

REFORMA Northeast Chapter
Pura Belpré Librarian Award 2018
Recipient



Linda Caycedo

Starting in 1979 as an Information Assistant at the Donnell Library Center of the New York Public Library, and shortly after meeting two extraordinary librarians, Ismael Alicea* and Pura Belpre*, Ms. Caycedo was inspired to specialize in community outreach and youth services. In 1988 she received an MLS scholarship to attend the Palmer School of Library and Information Science at Long Island University. Working fulltime, married and raising a child, she graduated in 1990 and continued as an outreach, young adult and reference librarian in Manhattan, the Bronx and Staten Island. For over 30 years, Ms. Caycedo enjoyed sharing and advocating library services to diverse populations in over 13 branches of NYPL.

Since 2008, she has worked at the Bronx Library Center as a supervising reference librarian and curator for the Puerto Rican Heritage Collection and Gallery, where she conducted arts & craft workshops, bilingual book discussions, heritage exhibits, poetry readings, artist/author programs, research assistance, and technology classes.

Since her retirement in 2014, Ms. Caycedo continues coordinating and promoting the Puerto Rican Heritage Collection and Gallery monthly art exhibits. Ms. Caycedo is passionate about sharing her Puerto Rican Heritage and the Heritage Collection and Gallery, offering local artists and patrons a space to explore Latino history, share their stories and their art with other local artists and community members.

Ms. Caycedo is an active member of REFORMA Northeast Chapter. She has participated in RNE annual book fairs, conferences, committees and meetings. She has served on the REFORMA Pura Belpre Author/Illustration Award Committee (2004), and currently serves as chairperson of the 2018 Ismael Alicea Professional Development Award.

She enjoys photographing and sharing library community events, the outdoors and special family/friend gatherings.