BRLA/TLA/REFORMA Fall Conference
Saturday, November 14, 2026
El Paso Community College
Mission del Paso Campus
10700 Gateway Blvd. East
El Paso, TX 79927
8:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Agenda Overview:

8:00-8:30: Registration/Breakfast
8:30-9:00 Welcome Remarks & TLA updates
9:00 -9:50 Keynote Speaker: Dr. Azuri Gonzalez, EdD/University of Texas at El Paso
9:50-10:00: Break
10:00-11:00 4 Workshops (Concurrent)
11:00-11:10: Break
11:10-11:40 4 Workshops (Concurrent)
11:40-11:50 Break
11:50-12:10 TLA District 6 Business Meeting
12:10- 1:45 Lunch

· Dewey or Don't We? (Library Trivia) (Marcy Sparks/SISD and Becky Calderon/EPPL)
· Raffle
· SB 13: The One-Year Checkup
-Marcy Sparks/SISD, Carolyn Del Rio/SISD & Katherine Harrison/EPISD

Workshops Offered:

- Challenge Yourself@the Library – Carolyn del Rio/SISD
- Enhance Your LibGuides with HTML and CSS – Leonardo Alferez/EPCC
- Library Advocacy Made Easy – Kara Baker/SISD
- Lions, Literacy & Low Budget Magic: A Staff Book Club That Works – Olga Elbancol/SISD
- Mindful Manga: Choosing the Right Fit for Your Audience – Maria Nunez/SISD
- Morally Injured: Is it Time to Leave Your Beloved Community – Angelica Garcia-Hughes/NMSU
- The Next Chapter: Giving Weeded Books New Life as Ornaments – Cristina Bustillos/SISD
- Recess with Purpose: Supporting Student Choice and Engagement – Liliana Herrera/SISD & Janahy Velarde/SISD

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Azuri L. Gonzalez, EdD

Dr. Azuri L. González is a higher education leader with nearly 25 years of experience advancing institutional partnerships, community engagement, and collaborative initiatives that expand educational opportunity. She serves as Executive Director of the Alliance of Hispanic Serving Research Universities, a national network of 23 research universities, and as UT Regents' Endowed Distinguished Director and Director of Partnerships and Operations for the Diana Natalicio Institute for Hispanic Student Success at The University of Texas at El Paso. Throughout her career, Dr. González has worked across educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and community networks to mobilize collective efforts around shared priorities. Her experience includes leading community-based collective impact initiatives, developing cross-sector partnerships, and building multi-institutional collaborations that leverage shared expertise, resources, and relationships. She has served as principal investigator or co-principal investigator on more than $30 million in federally funded initiatives, including National Science Foundation-supported efforts to strengthen graduate education pathways for students from low-income backgrounds. Her work reflects a longstanding commitment to strengthening institutions and the communities they serve through purposeful collaboration and collective action.

A graduate of the Socorro Independent School District in El Paso, Dr. González holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Political Science and a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Leadership and Administration, all from The University of Texas at El Paso. Her leadership and community contributions have been recognized through honors including the University of Texas System Outstanding Employee Award, El Paso Inc.'s Women of Impact, and the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Hispanos Triunfadores.