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REFORMA Announces 2020 & 2021 Librarian Of the Year Winners

Los Angeles, CA – REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking, is proud to announce the recipients of the 2020 & 2021 Arnulfo Trejo Librarian of the Year (LOTY) award.

The LOTY Award is presented annually by REFORMA to recognize a librarian who has distinguished himself or herself in the field of librarianship, promoted and advocated services to the Spanish-speaking and Latino communities, and made outstanding contributions to REFORMA.

The winner of the 2020 Arnulfo Trejo Librarian of the Year Award is:

Adriana Blancarte-Hayward, Manager of Outreach Services for the New York Public Library. Connecting people and libraries is her passion. Adriana is a former past-president of the REFORMA Northeast Chapter (2019-2020) and currently serving as a member of the REFORMA Membership and RNC Committees.



To read more about our 2020 winner please visit reforma.org/loty20.

The winners of the 2021 Arnulfo Trejo Librarian of the Year Award are:

Dr. Michele A. L. Villagran, assistant professor with San José State University School of Information. Dr. Villagran is the current REFORMA Education committee chair and serves on the RNCVII Marketing & Public Relations committee. For REFORMA Los Angeles she serves as the current Outreach & Membership, Co-Chair.



Maria F. Estrella, Dyad Public Services Manager at the Cleveland Public Library Garden Valley and Woodland Branches. Maria is the current Chair of the Children's and Young Adults Committee and the REFORMA liaison to the Association of Library Services to Children (ALSC), which oversees the 2021 Pura Belpré Award committee.



To read more about our 2021 winners please visit reforma.org/loty21.

Our winners will be honored virtually at our 7th REFORMA National Conference this fall and the details of the event will be shared at a later time.

REFORMA thanks the 2020 & 2021 Awards Selection Committee:

Mary Marques, Library Coordinator, Free Library of Philadelphia. Chair.

Kenny Garcia, Research & Instruction Librarian, California State University.

Oscar Baeza, Head Librarian Associate Professor, El Paso Community College.

Madeline Peña, Senior Librarian, Digital Content Team, Emerging Technologies & Collections Division, Los Angeles Public Library.

Haydee Hodis, Supervisor, Brightwood Branch, Springfield City Library.

REFORMA is a national organization of library and information professionals committed to promoting the development of library collections that include Spanish language and Latino oriented materials. The organization strongly advocates for culturally relevant and linguistically appropriate library services, programs and materials to meet the information and cultural needs of the Latino community.

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