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 12th

**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