

## **REFORMA-CO Membership Meeting**

May 14, 2010

Schlessman Family Branch Library (Denver Public Library)

### **Announcements**

--Have you paid your dues?

--Officer Elections

So far the following people have expressed interest in officer positions: Ghada Elturk (President-elect), Charlene García-Simms (Secretary—submitting her name, but needs approval from boss). We still need candidates for Treasurer. Carol Sandoval would like to really retire! More information will be sent via the listserv.

--Request for help with a translation

Aurora Public Library has requested REFORMA-CO's assistance in getting a translation done of one of their brochures. Nicanor Díaz and Stefanie Bakken will complete the translation.

--CAL October 2010

REFORMA-CO will host a reception for ALA President on Saturday, October 16.

--REFORMA National Conference, Sept 2011

Committees are working; plans are taking shape.

--[Podcast with Matt de la Peña and David Maes is live!](#)

Thanks to Matt de la Peña, David Maes for letting us share their interesting conversation and to Lisa Simms (Skinner Middle School, Denver), Angela Sigg (DPL Teen Website), Charlene Garcia Simms (Pueblo City-County Library District, REFORMA-CO), Susan Person (CTLIC), Laurie Spurling (DPL, REFORMA-CO) Marge Freeburn (CTLIC) and Stefanie Bakken (Denver Public Library, REFORMA-CO) for making this wonderful podcast a reality. Click on the link above to listen and you can also read a great article here: <http://www.nwmiddleschoolsnow.org/>

--Joan Schopf Retiring!

Joan Schopf, Spanish-language Librarian for Arapahoe Library District at the Smoky Hill Branch for eleven years, has decided to retire. She's done amazing things including serving as REFORMA-CO president, starting a Bilingual Book Club, and so much more! Thanks for everything you've done! We'll miss you. **Joan won the door prize of lovely potted flowers!**

--Clarification on REFORMA-CO role in any ballot measures

REFORMA's status as a non-profit prevents any involvement in political activity; however, we can help inform the public.

**Presenter: Dana EchoHawk, King Fellow from the [Center for Colorado & the West](#), Auraria Library and Executive Director of the [Colorado Scholarship Coalition](#)**

Director of Auraria Library, Mary Somerville, wrote a grant based on data indicating that freshman Latino students are less likely to finish their Bachelor's degree and that Latino students are more likely to finish if they make use of library resources, in particular those resources of personal relevance on Latino themes.

The [Center for Colorado & the West](#) received a Grant from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) for their project: digitizing the 500 photos that best depict Latino history in Colorado and a 10 minute video to guide people to use the digital resources for research. Their partners in this project are the Denver Public Library, Western History & Genealogy department and Auraria Library.

Key to this project is collecting photographs from many sources and gathering more data on the contents of photos already in collections in order to enhance the metadata available to maximize searching the digital image collection once it is completed. This information gathering includes learning many stories of what's in certain photos. They would like to contact other possible sources of images if you know of any. They have a lot for Southern Colorado, but fewer for Northern Colorado.

Daniel Salazar is the videographer for the project who will address the question "What is Latino History in Colorado?" via video.

This project will eventually have an oral history component that will involve training college students as videographers and collectors of oral histories.

Thank you, Dana, for telling us about this fascinating project.

**Next Meeting:** July 9, [Anythink Huron Street](#) library ([Google map for directions](#)), in Multipurpose Room B