

Colorado REFORMA Meeting September 11, 2009 @ 10am

Boulder Public Library

Discussion:

Opening welcome by Ross Callender, President and introductions.

REFORMA National Convention, August 2011 no details as of yet.

Future REFORMA meeting sites-

November, 2009-CAL conference, January, 2010-Aurora Public Library (pending vote this November),
March, 12, 2010- Centennial Park Library, Greeley, May, 2010-Jeffco??

Closing of library branches which effect more Latina/o populations brought about concern for Colorado-REFORMA'S progressive role in speaking out for the voiceless communities of closing library branches. Requested by attended membership was more education/training on National/State REFORMA bylaws which may restrain advocacy for Latina/o populations affected by library closures.

Overall discussion on recession effects on REFORMA member's libraries: layoffs, library closures, staff freeze, reduction of library materials, tenuous budgets, bond passages effects of passage or failure, and some libraries and organizations stable.

Discussion about what services REFORMA Colorado could offer to Colorado libraries such as help with translations, outreach to Spanish speaking population.

CAL conference discussion reception for ALA, President, Camila Alire- more discussion encouraged by members.

Presentation of an Altar for "Dia de los Muertos" presented by Larry Maynard, Aurora Public Library-

Larry set up an elaborate altar featuring many gift giving artifacts for the altar. Candles, sugar skulls, cigarettes, pictures, food and provided a website for more information on "Dia de los Muertos" <http://latino.si.edu/DayoftheDead/> and a brief demonstration of making sugar skulls with molds. He also stated if anyone wanted to order molds he has a resource which is very inexpensive.

Closing-

Roster signed by members, thank you statements to Ghada for hosting meeting, continued discussion over pizza lunch in Boulder Public Library garden area.

Respectfully submitted by,

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