

2007 Arnulfo D. Trejo Librarian of the Year Award Winner (2007 LOTY Award)

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The REFORMA Arnulfo D. Trejo Librarian of the Year Award Committee is pleased to announce Carmen Toni Bissessar, Branch Manager, Columbia Pike and Glencarlyn Branches of the Arlington County Public Library as the recipient of the 2007 *Arnulfo D. Trejo Librarian of the Year Award*, also known as the REFORMA LOTY Award.

The LOTY Committee recognized Bissessar's contributions to REFORMA, excellence in promoting and advocating services to the Spanish-speaking and Latino communities, and advocacy work on behalf of underrepresented diverse communities. Bissessar's accomplishments include: Co-Founder of the Pura Belpré Award, Co-Chair of the 2nd REFORMA National Conference, and President of REFORMA 1999-2000. In addition, she recently served as a REFORMA representative to the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) from 2001-2006 and Chair of ALA's Ethnic Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT). Bissessar is a member of ALA's 2007-2009 Office of Literacy and Outreach Services Committee (OLOS).

The LOTY Award is sponsored by the Trejo Foster Foundation for Hispanic Library Education (TFF). TFF provides leadership, public policy advocacy, research, and library education that enhances library and information services to Hispanics/Latinos in the United States.

The award will be presented at the REFORMA Fundraiser on Sunday, June 24, 2007 at the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

The Arnulfo D. Trejo Librarian of the Year Award (LOTY) committee members are: Janice Greenberg, Chair; Marisa Grijalva, Victor A. Hernandez, Nancy Herrera, and Roberto Zapata.
