



The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking

Connecticut - Massachusetts - New Jersey - New York- Pennsylvania - Rhode Island

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

20th Annual Joint Mini-Conference

Friday, June 14, 2024, 11am – 4pm

Bronx Library Center, New York Public Library

310 East Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10458

Deadline for Proposals: Friday, April 26, 2024

The Joint Mini-Conference (JMC) brings together presenters from the National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCos): the American Indian Library Association (AILA); the Asian Pacific American Librarians Associations (APALA); the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA); the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA); and REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking.

The Joint Mini-Conference has traditionally been a free, full-day event open to librarians, library staff, and others as an opportunity to network and exchange information about library services, collections, and projects that serve newcomers and underserved populations in our communities.

Since the events that sparked a racial awakening in the U.S. in 2020, libraries have focused more on creating welcoming and inclusive spaces, advocating for equitable access to information, fostering civic participation and economic opportunity, and ensuring literacy and lifelong learning. This year's theme, "**The Power of 'Welcome!': Strategies for Maximizing Libraries as a Place for Everyone,**" aims to highlight what libraries around the country have been doing to engage communities of color, advocate for greater equity, and combat racism and xenophobia through library programming, outreach, and collections.

Presenters are encouraged to describe, from their own perspective, ways in which their work has successfully:

- Engaged communities of color through programming, outreach, partnerships, or by providing services that support and empower communities of color
- Provided collections and programs that connect more deeply with Black, Latino, Asian, Indigenous, and other communities of color, and which accurately and authentically reflect the cultural perspectives of these diverse communities

- Created an inclusive library by increasing outreach and engagement to under-served populations and actively engaging with members of these populations
- Expanded awareness and adherence to a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive workplace by engaging in more intentional recruitment and development of employees from underrepresented groups
- Promoted training opportunities for library personnel that give them the skills needed to provide effective services to diverse populations

PRESENTATION FORMAT:

- ➔ The Joint Mini-Conference program will be held from 11am-4pm.
- ➔ Presentations will run approximately 25 minutes each, followed by a 5-minute question-and-answer period. Times will be finalized once the conference schedule is completed.
- ➔ Presenters may use slide decks and/or video clips during their presentations.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Proposals, presentations, and papers must be written and delivered in English and should include:

1. Title of the presentation
2. Name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information (including a valid email address) for each presenter
3. Abstract of 300-500 words
4. A short biographical profile of each presenter and a professional photograph for public relations and publication on the Joint Mini-Conference (JMC) website and other conference-related materials.
5. Presenters should share their presentations with the Committee so they can be published on the RNE website. We would like to invite you to view previous presentations listed on the RNE website by visiting the following link for past [Joint Mini-Conferences](#).
6. Proposals should be submitted electronically (as a single Microsoft Word or Google document shift attachment) to reformane@gmail.com.
7. Please include the subject heading: 2024 Joint Mini-Conference Proposal

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS IS FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024.
RESPONSES TO PROPOSALS WILL BE MADE BY FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024.**

Please direct any questions to the Louis Muñoz Jr., JMC Chair, at reformane@gmail.com and louismunoz@yahoo.com, Subject “JMC 2024.”

Thank you and wishing you well,
Louis Muñoz Jr, RNE President and JMC Chair



REFORMA Northeast Chapter – 20th Annual Joint Mini-Conference Committee