

### Meeting at the Crossroads in Fabulous Las Vegas!

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The Members-at-Large are busy making plans for the 2007 Mini Conference that will be held in Las Vegas, New Mexico at Highlands University on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Our conference theme is Meeting at the Crossroads, and we hope you will make plans to meet us at the crossroads in beautiful and historic Las Vegas for two days of learning, networking, and fun.

#### Mini Conference Call for Programs

Today, we are calling on YOU to make this conference successful! We need your ideas for programs. We are currently soliciting programs for the conference. Applications for the conference are available on the NMLA website and the Mini Conference blog at: <http://nmlamini.blogspot.com/>.



Our new extended format will allow more programming slots and time to share more great ideas and information, so please consider submitting programming. **The absolute final deadline for receiving program submissions is August 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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### PAC Created to Push for 2008 Library Bond Issue

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Joe Sabatini, Co-Chair, NMLA Legislation Committee

The library community is once again gearing up to place a library bond issue on the 2008 New Mexico general election ballot. Librarians at the May 11th Legislation Committee meeting agreed on the necessity of seeking bond funding once again to supplement local budgets. The NMLA Board budgeted funds to help establish a political action committee. David Giltrow and Ben Wakashige volunteered to be co-chairs of the committee, and Linda O'Connell volunteered to be the Treasurer. The committee will be called BONDS FOR LIBRARIES 2008. We are in the process of registering the group with the Secretary of State, obtaining a Post Office box and establishing a bank account. A contract is being completed to have Devon Skeelee develop a campaign website. The Legislation Committee is reviewing the bill texts for the 2002, 2004 and 2006 state bond legislation, and seeks input about improving the bill language about purposes, allocation and distribution of bond money.

During June, constituent groups have met or done

work on bond issue questions. Cynthia Shetter presented a resolution to one of the policy committees of the New Mexico Municipal League in support of placing a library bond issue on the 2008 ballot. Stephanie Eagle and Margo Lamb, ASL-SIG Legislative Committee co-chairs developed some ideas and questions about school library support. At a meeting of the Legislation Committee of the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries, Senator Pete Campos was asked to request a Legislative Council Service draft for a 2008 library bond issue. Tribal library legislation was considered at the NALSIG meeting on June 14th.

Now is the time for librarians and library supporters to contact their local legislators to request their support for a library bond issue. It is also appropriate to advise library friends groups of the need to support the bond campaign financially. As the Bonds for Libraries 2008 Committee gets organized, it will provide more detailed information about our proposal.

For additional information or questions, contact Joe Sabatini, [jsabatin@osogrande.com](mailto:jsabatin@osogrande.com) ; Ben Wakashige,

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## New Mexico Library Foundation

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### WE WANT TO GIVE YOU MONEY FOR BOOKS!

Is your library a public library, or a school library that serves as the community public library?

Do you serve a population of 10,000 people or less?

Is your library rural?

(Over 30 miles from Albuquerque, Farmington, Las Cruces, Rio Rancho, Roswell, or Santa Fe)

Does your library have a budget less than \$150,000 annually?

Is your library interested in purchasing up to \$1050 in children's books?

If your answer to these questions is "YES", you may be eligible for a Libri Grant in partnership with the New Mexico Library Foundation. Here's how to apply:

**Step 1:** Fill out the Libri Grant – a fairly simple grant application. Visit this website for more information:

<http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html>

The online application is found here:

<http://www.librifoundation.org/LibriForm1.html>

**Step 2:** In section VI of the application, fill out the form stating the New Mexico Library Foundation will be your local sponsor and will contribute \$350.

**Step 3:** Send the grant and wait for notification from the Libri Foundation.

**Step 4:** Contact Valerie Nye at [vnye@csf.edu](mailto:vnye@csf.edu) or 505-473-6575 and request a New Mexico Library Foundation application.

**Step 5:** If you receive notification from the Libri Foundation, **immediately** send the New Mexico Library Foundation a grant application form indicating that you have received the Libri grant.

