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REFORMA Announces 2020 & 2021 Elizabeth Martinez Lifetime Achievement Award 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 Elizabeth Martinez Lifetime Achievement (LAA) Award.

The Elizabeth Martinez Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA) was created to recognize those who have achieved excellence in librarianship over an extended (over 20 years) period of service and who have made significant and lasting contributions to REFORMA, as well as to the Latino and the Spanish-speaking communities.

The winners of the 2020 Elizabeth Martinez Lifetime Achievement Award are:

Susan C. Luévano, first woman president of national REFORMA (1985/86) and founding member of the El Paso (TX) and the Orange County (CA) chapters. Ms. Luévano is the author of both library, local history, and social science research and served as one of national REFORMA's representatives on the Steering Committee for the 3rd Joint Council of Librarians of Color.



Luis Chaparro, lifetime member of REFORMA and past president of National REFORMA 2008-2009. Luis served as the first REFORMA national organization development officer and is a founding member of the REFORMA El Paso Area Chapter and co-founded the Amoxcalli Newsletter which eventually became the National REFORMA Newsletter



To read more about our 2020 winners please visit reforma.org/laa20.

The winner of the 2021 Elizabeth Martinez Lifetime Achievement Award is:

Patrick Sullivan, Emeritus Librarian with San Diego State University (SDSU) Co-Chair of REFORMA's Children in Crisis Project. Past Chair of ALA's Sister Library Committee, Americas Committee and REFORMA's International Relations Committee. Patrick has also worked closely with the Mexican Library Association (AMBAC) and was a founding member of both the Baja California Library Association (ABIBAC) and the Creando Enlaces Binational Conference.



To read more about our 2021 winner please visit reforma.org/laa21.

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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