



## Greetings from New Members Round Table, NMRT

We are gearing up to **Recover, Rebalance and Reconnect** at the TLA Annual Conference in Fort Worth, TX on April 25-28, 2022. NMRT wants to connect with you before then. We also want to introduce our current officers and let you know about our exciting programs we have planned.

### You are invited to join our First Online Social on August 12<sup>TH</sup>



**Time:** 7 p.m. CST Thursday evening August 12th, 2021

**Why:** connecting with NMRT officers and other TLA members

**What:** 1) games 2) [NMRT programs](#) for this year and the conference 3) up to **\$500 Professional Development Stipend** to help you attend TLA 2022!

**Mark your calendar:** **Dec. 2**, *Mentoring with other experienced TLA librarians*; **Feb. 10**, *Electing new officers for 2022-2023*; **April 26**, *In*

*Person Social during the TLA Annual Conference at Fort Worth, TX.*

*A Zoom link will be sent via email on the day of our Social as a friendly reminder*

**We look forward to meeting you at our Online Socials! Spread the Words!!**

## Introducing 2021-2022 NMRT Officers



**Maggie Hernandez** is the Chair for NMRT. She serves as the librarian at Antonian College Preparatory High School. She achieved her MLIS from UT Austin and has been a librarian for 30 years both as a school librarian and an academic librarian. She made the cut as a member of TLA Tall Texans Class 2021. Maggie credits TLA for providing new opportunities to grow professionally, improving leadership skills, and enlarging her sphere of influence.

**Maren Metzner** is presently the Past Chair for NMRT. She has served as the Chair and Secretary/Treasurer for NMRT. TLA provides an opportunity for her to learn about new trends in the library industry, network with librarians across many disciplines, and develop new leadership skills.

**Morgan Briles** currently holds office as the Secretary/Treasurer for NMRT. She is the Collection Development Librarian at Stephen F. Austin State University. She also has experience working for a library vendor and in a public library. TLA has been a great opportunity for developing leadership skills and networking since she is new to the state of Texas.

**Linta Kunnathuparambil** is the current Web Administrator for NMRT. She has over six years of professional experience in the digital libraries and digital initiatives working primarily in special libraries. Linta is a recent graduate of the MLIS program from San Jose State University. She is also new to Texas, having moved to Houston from Los Angeles recently. TLA has been a platform for her to connect with other librarians and develop leadership skills.

**Latasha Patterson** is the current Newsletter Editor for NMRT. She is the assistant manager at the Smith Neighborhood library which is a branch of the Houston Public Library system. She is currently pursuing an MLA degree at Texas Woman's University. TLA offers her a chance to network, develop leadership skills, and learn more about librarianship.

**Inspired to get involved with NMRT or TLA? Complete this [Volunteer Interest Form](#)**



If you would like us to give a shout outs for your professional achievements or would like to share some Tips and Tricks to mentor new TLA librarians, Please complete this [Form](#) for us to publish them on our Monthly Newsletter.

### Bonus News - Scholarship to Attend the REFORMA National Conference Virtually



The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) is pleased to announce a new opportunity for bilingual library staff at public libraries to virtually attend the **REFORMA National Conference**

scheduled for November 4-7, 2021. The scholarship will fund REFORMA National conference registration and include participation in the REFORMA pre-conference Leadership Institute. TSLAC's REFORMA Scholarship will fund 15 time-sensitive scholarships of up to \$400 to bilingual library staff at public libraries providing services to Spanish-speaking communities to attend the 2021 REFORMA National Conference.

Applications open on Friday, July 9, 2021, and will close on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. For more information please visit <https://www.reformaconference.org>

