with the mayor's Office for Immigrant Affairs to offer support to recently arrived people. Have also met with BPL and QPL. NYPL will table at the recently opened center near midtown where arrivals are being helped with paperwork and social services, to share library resources and connect with them once they are moved to shelters. The response is positive and community organizations are present in Port Authority.

-Children are sent to specific school districts, but the city cannot share the specific schools they are being enrolled in.

-Patrick from Children In Crisis, reached out. At the moment Adriana has a supply of books and may receive more. Elisa is also working with Patrick to collect materials, working with 2 places to send materials over. Other orgs working to meet other needs (clothing, toiletries, etc). Toy drive is also in discussion.

## 10. Novedades

Louis Muñoz- Library Link NJ held their first meeting last week of Latino library staff committee. A lot of potential NE members in NJ.

Maria Cotto: Theme of this year's [Cornucopia of Rhode Island conference](#) is recruitment and retention of librarians of color. Will be held virtually on November 3. May be recorded, and Maria will share.

[RI Latino Books Award](#): children's book and author festival, bringing authors to Rhode Island, including Anika Aldamuy-Denis and Juana Martinez-Neal.

[Sensory support group](#) established to encourage programming for people with disabilities in Rhode Island libraries.

Manny Figueroa-REFORMA established the Afro-Latine affinity group as a space where members can express themselves and share. If interested and want to be a part of it, reach out to Manny. May be other affinity groups that can be established using this model. [Upcoming meeting on Friday, 10/14/](#).

Fred Gitner: QPL New Americans program celebrating 45th anniversary, hosting programs to celebrate. International visitors are scheduled to visit QPL from Moldova and Abu Dhabi.

11. Group Photo

12. Donations [Paypal](#) <https://www.reformanortheast.org/join.htm> Donations collected today will go to RNE General Fund - \$156.00. Thank you

### Save the Date:

- 2nd RNE meeting will be held on [Friday, December 9, 2022](#) 11-4pm, location TBD
- Winter Book Buzz will be held in 2023, details to follow.

Motion to adjourn by Linda Caycedo, seconded by Elisa Garcia. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 4:27pm.