

**REFORMA-Colorado Chapter  
Membership Meeting  
July 10, 2009  
10 a.m.  
Hoffman Heights Branch Library  
Aurora, Colorado**

**In attendance**

Heidi Becker  
Mary Kuehner  
Theresa Ortega  
Charlene García Simms  
Anita Jepson-Gilbert  
Rita A. Puig  
Ross Callender  
Stefanie Bakken  
Theresa Ortega  
Carol Sandoval  
Pilar Castro-Reino  
Orlando Archibeque  
Jenny Vega  
Ruby Nugent  
Cristina Martinez  
Ilda Ybarra  
Christina Martinez  
Alison Farnham  
Ghada Kanafani Elturk  
Joan Schopf  
Larry Maynard

**1. Congratulations to Rita Puig and Maggie Shawcross, REFORMA National Spectrum Scholars!**

Rita Puig and Maggie Shawcross, library students and active REFORMA-CO members, each won a \$5000 scholarship and a free trip to ALA next year. This ALA scholarship was begun by REFORMA member Sandra Ríos Balderrama to attract bilingual students of diverse backgrounds into the field of librarianship.

**2. 2009-2010 Officers introduced**

President: Ross Callender  
President Elect: Larry Maynard  
Secretary/Historian: Stefanie Bakken  
Treasurer: Carol Sandoval  
Immediate Past President: Ruby Nugent

**3. Ruby Nugent, Immediate Past President, thanked everyone, including last year's officers, for making her year as president fun and rewarding.** She even said she "would do it again in a heartbeat!"

#### **4. REFORMA-CO workshop submissions accepted for CAL Fall Conference**

##### *Power ON Your Volunteer Program*

Do you currently work with volunteers or wish to recharge your volunteer workforce? Join the discussion with REFORMA panelists, sharing experiences and suggestions to attract positive outcomes by growing your communication skills and valuing diversity. REFORMA Panel of presenters will include: Lena Sandoval, High Plains Library District; Larry D. Maynard, Aurora Public Library; Rita Puig, Arapahoe Library District; Ruben Terrones, Schlessman Family Branch Library; aurie Spurling, Moderator

##### *Reaching out to Latinos with Web 2.0*

Presenters: Ross Callender and others

#### **5. Colorado Teen Literature Conference**

Three teens attended the 2009 conference because of our sponsorship.

<http://coteenlitconf.org/>

Next conference: April 10, 2010

Discussion of what our chapter's role could be in sponsoring the keynote speaker, author Matt de la Peña <http://www.mattdelapena.com/>

--Ruby will find out the specifics of what different kinds of sponsorship would be possible

--Financial sponsorship would require fundraising (see next discussion for more on fundraising)

#### **6. Fundraising Ideas:**

--Ask REFORMA National for money

--Approach individual libraries to help sponsor Matt de la Peña and/or future events

--Recruit more institutional memberships from libraries

--t-shirt/stickers sales with a snappy slogan and our great logo

--donations to REFORMA National can be earmarked for REFORMA-CO and be considered a donation since REFORMA National has 501c3 status.

--increase membership: "bring a friend to a meeting day"

Motion by Larry Maynard to form subcommittee on fundraising. Motion seconded and passed unanimously. Larry Maynard, Jenny Vega and Ross Callendar will head up the committee.

#### **7. Fourth REFORMA National Conference**

Denver's name has been brought up as possible host. We could expect 500-1000 attendees, the need for lots of work by our chapter and other volunteers as well as support from the libraries we represent around the state.

Pros: chance for all of us to attend, rewarding, get our chapter some publicity and hence greater involvement. Cons: huge commitment and amount of work

We decided to wait and see if Denver is suggested formally and then form a subcommittee to explore it thoroughly.

## **8. Book Sale**

Jorge and Irma Moreno want to present a Spanish-language book fair. They are interested in ideas and connections in the community that could help them organize the fair and get participants, speakers and sponsors. Contact them at 720-628-4856 or at [colum nab@hotmail.com](mailto:colum nab@hotmail.com). You may also contact Larry Maynard.

## **9. Ghada Kanafani Elturk told us about her trip to Spain and Italy to speak about her library's work on immigrant participation**

The European Union has a mandate to work on integrating immigrants. Ghada Kanafani shared her experience and expertise with outreach to the immigrant community on a trip to Spain and Italy.

Key messages from her presentation:

--What does "literacy" really mean? Literacy is a broader concept than the ability to read or use a computer.

--Who is literate? Ghada proposed this definition of the literate person: someone who understands her environment and is active in it.

--Importance of paying attention to racism, not only as it appears in the obvious ways, but also in its most subtle ways

--Ask how libraries can facilitate community dialogue (rather than taking sides)

--Importance of asking ourselves how we deal with exclusion?

--Is there a difference between integration and inclusion?

Other: Barcelona's libraries have library guides in many world languages.

## **10. Friends of Food for Thought, Anita Jepson Gilbert**

Bilingual DVD with helpful information and instruction on early childhood literacy available for free distribution to libraries. The DVD presents tips for parents on reading aloud to their young children and also shows these techniques. If your library is interested in receiving a copy, contact Anita Jepson Gilbert at [anitajg5@aol.com](mailto:anitajg5@aol.com)

## **11. Request for help on how to set up a school library in Santo Domingo**

Email Jenny Vega if you have ideas for her friend who needs help with this [Jennifer.Vega@chs.state.co.us](mailto:Jennifer.Vega@chs.state.co.us)

## **12. Genealogy Conference in Pueblo with a focus on genetic genealogy and DNA, (Charlene Garcia-Simms)**

20th Anniversary of the Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter of the Genealogical Society of  
Hispanic America  
Rawlings Public Library  
Pueblo, Colorado  
Saturday, July 25  
8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
\$20  
719-553-7397  
719-553-0234

**13. Check out website of Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy at <http://clel.org> and their work on promoting libraries as centers for early literacy (Mary Kuehner)**

They have been providing trainings around the state (check their website for calendar of trainings) and will present at CAL. They're distributing bookmarks around the 6 early literacy skills—one bookmark per skill. They are working to add more bilingual resources to their website.

**14. Hispanic Heritage celebration at Belmar Public Library (Mary Kuehner)**

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Rick García band, bilingual storytimes, crafts and more.

Next meeting probably in Boulder