



Ethnic Services Round Tables Membership Meeting
Date: Friday, February 22, 2019
Location: Queens Library
Central Library/ Children's Library Discovery Center (CLDC)
89-11 Merrick Blvd, Jamaica, NY-11432
Time: 10:00 AM

Agenda:

- **Welcome & Introductions**

1. Manny Figueroa mannyfigueroaqns@gmail.com (Queens Public Library)
2. Yang Zeng yzeng@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
3. Indira Mukherjee Indira.Mukherjee@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
4. Wilma Glover-Koomson Kakigkooms@gmail.com (Newly Retired)
5. Rio Aucena raucena@rcls.org (Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library)
6. Fred Gitner fred.j.gitner@queenslibrary.com (Queens Public Library)
7. David Nochimson davidnochimson@nypil.org (New York Public Library)
8. Selina Sharmin Selina.Sharmin@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
9. Jay Dela Cruz jdelacruz@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
10. Irina Kuharets irinakuharets@gmail.com (Finkelstein Memorial Library)
11. Kacper Jarecki kjarecki@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)

- **Approval of NYLA Membership Meeting Minutes**

Date: Friday, November 9, 2018

Location: Tapas 177 Lounge, 177 Saint Paul Street, Rochester, NY 14604

Time: 5:15-6:45 PM

Motion was made by Fred and seconded by Indira. Minutes approved.

- **Status Update on ESRT Officers**

President: Cathy Chen (stepped down)

Vice President/ President Elect: Selina Sharmin (also the 2019 Conference Curator)

Immediate Past President : Tata Cañuelas Note: Selina is working with past presidents Wilma Glover-Koomson, Manny Figueroa, Fred Gitner and Kacper Jarecki to organize ESRT Membership meetings for 2019.

Treasurer: Fred J. Gitner

Secretary: Jay Dela Cruz

Members-at-Large: Manny Figueroa, Lindsay Davis, Rio Aucena

Past Presidents

2018 Tata Cañuelas White Plains Public Library

2017 Wilma Kakie Glover-Koomson Haverstraw King's Daughters Library

2016 Grace Riario Ramapo Catskill Library System

Webmaster: Rio Aucena

- **Treasurer's Report**
ESRRT Financial Statement for the Seven Months Ending January 31, 2019

		Current Month	Year To Date
	BEGINNING BALANCE	3,694.28	3,733.28
		Current Month	Year To Date
REVENUE			
	Dues Allocation	10.00	240.00
	Conference (Current Yr)	0.00	81.00
	Publications	0.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL REVENUE	10.00	321.00
EXPENSES			
	Reimbursement Exp	0.00	0.00
	Conference(Current Yr)	0.00	350.00
	Publications ESRT	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	350.00
		Current Month	Year To Date
	CLOSING BALANCE	3,704.28	3,704.28

- **NYLA Conference Programmer's Report** – Selina will attend the Curator’s Meeting on March 5, 2019.
2019 ESRT Conference Programming Proposals and Descriptions

Breaking the language barrier	<p>How to run a community-based book club for English Language Learners that empower newcomers to gain confidence in using their English language skills and connect with members of their community.</p> <p>Giovanna Fiorino-Iannace, Harrison Public Library</p>
Cross-Cultural Communicators in Libraries	<p>This two-year pilot project called, "Cross Cultural Communicators in Libraries: Developing Culturally and Linguistically Competent Library Professionals," and funded by an IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grant, will train Spanish-speaking bilingual public library front-line staff to increase cultural competence and effectiveness in communication through professional interpreter training. Participants are from libraries in New Jersey, Connecticut and California, in addition to staff from Queens Library. The project offers a series of five one-hour self-paced webinars addressing cultural competence (Year 1) and one full-day in-person workshop in each region to teach interpretation and translation skills (Year 2). All participants will receive a Certificate of Completion and be featured in an online network of Spanish-speaking library professionals to be built at the conclusion of the project. Speakers will explain the project goals and report on results to date.</p> <p>Mimi Lee, New Jersey State Library; Fred Gitner, Queens Library</p>
Documenting the Immigrant Story through Oral Histories and Images	<p>Throughout its history New York City has been a principal entry point for immigration to the United States. Collecting their stories and documenting the narrative of their lives as new immigrants in the city presents many challenges. A number of initiatives aim to actively collect their stories creating oral histories and collecting and digitizing countless images so that future generations may better understand the history of immigrants in New York. In this presentation we will learn about Brooklyn Public Library's Our Streets, Our Stories Oral History Project and the Queens Memory Project at Queens Library.</p> <p>Taina Evans, Brooklyn Public Library; Natalie Milbrodt, Queens Library</p>

