



REFORMA Oregon Quarterly Meeting
Saturday, November 9, 2024, 10am - 1pm business meeting

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS 10:00 - 10:30 AM

Icebreaker: What is your favorite cozy season activity or tradition?

- Kristen Curé: Springfield Public Library Snuggle time, yummy foods, cozy movies, no one tradition but a switch in patterns.
- Millie Wilson: Albany Public Library, lights candles with her mom on the winter solstice.
- Jenn Wells: Tillamook County library, loves lighting fires in wintertime, thinking warm thoughts
- Joe Salsman: Tillamook County library, is still learning to grapple with cozy season after his move, and having fun with that.
- Ross Fuqua: Project and Development Coordinator(?) at the State Library. Looks forward to winter ales, the couple months of seasonal brews.
- Rachel Diego León: Bilingual resource specialist, Newport Public Library, likes watching cozy winter movies with a heated blanket.
- Allison Byers: Woodburn Public Library, celebrates the transition from fall to winter with a neighborhood gathering to celebrate the migratory birds.
- Janet Calderon: Makes ponche every winter, a special Mexican holiday punch.

REPORTS 10:30 - 11:00 AM

- Approval of August 2024 meeting minutes
Computer/software error lead to loss of minutes.
- Chair's report: looking ahead to OLA 2025 Conference
Does our chapter want to raffle a basket? We have members conveniently located around Eugene and should be able to have a conference presence.
Rachel suggests the "basket" be a stuffed themed tote bag, with a nice Spanish saying printed on. Kristen suggests we could sell extra totes for anyone who wants to own and didn't win the raffle. Can have branded items for sale, like notebooks.
Members like the idea of a self-care theme for a tote/basket, with items including soap, candles, lotion, lip balm, and other items that soothe. Janet: "take care of yourself as you take care of others" theme. Members volunteered to work together on getting the raffle and other needs for a tabling presence ready.

- Committee reports
 - Mock Pura Belpre, SLO grant
Award given annually, by ALA/REFORMA National. Our chance to predict our own winners, learn the books, and interface with a great presenter. The committee met in September, and is planning for an event in September, 2025, to allow for a year of planning. A chance for a mini-conference if we want to take it. Duncan Tonatiuh is our hopeful author to present at the event. We received state support to fund this effort. The committee met in September and it sounds like we are shooting for an event in November 2025. We discussed the possibility of doing a weekend Reforma OR mini-conference that Mock Pura Belpre is the main event for. We could include a business meeting, mixer, etc.... The next committee meeting will be sometime in November.
 - Communications
- Moving forward with the rebranding project. The graphic designer will meet with us again to show us a more refined collection of graphics and logos based off of feedback from the last meeting.
- The next meeting is mid-November
- Discussion for a website rebuild will take place once we get our new branding package
- Libros for Oregon: We are heading to the FIL in three weeks, with four travelers--Laura Kimberly, Jennifer Reading, Alexis Screen, and Amanda Graham. We are buying for 8 libraries under a generous LSTA grant, spending \$2100 per library on quality Spanish materials: Hamlin MS, El Camino del Rio Elementary, Centennial HS, Roosevelt HS, RE Jewell Elementary, Seaside Public Library, Cornelius Public Library, and Lake County Public Library. Currently, we work with MCBV as our shipping/handling partner at the FIL, but they charge 40% on top of what we purchase, so we are actively looking for a new support. Meetings have happened with Chulainn and Cinco Books, both of which have pros and cons. This year, we will plan on still using MCBV, but trying out small amounts of purchasing with Chulainn to try their process. Our current future is a little unclear, as most libraries are struggling with funding, and the costs associated with sending travelers and paying for shipping/handling are currently prohibitive for many library budgets. – Libros for Oregon does not have a chair for 2025 lined up yet, and we are actively seeking new members to work with our team.
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BREAK 11:00 - 11:10 AM

MEMBER UPDATES 11:10 AM - 12:50 PM

- Share what's going on at member libraries and/or share Spanish Collection Highlights

Kristen: SPL became the library as it stands in the 70s, sharing a building with City Hall. A major update has improved the teen space giving them space for meetings and visibility.

Better sight lines in the building. Improved Friends of the Library store. New shelves for Spanish materials. Building a teen Spanish collection, in response to the dual immersion program in local high school that's growing potential teen readers of Spanish. SPL had their latest Day of the Dead event, in tandem with the monthly Friday art walk in Springfield. City works printed massive alebrije sheets for collaborative decorating by event attendees. Upcycled confetti fun was had. A chance to share significant information and history around the holiday with patrons. Sugar skull activity led by artist, plus mariachi music, music from another group too and a community ofrenda. Kristen says things are stretched very thin with staffing and funding at Springfield and now they are set to lose another FTE position.

Mille, Albany: Nov 2 super successful Dia de Muertos with hands on crafts, lots of library card registrations, so much activity and engagement. Getting ready to go to FIL for the first time since 2018. Having a local author (and radio personality) present on his book of Spanish language poetry "Wildfires"

Rachel: Steady attendance is happening at bilingual story time again, which has not happened since the pandemic. Día de los muertos event was a big success, in collaboration with Arcoiris at the middle school. Lots of guests traveled to Newport for the event which included performances, and concluded with a group moment of silence together at the community altar. Per Rachel, Newport has tried to hire for their adult services position unsuccessfully for two years. Housing affordability is a challenge in landing interested librarians.

Allison: Focused apartment outreach with the bookmobile. New families are being connected with the library and memberships. Weather depending, use has been good. Beginning a Spanish conversation group, and a citizenship class begins this winter. Creating user video guides, such as how to get a library card, in Spanish.

Jenn: Has been taking out the book mobile to high frequency areas which has been very successful. Trips are being provided to the consulate, which was not something offered in OK. Joe Salsman: Working to build and grow the Spanish collection. Have a movie night upcoming. Learning about additional bilingual staffing and support for patrons. Jenn Wells says they are experiencing similar challenges around affordable housing in getting candidates for staff.

Ross: His state library division will send whoever they can to our meeting, but no staff member is specifically dedicated. Ross, Ericka Brunson Rochette and Greta will be the three rotating through, most likely. Very excited for supporting projects with the LSTA grants, and hear mock Pura Belpré has been awarded funding.

Janet: Has hit the ground running, with Día de los muertos event and less than 2 months to plan. She reached out to the local panadería and sourced Pan de Muerto, plus found a vegan bakery to provide pan de muerto for vegan guests. Reached out to a local Latino student group at the college. Janet's work in Washington was around better funding of academic libraries. Her goal is outreach, partnership with the public libraries, how can academic and public libraries support each other and consolidate resources?

Collection Highlights:

- Los animales más inútiles del mundo, Philip Bunting: Kristen, great for 7-10. Highlights the cool/rare bits.
- Los Monstruos juegan cucú, Flavia Z. Drago: Millie, lift the flap, great for bilingual/Spanish story time!
- <https://olgadedios.es/libros/>: Joe Salsman, imaginative children's books in Spanish

NEXT MEETING / FUTURE PLANS 12:50 - 12:55 PM

- Monday, February 10, 2025, 10am, Happy Valley Library

GROUP PHOTO 12:55 PM

Closing words from Tricia Hersey's Rest Deck:

"Ease is your birthright: Unraveling from the constant pace of grind culture will take time. Celebrate this. You have time to reclaim your divine right to rest. Do not rush this process. This is a lifelong rest practice. You were born to experience care and rest. You were not born to only be a worker on the clock. There is more to life. There is a way to ease."

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