REFORMA Northeast Chapter is proud to announce the recipient of the 2021 Ismael Alicea Professional Development Award

**Congratulations!**

Evelyn Muriel-Cooper  
Bronx Library Center, NYPL  
REFORMA Northeast Chapter President 2018-2019

Evelyn Muriel-Cooper began her library career at the New York Public Library in 1987. She currently serves as the Supervising Unit Head of the Bronx Library Center’s Latino and Puerto Rican Cultural Collection, building and maintaining NYPL’s largest Spanish language collection, planning and coordinating programs and services for the Bronx Library community.

Despite the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, limited library access and services, Ms. Muriel Cooper continues to lead her talented staff and creatively serve the public via virtual monthly book discussions, Story Lines/Lineas de Cuentos, local university and community outreach online sessions, Ask NYPL en Español, Spanish Self Help, podcasts, virtual walking tours, online art exhibitions by local and international Latino artists.

Ms. Muriel-Cooper has been an active member of REFORMA Northeast Chapter since 2017. She served as RNE State coordinator (2017), President of the REFORMA Northeast Chapter (2018-2019), Past President (2019-2020), and Vice President (2017-2018). She has coordinated the RNE 3rd Annual Spanish Book Buzz (2019), RNE 15th Annual Joint Mini-Conference (2019), RNE Chapter membership meetings and committees. She continues to promote the REFORMA mission providing and promoting library and information services to Latinos and the Spanish speaking in the Bronx and beyond.

REFORMA Northeast Chapter Ismael Alicea Professional Development Award committee is proud to present this award to Evelyn Muriel-Cooper at the upcoming 2021 Annual RNE Joint Mini-Conference (virtual) in June 2021 and wish Evelyn the best at the 2021 ALA Annual Conference and future professional endeavors. Pa’lante Siempre!

The 2020-2021 RNE Ismael Alicea Professional Development Award Committee:  
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