\$350 grants will be awarded to libraries on a first come, first serve basis. The New Mexico Library Foundation is committed to sponsoring 10 Libri Grants in 2007. The next deadline for this grant cycle is August 15, 2007.

Questions? Contact Valerie Nye at [vnye@csf.edu](mailto:vnye@csf.edu) or 505-473-6575.



Since 1992 the New Mexico Library Foundation has been a tax deductible foundation serving the libraries and library organizations of the state by providing grants and services. Your donations are welcome in your name or to honor another person. Make checks payable to "NMLF." For grant information, visit [www.nm-lf.org](http://www.nm-lf.org).

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## President's Message

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"Summertime and the living is easy" is how the song goes. But for those of you who work in one of the 113 public libraries here in New Mexico summertime is a beehive of activity with the summer reading program READiscover, special events and children just dropping in to spend an afternoon.

It is wonderful that we here in New Mexico can offer a wealth of programs to all of our citizens through the variety of libraries that we have in the state, from the biggest to the smallest, each provide a haven and a stimulating place for students of all ages to come and learn and relax.

Recently we had the NMLA board meeting at the new Rio Rancho public library. What an exciting place to be. With the beautiful setting it just seemed like an open invitation for all area residents to drop in and want to spend the afternoon.

The school libraries are taking a break now as they prepare for another school year. More and more statistics show that students who have an active school library are more successful in their studies. According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, there are over 1000 school libraries in our state. <http://nces.ed.gov/>

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The 35 academic libraries in the state continue to serve the needs of not only the students enrolled in classes at their institution, but are open for faculty and residents who also want to pursue academic interests.

***Libraries have long been the cornerstone to life long learning.***

It was wonderful hearing Garrison Keillor at the American Library Association conference in Washington D.C. sing praises to libraries. He asked, "Where else would you want to go to find a place to write?" As a child, it was not only his sanctuary but also where the world opened up to him outside of his rural town, better known as Lake Wobegone.

Librarians, clap your hands for all the wonderful work that you do for the residents of New Mexico and throughout our wonderful country. There is not a better time to celebrate our profession than now as our country turns 231 years old and we once more take heart in our Bill of Rights lauding the freedom we have celebrated in its words.

Louise Hoffmann

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## A Warm Welcome to our New Members!

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Angela Abbate  
Patricia Bogardus  
Susan Daves  
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Betty Martin  
Denis Roark  
Sara Sabol  
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## A Special Thanks to Our Sustaining Members!

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These members give extra each year because they believe in NMLA.  
Thank you, sustaining members! Your confidence is contagious!

Alison Almquist  
Susan Daves  
Nancy Dennis  
Elizabeth Rhine Egelhoff

Martha Harris  
Clyde Henderson  
Michael Puella  
Kathleen Puffer

Susan Sheldon  
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## People News

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Albuquerque—Linda Morgan Davis, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System was a co-presenter of a poster at the 19th International Union for Health Promotion and Education Conference held in Vancouver, British Columbia June 10-15. There were more than 4,500 attendees from around the world. The poster, *Increasing eHealth Access in Rural American Indian Communities* outlines work with American Indian communities in New Mexico and builds on grants received from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region (NN/LM SCR). The primary investigator for this grant work and co-presenter is Louis J. Lafrado, L&D Associates Consulting Group Rio Rancho, NM.

Gallup—The Octavia Fellin Public Library has a new Youth Services Librarian, Janelle Valera, who replaces Priscilla Diaz. Her previous experience includes the Houston Public Library System and St. Anthony Indian School. She is enthusiastic about getting new programs started at the Octavia Fellin Children's Library, which is located a block from the main library. She and her staff started the summer reading program with a carnival in the plaza next to the library. She has continued with programs each week, with her small staff of three other people. We welcome her to our library and hope she may get acquainted with all the other creative children's librarians in New Mexico.

