

**REFORMA Northeast Chapter
Nomination for Vice President
2019-2021**



Asunción Cora

Biography

Asunción is a Senior Librarian at the New York Public Library's High Bridge branch and specializes in Young Adult Librarianship. She has been at NYPL for almost five years, the entirety of which has been working specifically with teens and young adults. At the High Bridge Library, Asunción is responsible for creating and facilitating programs for teens, including college access programs, as well as art and anime programs. She also conducts outreach to schools and community organizations in order to promote library books and resources available to young adults and their families. Currently, she is also a co-chair of the 2019 Best Books for Teens Committee at the New York Public Library.

In 2013, Asunción received a Bachelor's degree in Spanish Language and Latin American Cultures from Barnard College in New York City, and completed her Masters in Library Science in 2018 from Long Island University's Palmer School of Library and Information Science. She has been an active member of the REFORMA Northeast Chapter since 2016. While a member, she has attended chapter meetings and was a part of the 15th Annual Joint Mini-Conference Committee, assisting with the creation of the website and promoting the event. She is also a recipient of the 2019 Ismael Alicea Professional Development Award, given by REFORMA Northeast Chapter. During her free time, Asunción enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her family.

Purpose Statement

When a colleague mentioned REFORMA Northeast to me a few years ago, I thought it sounded like a good organization. I had worked in Spanish speaking communities for a short while at that time and thought REFORMA would enhance what I was already doing. I began attending meetings a couple of years ago and realized how much everyone valued this organization and the work they did with Spanish speaking communities. I have seen the great work that our current leader and past leaders have done, and I would like to continue that legacy.

As Vice President/President Elect, I would continue to fulfill all of REFORMA Northeast's purposes and objectives. I would like to emphasize the need for more chapter membership and representation. The Vice President/President Elect is the chair of the membership committee, and

if elected, I hope to continue this journey of reaching out and looking for prospective librarians that would benefit from, as well as contribute to REFORMA Northeast. I also hope to seek out opportunities for the chapter to be involved in community service and charitable events. One of the purposes of REFORMA Northeast states, “Promote the development and use of Spanish-Language and Latino-oriented library collections, information sources, programs, and other services.” At community events, we are able to promote what our librarians are doing for Spanish speaking patrons and families at different libraries.

The Vice President/President Elect will eventually lead REFORMA Northeast, as its President. I believe I have the organizational and communication skills needed to ensure REFORMA Northeast continues to pursue its objectives. But I would also make sure we pursue new and original ideas that will ensure our organization will still thrive in the future.

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