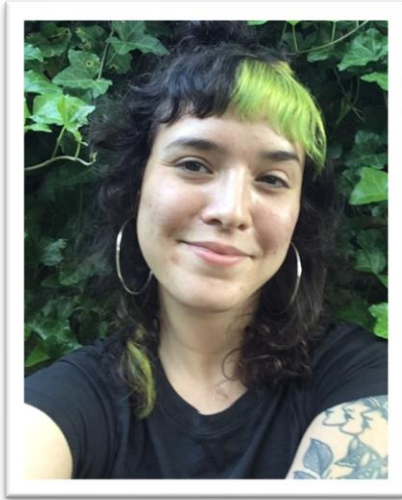




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Lillian Marrero Scholarship Award 2020

Tania María Ríos Marrero

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Tania María (she/ella), a 2019-2020 ALA Spectrum Scholar, currently works as a Community Engagement Coordinator with the Free Library of Philadelphia, where she is involved with developing and implementing outreach and engagement processes that emphasize community ownership of neighborhood libraries. She is entering her second year in the MLIS program at the University of Washington iSchool. Her interests lie at the intersections of crisis information, language justice, the information behaviors of migrants, and the digital humanities.

The Lillian Marrero Scholarship Award of the REFORMA Northeast Chapter was established in May 2010 to encourage library science students who are committed to serving the Latino community by providing financial assistance to them and to help recruit and nurture more diverse and multilingual library staffs. This \$1,000 scholarship is named in honor of the late Lillian Marrero, a librarian of the Free Library of Philadelphia, for her excellent service to underprivileged communities, as well as for her outstanding commitment to representing, recruiting for, and promoting the REFORMA Northeast Chapter and its missions.

Felicitaciones to Tania María, Lillian Marrero's daughter, who amply embodies the spirit of her mother and the award, and whose enthusiastic work in making our most recent Joint Mini-Conference of the ALA Ethnic Affiliates a huge success was greatly appreciated by all. Please join the RNE Scholarship Award Committee in offering our thanks to Tania María and all of this year's high-achieving, dedicated, and inspiring applicants for all of the wonderful work they are doing on behalf of Latinos and the Spanish-speaking.