



Monday, February 10, 2025, 10am - 1pm

Attending: Kristen Cure(Springfield PL, REFORMA President), Brandace Rojo(Josephine County, REFORMA Past President), Catherine Jasper(Deschutes), Janet Calderon(Reed College), SD(Clackamas Com. College), Ayn Reyes Frazee(OLA President), Sarah White(Hillsboro), Jaimie(Deschutes), Elizabeth Lopez(Hillsboro), Milagros(Jackson County), Jennifer Redding(Seaside PL), Tanya(MCL), Alicia Perez-Ververa(Happy Valley), Ross Fuqua(SLO), Millie Wilson(Albany, Member-at-Large), Rachel Diego Leon-Kalnins(Newport PL), Ericka Brunson-Rochette(SLO), Crystal(Wilsonville PL), Elide(McMinnville PL), Gesse Stark-Smith(SLO), Star Khan(Driftwood PL, REFORMA Secretary), Allison(Woodburn PL), Elizabeth(WCCLS), Eddie Arrizaga(MCL)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS 10:00 - 10:30 AM

- Introductions/Icebreaker, **Kristen**
 - **Icebreaker:** What was cool when you were younger but isn't cool now?

REPORTS 10:30 - 11:15 AM

- Approval of August 2024 meeting minutes
 - Star moves to approve the August minutes, Brandace seconds. All approve.
- Chair's report: Looking ahead to OLA 2025 Conference, **Kristen**
 - **OLA Conference:** Kristen is likely not able to go to conference due to it being in her home town. Questions:
 - Do we want to have a table? It was nice being next to the EDIA table at the last conference.
 - Star, Brandace, Rachel, Allison & Kristen(maybe) will staff the table
 - Raffle or merch?
 - We'll need to set up a payment option with Shirley ahead of time
 - **Programs at OLA:**
 - Co-sponsored session with Legislative Committee *Welcoming Communities: Immigration Resources and Legal Advocacy in Oregon Libraries*
 - Panel with immigration lawyers and advocates
- Committee reports
 - Mock Pura Belpre, SLO grant, **Brandace**
 - Last held in 2020 virtually. We have a committee and presenter ready to bring the event back. Grant from SLO is making this possible and must be used by July. Likely to take place in October or November.

- **Question: Do we want to turn the event into a multi-day mini conference?**
 - Maybe this year we should focus on just the Pura Belpre and then plan for a mini conference next year.
- **We need to find a suitable hybrid experience to accommodate those who can't travel.**
- Communications, **Sarah**
 - Social media has been really quiet. Alicia is interested on getting it going again.
 - Brandance is suggesting SquareSpace for the website at \$16/month.
 - Star moves to start using SquareSpace for our website. Alicia and Brandace second. All approve. Kristen will contact Shirley to get that set up.
- Libros for Oregon, **Jennifer**
 - Jennifer from Seaside is the new incoming Chair. It was her first time attending FIL. Her biggest takeaway was seeing the excitement of the public who were showing up, and waiting in very long lines to get into the book fair. Successfully purchased for 8 libraries-5 school and 3 public libraries. Collections were paid for with a grant from the State Library of Oregon. The biggest challenge was the fees associated with the vendor, MCBV, totaling 40%. Unsure of what tariffs will do to the program.
 - REFORMA members are asking for LfO to share research on other vendors with lower fees
- Fundraising, **Eduardo**
 - We are looking for a new fundraising Chair. If you are interested, please contact Kristen or Rachel.
- Branding Project, **Brandace**
 - Has been working with a designer on a branding update. Is polishing up the final graphics and logo. It should be ready in a couple of weeks. We should be able to unveil the new logo and website by the OLA conference

ANSWERLAND EN ESPAÑOL 11:15 - 11:30 AM

- How can Answerland best support libraries in meeting the information needs of Spanish-speaking community members?, **Gesse Stark-Smith**, Virtual Reference Coordinator, State Library of Oregon
 - Members suggested more publicity, ways for people to access from home, and the generational/digital divide could be hindering access