Santa Fe—Welcome the new State Librarian, Susan Oberlander. Oberlander has been appointed New Mexico's new State Librarian by Stuart Ashman, Secretary of the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Oberlander has been a utility economist with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission since 2000. She was the Director of Libraries and the Library Technology degree program at Northern New Mexico Community College for 14 years, 1978-1992. Oberlander holds a Master of Library Science from the University of Oklahoma, as well as a doctorate from the School of Information Management and Systems at the University of California – Berkeley.

“The State Library's mission – to provide leadership that empowers libraries to support the educational, economic, and health goals of their communities – is both facilitated and complicated by the digital age,” said Oberlander. “I look forward to becoming the State Librarian for New Mexico in this exciting technological time.”

Oberlander replaces Richard Akeroyd, who resigned his position in April after serving as State Librarian since August 2003. She assumes her responsibilities on July 2.

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## Book Reviews

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Submitted by Valerie Nye, College of Santa Fe

Anaya, Rudolfo. *The First Tortilla: A Bilingual Story*. University of New Mexico Press. 2007. p 32. 978-0-8263-4214-0. \$16.95.

Everyone who attended Rudolfo Anaya's luncheon at the NMLA conference this spring will know he is passionate about children and literacy. Children, parents, and librarians won't want to miss Anaya's latest children's book beautifully illustrated by Amy Córdova. The story, written in English and Spanish, tells of a little girl who (with the help of a hummingbird, ant, and the Mountain Spirit) grows corn and makes the first corn tortillas. Highly recommended for public and elementary school libraries.

Varjabedian, Craig with Robin Jones. *Four & Twenty Photographs: Stories from Behind the Lens*. University of New Mexico Press. 2007. p 136. 978-0-8263-4094-8. \$29.95.

Varjabedian is a resident of New Mexico, holds an MFA in Photography from the Rochester Institute of Technology, and directs the New Mexico Photography Field School in Santa Fe. His newest book of photographs is primarily of New Mexico (but there are a few images of Montana, Wyoming, and Utah). While some artists believe their work should speak for itself, Varjabedian generously shares the stories behind 24 of his photographs. Varjabedian's words add an unexpected depth to each image. Unfortunately, this beautiful book is only available in paperback. Patrons interested in New Mexico photography will not leave this book on the shelf. Highly recommended for New Mexico public libraries.

## Library News

### BIG READ COMES TO LAS CRUCES

The New Mexico State University Library in Las Cruces has been awarded a \$10,000 grant by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to present a Big Read festival to be held in Doña Ana County this fall.

The Big Read is a national initiative of the NEA, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest, that encourages reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss books. Big Read grants were awarded to 117 communities nationwide this spring.

The month-long Doña Ana County festival will feature a variety of programming and activities for all ages, promoting the community-wide reading of the novel **Bless Me, Última** by New Mexican author Rudolfo Anaya.

The Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, the libraries of the Las Cruces Public Schools, the Doña Ana Arts Council, the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico and many more community partners will sponsor book discussion groups, programs, contests and other events related to **Bless Me, Última**.

Project director Mardi Mahaffy, the Humanities Librarian at the NMSU Library said, "We are excited to join together in encouraging everyone to celebrate Anaya's classic novel. The festival will bring local families together toward a common goal of reading. And it will be a lot of fun!"

