



Ethnic Services Round Table Membership Meeting
Date: Friday, June 2, 2023
Location: Valley Cottage Library
Time: 11am

Agenda:

- **Welcome & Introductions**

1. Rio Aucena raucena@wlsmail.org (New Rochelle Public Library)
2. Indira Mukherjee indira.mukherjee@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
3. Manny Figueroa mfigueroa@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
4. Tejas Desai Tdesai@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
5. Kacper Jarecki kjarecki@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
6. Madellen Garcia mgarcia@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
7. Fred Gitner fgitner@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
8. Selina Sharmin ssharming@queenslibrry.org (Queens Public Library)
9. Simone Wellington swellington@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)
10. Mary Paige Lang-Clouse langclouse@rcls.org (E.B. Crawford Public Library)
11. Vijay Ramanathan mistervijay@gmail.com (Kristine Mann Library)
12. Christine Degyansky cdegvansky@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)-----Remote
13. Josephine Lew jlew@queenslibrary.org (Queens Public Library)-----Remote
14. Giovanna Fiorino-Iannace giannace@wlsmail.org (Harrison Public Library)-----Remote

- **Approval of NYLA Membership Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting on February 3, 2023 were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Fred Gitner and seconded by Tejas Desai and it was passed.

- **Curator's Update—NYLA Conference 2023**

Rosemary Kiladitis

Unable to attend but sent an email with the following information:

We are sponsoring two panels this year and are co-sponsoring two panels:

Sponsored: 1) Researching Historical Travels for Patrons and 2) Welcoming Asylum Seekers at Your Library

Co-Sponsoring: 1) Expanding Collections for Diversity Equity and Inclusion and 2) Culturally Responsive Practices through Local Issues

Panels have been successfully submitted into the NYLA system. The next Curator meeting is Thursday, June 8th.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Fred Gitner

No report from NYLA. Financial reports from NYLA are suspended until the NYLA reorganization is complete.

- **Bylaws Task Force Update**

Fred Gitner, Kacper Jarecki, and Indira Mukherjee

Nothing to Report---but for now on hold with the new changes that NYLA will be implementing

- **Publications Committee/Bibliography Committee-Newsletter Update**

Newsletter already posted on the website that showcases things we have done. Fred mentioned that it would be nice to put out a new one before the conference. Kacper will write something regarding the trip to Brooklyn and it will be posted on the website before the next meeting.

Fred brought with him the 2022 bibliography for people to see called “Suggested Apps for Learning Different Languages” created for ESRT’s 40th Anniversary.

Fred asked if there were any suggestions for a new bibliography for the upcoming NYLA 2023 conference. Vijay had an idea (Mindfulness) and he will explore and will send information to Indira.

- **Combating Racism III 2023**

Kacper Jarecki

This is the third year of presenting the combating racism series; the next planning meeting will be Tuesday, June 6th at 9:30am. It is virtual if anyone is interested in attending. Right now they are aiming for September 12 or 13th. NYLA wanted to charge \$250 per session; so Jo-Ann Wong and Manny had the idea of just having a one day symposium. Kacper read the topics that they have so far which are: Reparative Genealogy; Assessment Work and How to Use Data for Change; Applying DEI Principles in Hiring & Promotions; Anti-ism: Combating Hate Against Race, Religion, Sexual Orientation and More and Libraries Serving Expectant People: Mortality Rates are Significantly Higher for People of Color Although All Parents are Affected. Since we will be doing a whole day program, it will be more doable to do four topics; maybe we will combine sessions. The series will be virtual and then it will be archived. NYLA charges the \$250 for the live views; after that if people watch it there will be no charge.

- **Membership/Public Relations Committee Status Update—Summer Gathering**

Kacper Jarecki and Indira Mukherjee

The April outing went very well; Cherry Blossoms; tour of Hunters Point Library; ferry boat ride; then book store visit with author talk; then food and a movie

Suggestions for next gathering in the summer:

1. Rakisha suggested WNBA game; she can get a discount
2. Visit Little Island, Pier 57 and Chelsea Market (Sunday, August 6 @12pm)
3. Weeksville in Brooklyn (only Saturday)
4. Christine to find out about Central Park regarding a tour of Seneca Village

- **Old Business**

ESRT Elections open; NYLA hasn’t send out an email about the election

Rio announced the positions and who is running:

Vice/President-Vijay Ramanathan

Treasurer: Fred Gitner

Secretary: Selina Sharmin

Member at Large: Christine Degyansky

June 1-15: ballots open for chapter members to cast their votes.

June 16-23: Election results reviewed and verified

June 26-July 7, 2023: Elections results are announced.

Vijay and Tejas spoke about their upcoming personal talks at different venues

Manny mentioned the Reforma Joint Mini Conference on June 16 at The Center for Puerto Rican Studies

- **New Business**

Discussed the document that Rakisha sent regarding the changes NYLA wants to do regarding Round Tables; fee increase, etc.

- **Schedule of Next Membership meeting**

The next membership meeting will be September 15th at Kristine Mann Library where Vijay works; he will help coordinate the visit

Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Manny and everyone was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3pm.

Prepared by **Madellen Garcia, Secretary**

Edited by **Fred Gitner, Treasurer**