



**The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking  
Connecticut - Massachusetts - New Jersey - New York - Pennsylvania - Rhode Island**

The REFORMA Northeast Chapter is proud to announce the recipient of the  
2023 Judith Rivas Mini-Grant

## Elizabeth Borges Ocasio

Head of the Reference Department  
Nevins Memorial Library, Methuen, Massachusetts



Judith Rivas Mini-Grant Project:

### **Expanding and Diversifying the Readings and Offerings of Noche de Libros, Tertulia y Café**

Noche de Libros, Tertulia y Café is the first Spanish-language book club offered at Nevins Memorial Library to promote the love of Spanish-language literature in a positive and enriching environment and to strengthen the ties between the library and the Latino and Spanish-speaking communities. Meetings are held simultaneously in person and online via Zoom. People from Massachusetts and other U.S. states and territories participate.

**Dr. Elizabeth Borges-Ocasio** currently works as Head of the Reference Department at Nevins Memorial Library in Massachusetts. Upon moving to the continental United States, she worked as a Technology Coach at Notre Dame Education Center, a non-profit educational organization provides English language and citizenship classes, skills training and leadership development to immigrants. She worked as a professor and teaching librarian at the University of Puerto Rico. She was president of the REFORMA Puerto Rico Chapter for the 2017-2019 biennium. In September 2018, the Joint Council of Librarians of Color presented her with the Advocacy Award in recognition of the activism and commitment demonstrated in the defense of libraries and information services, the profession, and the user community. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus where she also pursued her master's degree in Library Science and her Ed.D. in Leadership in Educational Organizations.

*Congratulations Elizabeth!*

Tess Tobin, Chair

Judith Rivas Mini-Grant Committee 2022-2023

Award to be presented on Friday June 16, 2023

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Mini-Conference

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