

# iHola Todxs!



## President Mid-year Report & 2024 Updates

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REFORMA President, 2023–2024



As we gear up for ALA’s LibLearnX in Baltimore, MD and our winter meetings, I’d like to share with all of you the great things REFORMA has accomplished since ALA Annual. It’s been an honor to meet so many colleagues within and outside of our organization and I am humbled by the opportunities I have been afforded as your president hasta este punto!

Since taking the REFORMA presidency, I have been committed to being hands-on with all committees to ensure productivity and that our organization’s mission remains steadfast. I have had the pleasure of working closely with our Board of Directors and communicating regularly with Reformistas and supporters in the first half of my presidency.

I am proud to say that REFORMA’s Executive Committee has met monthly to continue the work on REFORMA’s mission.



With incredible support from our dedicated committees, from July 2023–January 2024, we have already moved forward on several of the organization’s initiatives including:



Relaunching the REFORMA Mentorship Program

Awarded 10 Noche de Cuentos mini grants to library systems across the U.S.



Appointment of Maria Estrella as REFORMA’s representative on ALA Council serving a three year term from 2024–2027

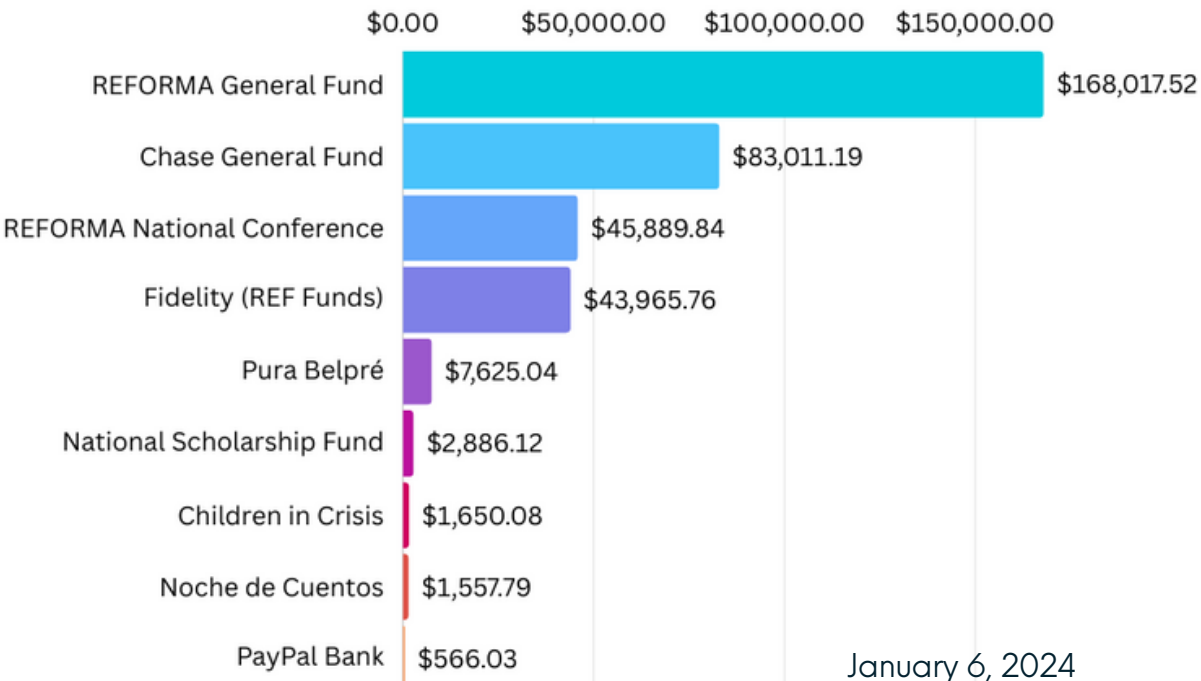
Work on REFORMA’s new Strategic Plan survey launching February 2024



Call for Día mini grants, closing January 31, 2024

Call for scholarships, closing March 15, 2024

## TREASURY SNAPSHOT





# Manos a la obra

What REFORMA has been up to!

On June 28, 2023, my first official REFORMA President business was to endorse, on behalf of REFORMA and the Executive Board, a statement released from [Unite Against Book Bans American Library Association Freedom to Read Foundation](#). 70 years after the initial statement was drafted and released by ALA, REFORMA recommits to the freedom to read is essential to our democracy and the birthright of all regardless of beliefs or political persuasion.



In September 2023, the REFORMA National Conference Coordinating Committee (RNCCC) along with the REFORMA National Conference (RNC) steering committee conducted site visits in Long Beach, California to select the next host hotel for RNCVIII, which will take place in Long Beach in Fall 2025. Stay tuned for more information on the upcoming conference!

On September 15, 2023, REFORMA partnered with the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) to offer an informative webinar entitled The Chinese Experience in Latin America: History, Archives and Collections. The presentation was given by Laura De Moya-Guerra from Rutgers University.

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On September 19, 2023, I had the great privilege of speaking on a panel alongside past REFORMA President, Isabel Espinal, and Elisa Garcia for the Hispanic Heritage Month Symposium at San Jose State University. The conversation, entitled Latinos: Contributing to the Fabric of the Nation, was an impassioned dialogue with participants. It began with a keynote address by Loida Garcia-Febo, international library consultant and SJSU Health and Wellness Ambassador.

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In October 2023, REFORMA agreed to join forces with ALA’s Graphic Novel and Comics Roundtable (GNCRT) for the [Collaboration Core Comics Reading List](#) project. The final annotated list will feature high-quality graphic novels that showcase Spanish-speaking and Latino stories and creators.



On December 11, 2023 REFORMA’s International Relations Committee presented a webinar entitled Library Services to Recently Arrived Latino Immigrants. Speakers included Jonathan Fein Proaño, Angelica Generoso, Esq., Fred Gitner, Madeleine Ildefonso, and Freda Mosquera and the conversation was moderated by Loida Garcia-Febo, co-chair of REFORMA’s International Relations Committee. As a proud son of Mexican immigrants, it was an honor to provide an introduction to this program.

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On January 10, 2024, I introduced attendees to REFORMA’s mission and initiatives at the California Library Association’s (CLA) Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Library Workers Interest Group student forum. REFORMA was joined by representatives from ALA’s NALCoS and other affiliates. The virtual event was moderated by Ray Pun, academic and research librarian at Alder Graduate School of Education.

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# MEMBERSHIP VOTE RESULTS

Vote of YES or NO to establish the newly approved Academic Librarians Advancing Service (ALAS) Committee.	Vote of YES or NO to change the term of the REFORMA Treasurer from two (2) years to three (3) years.	Vote of YES or NO to adopt new guidelines for REFORMA Affinity Groups.
YES 313 respondents 98%	YES 307 respondents 96%	YES 295 respondents 92%
NO 6 respondents 2%	NO 12 respondents 4%	NO 24 respondents 8%
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## Adelante

What’s ahead for REFORMA?



Announcement of the Pura Belpré Awards during Youth Media Awards at LibLearnX, January 22, 2024 8 a.m. ET, Baltimore, MD

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5:30pm-7pm EST  
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Winter Meetings

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January

EC MEETING

3PM PT/4PM MT/5PM CT/6PM ET

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January

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4PM PT/5PM MT/6PM CT/7PM ET

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January

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

4PM PT/5PM MT/6PM CT/7PM ET

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