BREAK & GROUP PHOTO 11:30 AM - 11:40 AM

MEMBER UPDATES 11:40 AM - 12:55 PM

- Share what's going on at member libraries and/or share Spanish Collection Highlights (feel free to bring an item from your collection to share in person)
 - Brandace @ Josephine- Just finished a grant-funded Spanish language computer basics series. Had 10 graduates. Everything from what a mouse is to how to use Google Suite. Every graduate got a laptop at the end. Is planning an English version of the class. The County Commissioners have voted to terminate the library's lease early. The library is a special district, but the Grants Pass Library is the last tie to the County. There is a meeting with legal counsel scheduled for tomorrow, 2/11. The motion to opt out of the library district might be coming up in the future. Will keep us updated on the situation down there.
 - Catherine @ Deschutes- They now have 2 bilingual librarians who can offer services in Spanish. The library has partnered with a local Latino organization to offer a Know Your Rights presentation for the community, which was really well attended. Would like to offer these on a quarterly or ongoing basis as this is a need that will continue. Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros is on April 25th and conflicts with the OLA conference
 - Millagros @ Jackson CL- Gave a Knows Your Rights training to staff. Prints red card for community. Spanish language storytimes at the 5 main branches that spanish speakers frequent. People are not comfortable gathering so events are being cancelled.
 - Sarah @ Hillsboro- They unveiled a plan to move towards centralized selection. Instead of selectors at each library, there will be a team that will select for all the branches.
 - Alicia @ Happy Valley- Promoting DEI as much as possible...and I quote..to the extreme. She is embracing her Latinidad. Times have been hard and she has been internalizing a lot of the pain felt in her community. She thanks REFORMA for being here. It lets her know she is not alone and that she is seen. There is now bilingual pay for staff. That is something she helped advocate for. Her focus is to be as welcoming as possible because this is just the beginning.
 - Crystal @ Willsonville- Adventures in Spanish is a group that comes to the library to do storytimes and activities. English learners' class via Goodwill is well attended. Will be doing Dia de los Niños for the first time in quite a while. Asking for ideas. Also looking for ideas for Spanish collection development, especially for kids non-fiction.
 - Elide@ McMinnville- There are 3 Latinas that work there, and they have created their own engagement group at their library. Financial literacy, storytime with Spanish authors, read and dine. Also planning for Dia de los Niños. Noche de familia y literatura. Received a grant to purchase toddler totes in Spanish. Each one has a different theme. For example: oceans, animals, food. Also doing ESL with Goodwill and local college students

- Gesse @ SLO- Please don't hesitate to reach out to the State Library to see how they can support us
- Allison @ Woodburn- ESL classes with Goodwill. Also doing Know your Rights clinics. Continuing citizenship classes, but is concerned about whether their partner organization will remain funded. The library just received funding for early literacy.
- Ross @ SLO- State Library Budget hearing is happening tomorrow if anyone is interested in watching that process.
- Elizabeth @ WCCLS- New position at WCCLS. Still reaching out to libraries so that they are aware that outreach services are available. Working to make it more accessible. Would like a specific page for migrant members of the community.
- Millie @ Albany starting one-on-one tech appointments. Having a program this weekend about the Charro tradition and saddlemaking. Launches a partnership with Andares to offer therapeutic writing workshops. The books from FIL have arrived- they're in my(Star's) car. Planning Dia de los Ninos. The city has put together a task force to figure out how to handle ICE raids.
- Rachel @ Newport held a KYR presentation with immigration and local law enforcement for the community. Books from FIL have arrived. Working on Dia de los Ninos. Planning an art workshop. Will start visiting local Head Start to promote bilingual storytime
- Kristen @ Springfield- Bilingual family storytime, which is offered 2 times a week. Baby wearing y bailando group brings baby-carrying gear for parents to try out and then dance with their baby. Grupo de lectura, Spanish book club for grown-ups, is focusing on reading books that are written by Oregon authors in Spanish, great turn out in January at local author event. Had a Lunar New Year program that was well attended by Latino families. Dia de los Ninos will be April 25th. United Way and Escudo Latino organized a resource fair for Latino families. Handed out binders with red cards, information on what to do in an emergency, what important documents to have on you, etc.
- Ericka @ SLO- She reminds us to take care of ourselves while we are taking care of our communities in these hard times. The SLO is providing safe spaces for people to gather virtually for support. BIPOC, 2 LGBTQIA, anyone engaged in EDIA(2nd Wednesday of every month) work. Just put up an immigration resources LibGuide. Will continue to update as more resources are available. Libraries leading with equity cohort will be happening in the spring. It will be happening virtually. Christina Fuller Gregory, the consultant, is working out what that will look like under the current administration. March 17th, 31st, April 14th , May 5th. Working on a workshop with Urban Libraries Council about cultural belonging for the fall. Look out for more information about that. OLA conference registration is open for this year in Eugene. The Board acknowledges the conflict with Dia de los Niños. They would like us to know that conferences are planned a few years in advance, so the advocacy for Dia will be seen in a few

years. The closing speaker will be Donna Barbara Higuera. EDIA committee will be offering a scholarship to the OLA conference. The podcast is going strong.

NEXT MEETING / FUTURE PLANS 12:55 - 1:00 PM

- Saturday, May 17, 2025, 10am, Medford Library, Jackson County Library Services