REFORMA Northeast Annual Chapter Report
June 28, 2021

2020-2021 RNE Executive Board
Asuncion Cora, President
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First Chapter Membership Meeting, 9/18/2020

We held our first membership meeting of this fiscal year, virtually via Zoom, on Friday 9/18/2020. We had our general meeting, in addition to a wonderful presentation on the South Huntington Public Library in New York by Georgina Rivas-Martinez. In our previous in-person meetings we would have a tour of the library/organization that hosted us and decided to continue “visiting” libraries virtually. At each of our meetings we are highlighting one of our members and the library they work at.
At our first meeting, we also officially announced our 2020 Lillian Marrero Scholarship winner! Congratulations again to **Tania María Ríos Marrero**!!

First REFORMA Northeast Leadership Institute Webinar, 10/3/2020

The Leadership Institute Committee, chaired by Mary Marques, held the first webinar of the 2020-2021 year titled **The Leader in the Digital Age: How to Engage with a Digital Community and Culture**. Viewers were able to learn how to put on a virtual conference/event from presenters from the REFORMA Northeast and LA chapters who successfully put on a virtual conference and virtual book buzz in 2020!
Second Chapter Membership Meeting, 12/4/2020

We held our second meeting, also virtually via Zoom, on Friday 12/4/2020. At the beginning of this meeting we highlighted The University of Massachusetts-Amherst Library, their resources, and how they were helping students during the pandemic; with a wonderful presentation by Isabel Espinal!

RNE Noche de Parranda: Scholarship Fundraiser, 12/18/2020

On Friday, December 18, 2020 we held our very first Holiday Fundraiser! We hosted JuanMa, founder of Sonido Costeño, for a parranda! He performed aguinaldos, traditional Christmas songs from Latin America, and played the national string instrument of Puerto Rico the Cuatro. We were able to have a wonderful time while raising money for our Lillian Marrero Scholarship!
Due to the pandemic, our chapter could not host our annual winter book buzz in person. The REFORMA Northeast Chapter partnered with the Los Angeles Chapter to host a virtual book buzz series in the summer of 2020 and decided to partner again for a winter series! We hosted 5 total sessions in February, two for adult books and three for children and young adult books! Each session had a wonderful keynote speaker and both chapters received great feedback!
Second REFORMA Northeast Leadership Institute Webinar 2/5/2021

The Leadership Institute Committee, held the second webinar of the 2020-2021 year titled Champions’ Showcase: Ideas We Should Steal! In this webinar, attendees learned about what programs other librarians were offering for their communities during the ongoing pandemic, and how they could use these ideas to create new programs.

Please check out the Leadership Institute Website for a recording of each webinar and information on presentations.

Third Chapter Meeting 3/12/2021

We held our third meeting, virtually via Zoom, on Friday March 12, 2021. At this meeting, we highlighted the Pawtucket Public Library in Rhode Island with a presentation by RNE member Maria Cotto!
We held our final chapter membership meeting of FY 21 on Friday, May 14, 2021. At this meeting we had a wonderful presentation on the history of the Horn Book Magazine and their newest issue celebrating Pura Belpre! This presentation was led by Elissa Gershowitz.
On Friday, June 11th, we hosted our 17th annual Joint Mini-Conference! Once again, we celebrated our diverse stories with presentations from members of some of the National Associations of Librarians of Color as well as with an author panel! At the conference we also announced two award winners; for the Ismael Alicea Professional Development Award and the Judith Rivas Mini-Grant.

Please check out the conference website for a recording of the conference as well as a copy of the presentations!

Evelyn Muriel-Cooper is the recipient of our Ismael Alicea Professional Development Award.

Congratulations Evelyn!
Lisa Melendes is the recipient of our Judith Rivas Mini-Grant. Her project is titled *Visiónes: Using Photography to Create Virtual Communities*

Congratulations Lisa!

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**Treasurer’s Report**

**Beginning Balance - September 18, 2020**

Chapter Fund - $10,913.94

Scholarship Fund - $1,140.07

**Ending Balance - June 30, 2021**

Chapter Fund - $11,094.18

Scholarship Fund - $2,450.07

We have a healthy budget this year and I would like to thank our members, publishers that we work with, and others who have donated to the chapter. From our Joint Mini-Conference, we were able to raise $1200 towards our scholarship fund! Finally thank you, Manny, for ensuring that our budget remains healthy!
The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking
Connecticut - Massachusetts - New Jersey - New York - Pennsylvania - Rhode Island

Thank You

For the first time, all of our meetings and events this year were 100 percent virtual due to the pandemic. This of course came with some challenges. I want to thank the REFORMA Northeast members for continuing to support the chapter by attending meetings and participating in committees. We accomplished great things this year and it could not happen without our members!

Finally, thank you to my executive board. I feel so lucky to have worked with you all and to have learned from you!

Respectfully Submitted,

Asuncion Cora
REFORMA Northeast Chapter President 2020-2021