

**REFORMA Northeast Chapter
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Jessica Agudelo is Supervising Librarian for Children's Services at the New York Public Library. She served as chair for NYPL's debut Spanish language best-of list, Mejores libros para pequeños 2019, as co-chair for the Best Books for Kids in 2018, and is the current chair for the 2021 Pura Belpré Award committee. Jessica received her MLIS from Queens College in 2015 and was selected as a Spectrum Scholar in 2014. She is currently a part of the 2020 cohort of ALA's Emerging Leaders program. Jessica has contributed reviews of Spanish-language and English titles for kids and teens to Booklist, School Library Journal, and Latinxs in Kid Lit. Jessica comes from a large and vibrant Colombian family, and was born and raised in Queens, NY.

Purpose statement:

I am delighted and honored to receive the nomination to serve as the REFORMA Northeast Chapter Secretary. Since graduating with MLIS, REFORMA has been the organization which has nurtured and inspired me personally and professionally. Many of the colleagues I admire most, who have been great mentors to me, are devoted REFORMA members. The best way for me to repay that generosity, is to devote my time to this organization and contribute to its impact on the lives of future librarians and the Spanish speaking communities they serve. As the Chapter Secretary, I would endeavor to provide support to the Executive Board and the General Membership through clear, concise, and direct communication, accurate recordings of minutes, and accessible reports for the membership. REFORMA has brought me a great sense of community and support, which continuously reinvigorates me professionally. For this reason, I would be honored to be in a position to serve REFORMA Northeast as the Chapter Secretary.