Engaging with the Immigrant Community	Our populations are constantly changing. Libraries aim to serve everyone. This presents both challenges and opportunities. How can we engage with our immigrant community? What services can we provide to the public? TBD
Getting “Hard-to-Count” Immigrant Communities counted in Census 2020	Public libraries will play an essential role in helping to ensure a fair and accurate 2020 census. Public libraries are important information sources for local communities across the country, and can help educate the public. For the first time people will be encouraged to fill out their census form online. Virtually all public libraries provide public internet access computers as well as public Wi-Fi and library staff need to be ready to help. Communities with large numbers of recent immigrants face the challenge of overcoming a lack of trust of government entities from the members of these immigrant communities. A panel of professionals from government, non-profit, and library organizations will present strategies for addressing these concerns. Jeffrey Lambert, Queens Library; New York Region Representative, US Bureau of the Census
Effects of Proposed Changes to “Public Charge” Policies on Health Coverage for Immigrants	On September 22, 2018, the Trump Administration announced a proposed rule to make changes to “public charge” policies that govern how the use of public benefits may affect individuals’ ability to enter the U.S. or adjust to legal permanent resident (LPR) status (i.e., obtain a “green card”). The proposed changes to public charge policies would primarily affect immigrants who are applying for a green card through a family-based petition. A panel of professionals from government, non-profit, and library organizations will present strategies for addressing these concerns. TBD, New York Immigration Coalition

- **Awards Committee Status Update**
Manny Figueroa
2018 Committee Chairman Manny and Member Fred (term will continue for 2019)
Professional Development Award \$250 – Applications must be received by July 1. Manny will verify from Jeremy when the date of submission for the winner to be in the NYLA banquet program.

- **Membership/Public Relations Committee Status Update**
Kacper Jarecki and Indira Mukherjee
2018 Committee Chair: Kacper (term continues for 2019) will make a list of possible social events. Selina and Indira will help.

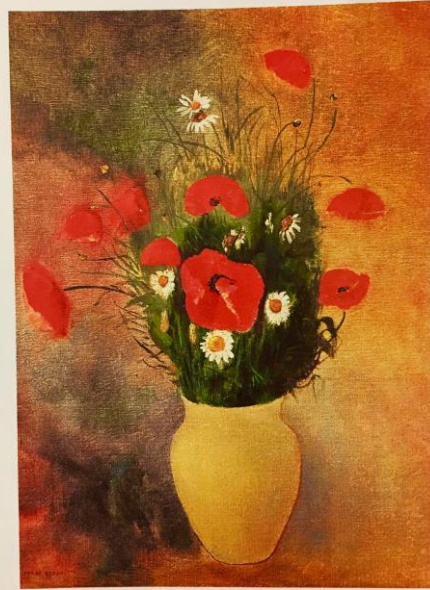
- **Nominating Committee Status Update**
Wilma Kakie Glover-Koomson
Chair is the immediate past president. Wilma will chair since Tata is on medical leave. Needs at least 2 people. Timeline for nominations needed.

- **Publications Committee (Irina Kuharets) /Bibliography Committee (Alexandra Gomez, Indira Mukherjee, Lindsay Davis, Manny Figueroa) Status Update**
Resource guide bibliography care of Lindsay.

- **Bylaws Task Force** – Charged with revision of the bylaws. Fred volunteered to chair the Bylaws Task Force. Kacper and Indira will help.

