



Ethnic Services Round Tables Membership Meeting
Date: Friday, October 4, 2019
Location: New York Public Library
Countee Cullen Library
104 W. 136 St. New York, NY
Time: 10:00 AM

Agenda:

- **Welcome & Introductions**
 - Manny Figueroa mannyfigueroaqns@gmail.com (Queens Public Library)
 - Indira Mukherjee Indira.Mukherjee@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
 - Rio Aucena raucena@rcls.org (Haverstraw King’s Daughters Public Library)
 - Fred Gitner fred.j.gitner@queenslibrary.com (Queens Public Library)
 - Selina Sharmin Selina.Sharmin@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
 - Kacper Jarecki kjarecki@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
 - Victoria Kowanetz Victoria.Kowanetz@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
 - Madellen Garcia mgarcia@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)

- **Approval of NYLA Membership Meeting Minutes**

Date: Friday, April 26, 2019
 Location: Lindenhurst Memorial Library on Long Island
 1 Lee Ave. Lindenhurst, NY
 Motion was made by Fred and seconded by Manny. Minutes approved.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Fred Gitner

Conference expense will be the cost of the booth and donation of 100.00 to NYLA
 Nov. will be the approval of Annual Budget

We have 43 members in ESRT

Some current members do not appear on list. Those who do not appear as members should contact Manny, who will inquire to find out why.

ESRRT Financial Statement for the two Months Ending August 31, 2019

		Current Month	Year To Date
	BEGINNING BALANCE	4,394.28	4,354.28
REVENUE		Current Month	Year To Date
	Dues Allocation	40.00	80.00
	Conference (Current Yr)	0.00	0.00
	Publications	0.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00

	TOTAL REVENUE	40.00	80.00
EXPENSES			
	Reimbursement Exp	0.00	0.00
	Conference(Current Yr)	0.00	0.00
	Publications ESRT	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
		Current Month	Year To Date
	CLOSING BALANCE	4,434.28	4,434.28

- **NYLA Conference Programmer's Report** – Selina attended the Curator’s Meeting on March 5, 2019 at the NYLA headquarters. Roundtables can organize a maximum of 3 programs but can co-sponsor as many as they want.
- **The NYLA Conference Theme is : “All Libraries are Powerful: What’s Your Story?”**

ESRT Conference Programs 2019

<p>Friday, 11/15/19</p> <p>Documenting the Immigrant Story through Oral Histories and Images</p>	<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>
<p>Friday, 11/15/19</p> <p>Cross-Cultural Communicators in Libraries</p>	<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 features 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>
<p>Saturday, 11/16/19</p> <p>Getting “Hard-to-Count” Immigrant Communities Counted in Census 2020</p>	<p>A panel of professionals from government, non-profit, and library organization will present strategies for addressing how public libraries can assist people living in “Hard-to-Count” immigrant communities to be counted in the 2020 Census. 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 will large numbers of recent immigrants face the challenge of overcoming a lack of trust of government entities from the members of these immigrant communities.</p>

- **ESRT Booth**

- Booth set-up will take place at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, November 13
- Volunteers will be needed to cover the booth on Thursday, November 14 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Volunteers will be needed to cover the booth until around 10:45 AM. ESRT has a program at 11:00, which means that the raffle will have to be scheduled around 10:30 PM after which the breakdown of the booth should take place.
- Rio will communicate with Wilma to obtain the bibliographies and other materials for the booth to bring to the conference.
- Please send a picture of any prize you plan to bring for the raffle and send it to Manny.
- Please bring any left-over Halloween candy.
- Manny will prepare a flyer for the raffle.
- Selina will bring a map of New York State and pins that we could bring as part of the theme. Conference attendees will be encouraged to stick a pin on the map showing which library they are affiliated with.

- **Awards Committee Status Update**

Professional Development Award \$350 – winner was J. Williams a student at Rochester University. She will received the award at the ESRT meeting on Friday 11/15/19

- **Membership/Public Relations Committee Status Update**

Kacper e-mailed invitation about ESRT mtg. to local library schools.

He provided a list some events of possible interest such as : Experience Harlem Through Senses, Behind-the-Scenes Hard Hat Tour of Ellis Island’s Abandoned Hospital; New Perspectives on French Fashion History: Fashion on Display; Shohei Shigematsu & Atelier bow-Wow on the Past & Future of Tokyo Architecture

- **Nominations and Elections**

Nominations will be held from September 23 to October 7. Manny Figueroa will chair the nominations committee and will send out an e-mail to all members with a timeline of the nominations/elections process.

Members will be asked to submit their nominations to Manny Figueroa at mfigueroa@queenslibrary.org for the following offices:

- Vice President/President Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Member-at-Large {One position}

Candidates will be asked to a short biography. Potential nominees shall not be eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee

- Chair: Manny Figueroa, Member at Large, Ethnic Services Roundtable of NYLA
- Kacper Jarecki, Past President, Ethnic Services Roundtable of NYLA
- Selina Sharmin, Vice President/President Elect, Ethnic Services Roundtable of NYLA

Timeline of Election Process

- September 23 – September 30: Solicit nominations from ESRT
 - October 1 – October 7: Nomination committee confirms acceptance of nominations; chair requests a short biography from nominees who have accepted.
 - October 8 – October 22: Nomination slate announced; elections begin; chapter members cast their votes using link to ballot bin software.
 - October 25: Election results are announced
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- **Bylaws Task Force** – Kacper working on revisions; deadline 11/15
 - **New Business** – Selina proposed going to different library school to recruit new members. It was suggested that pictures of the award winners be added to the website.
 - **Next Meeting on Nov. 15 at NYLA; Fred to find venue**
 - **Meeting Adjourned: 12:00pm**
 - **Tour of Countee Cullen Branch**
 - **Lunch @ Senegalese restaurant**