

**REFORMA Northeast Chapter
Vice President
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Elisa Garcia

Elisa Garcia is a Supervising Librarian of Teen Services at The New York Public Library. She is firmly rooted in fostering a love of reading in reluctant teen readers and a strong commitment to providing them with diverse books that represent them and their experience. Elisa enjoys mentoring new librarians, connecting people to the public library and promoting diversity in librarianship. She is a current member of the Best Books in Spanish for Kids committee at the New York Public and an active member of YALSA (Young Adult Services Association). Elisa continues to work on strategies to provide more diverse programming for teens and their parents specifically the Spanish speaking community along with other community engagement programming/ tools to promote diversity within public libraries.

Statement of Purpose

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as Vice President for REFORMA Northeast. It's been truly an honor to work with REFORMA Northeast and take part in the committees as this has helped me grow professionally, network and develop new relationships. Through my REFORMA membership I have also learned new strategies to serve the Latino and Spanish speaking communities I serve at The New York Public Library. I am truly grateful for all the REFORMistas that have taken me under their wing and fostered me with their leadership and mentorship. Am excited about the possibility of being Vice-President for REFORMA Northeast, I plan to support the President as we work together to carry out its mission and goals.

If elected I would focus on increasing our membership and reaching out to librarians who may not be aware of the benefits of being a member of REFORMA. This would also give me the opportunity to speak with young adults and others about librarianship and the opportunities for professional growth within the field as the librarianship profession could still benefit from diversification. I strongly believe in working collaboratively and I value learning from others as much as they can learn from me as

well. I look forward to working together, increasing memberships, creating fun, innovative programs and furthering the REFORMA Mission!