- **New Business** – Anne Hofmann donated \$500 for ESRT programming and sent along a card (see photo inserts) Note: On March 30, 2019, Anne Hofmann passed away. Please see In Memoriam attached.
- **Next Meeting on April 26 at Lindenhurst Memorial Library**
- **Meeting Adjourned: 11:53 AM**
- **Tour of Queens Central Library**
- **Lunch @ Mirch 172-27 Hillside Avenue, Jamaica**

Note from Anne Hofmann



Dear Fred

Please give ESRT my donation at the library meeting to support 2019 programs. Working with my ESRT colleagues was an important part of my NYLA career. And oh how you made me shine during my 2000 Presidency with the creative and show-stopping Exhibits

with the first International Games Festival. Always creative and innovative! "Bridging Cultures" was another treasure. So many of my students had their first introduction to services to immigrants with the wonderful library service stories.

Continue, as I know you will, the great work.

Sincerely
Anne Hofmann

Prepared by Jay Dela Cruz, Secretary
Edited by Fred Gitner, Treasurer

Addendum:

In Memory of Anne Hofmann

From <http://www.nyplretirees.org/hofmann.html>

Anne HOFMANN

We are sad to report that Anne J. Hofmann died on March 30, 2019. She was a resident of the Marble Hill section of New York and was sixty-seven years of age at the time of her death.

Anne was a graduate of Cardinal Spellman High School and Lehman College. She received two Master's degrees, one in Library Science from Queens College and a second in Public Administration from Baruch College. Anne began her NYPL career as a page at the Kingsbridge Branch in June 1967. She became a clerk and subsequently a children's librarian at numerous locations in the Bronx, including Francis Martin, Jerome Park, and Melrose. She was appointed as Senior Branch Librarian at Sedgwick and Supervising Branch Librarian at Clason's Point. In 1983, she assumed the position of Regional Librarian at the Parkchester Branch. She was appointed Assistant Coordinator at the Donnell Library Center in 1986. She became the Chief Librarian at Donnell in 1989 and at Mid-Manhattan in 2008, where she remained until her retirement on March 17, 2009.

Anne was a professor of public policy at Baruch College for twenty-five years. She was very active in professional organizations, serving in leadership positions and on numerous committees in the American Library Association and as President of the New York Library Association. Anne had a passion for theater and travel, especially cruising, and attended hundreds of Broadway shows and visited dozens of countries. She was an enthusiastic baseball fan with season tickets at Yankee Stadium. Anne is survived by her son Dennis and grandson Shane, her sister and brothers and a large extended family.

From: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/nytimes/obituary.aspx?n=anne-hofmann&pid=192047865&fhid=30801>

ANNE HOFMANN Obituary

HOFMANN--Anne J. (nee McGrory), died March 30, 2019 at the age of 67. Anne had various distinguished careers in the public sector. She was a thirty eight year veteran of the NYPL system where she rose to Chief Librarian of the Donnell and Mid-Manhattan Library Centers in Manhattan. A former President of the NY Library Association, Anne was the recipient of multiple honors during her years of service. Anne also played a prominent role in the leadership of the American Library Association, where she was the Public Library Association representative. For the past twenty-four years, Anne was a well-respected professor of public policy at Baruch College. She was instrumental in building the public affairs department and a pioneer in their online education program. A graduate of Spellman HS and Lehman College, Anne held two master's degrees, an MLS from Queens College and an MPA from Baruch College. She spent nearly 60 years residing on Adrian Ave in the Marble Hill section of New York City where she was a community leader, including Bronx Community Board Eight President. Anne had a passion for gardening, theater, and travel, attending hundreds of Broadway shows and visiting dozens of countries. She frequently visited her parents native Donegal, Ireland, where she will be laid to rest. She is survived by her son, Dennis and grandson, Shane; sister, Mary O'Neill and husband, Brian; brothers, Liam McGrory and wife, Bonnie, Eugene McGrory and wife, Kerrie, Kevin McGrory and wife, Jenny and her nephews, Eamonn and Harry; sister-in-law, Diane and her nephews/nieces, Philip, Christine, Stephen and Kaitlyn. Anne's brother Philip predeceased her as did her parents Margaret and Philip Laurence McGrory. Services will be held at Williams Funeral Home at 5628 Broadway (corner of 232nd Street) on Wednesday April 3rd from 2 - 5 and 7 - 9. Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Margaret of Cortona 6000 Riverdale Ave on Thursday April 4th at 10:45am