For more information on the Big Read, please contact

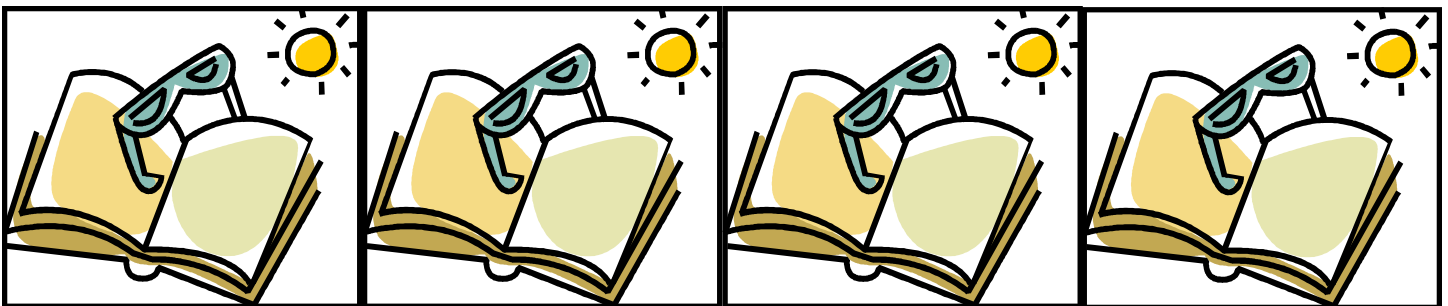
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### FIRE RECOVERY CONTINUES AT ZIMMERMAN LIBRARY

Linda K. Lewis  
Collection Development, UNM Libraries

At last, we are beginning the physical rebuilding of the Zimmerman Library basement at the University of New Mexico. After the fire in April, 2006, the entire basement was gutted; it looked like a parking garage with cement and nothing else. Now we have the sound of drills; half of the parking lot on our north side is full of construction trucks, cranes and supplies; and people in hard-hats are back. It's noisy, and we love the sound of progress.

Britton Construction, Inc. is the general contractor of this phase. The projected completion date for the construction is October 2007. After that, we coordinate moving back in. We have library employees displaced to other library buildings who will finally move into their new offices. And most challenging, we have about 18 semi-truck loads of materials to return to the basement--about 100,000 volumes of journals and 200+ microform cabinets. We plan to re-open for the spring semester. For more current status reports see <http://elibrary.unm.edu/ziminfo.php>.



## Graduate and Undergraduate Online Library Courses This Fall

It's not too early to sign up for convenient online courses starting in August and October!

New Mexico State University will be offering the popular course:

EMD 411/511 **Foundations for School Library Specialists**, which covers elements of librarianship, introduction to the history, purpose and role of the school library, and gives an overview of current issues and legislation affecting school libraries. This online course is 3 credits and runs from August 22 – December 14.

In addition, NMSU - Doña Ana Community College will also be offering several 3 credit, 8 week courses online:

### Courses Scheduled Aug. 22 – Oct. 12:

L SC 100	Introduction to Library and Information Services
L SC 111	Introduction to Information Literacy
L SC 120	Introduction to Cataloging
L SC 130	Introduction to Technical Services
L SC 150	Library Services for Children and Young Adults

### Courses Scheduled Oct. 15 – Dec. 14:

L SC 100	Introduction to Library and Information Services
L SC 111	Introduction to Information Literacy
L SC 160	Introduction to Public Services
L SC 202	Academic Libraries – <b>NEW COURSE!!</b>
L SC 210	Computer Applications in Libraries and Information Centers

There is also a great line up of **new one credit courses**, which are 4 weeks in length and require no textbook:

L SC 234	Libraries, Access and Intellectual Freedom (September 4-28)
L SC 233	Library Privacy and Confidentiality (October 1-26)
L SC 261	U.S. Government Documents (October 1-26)

L SC 145 Marketing Your Library (November 1-30)


L SC 262 State and Local Documents (November 1-30)

You're welcome to take one class or several!! Non-degree seeking students who desire single classes for professional development or for the state Library Media Specialist Endorsement are always welcome; however, students may also choose to complete coursework leading to an Associates Degree in Library Science or a Certificate of Completion in Library Science.

It's easy to be admitted and enroll in our reasonably priced online courses. For further information, please visit us online at: <http://dacc.nmsu.edu/bis/libtec> or contact: Susan Pinkerton at 505-527-7567 or 1-800-903-7503, ext. 7567 or [spinkert@nmsu.edu](mailto:spinkert@nmsu.edu)

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**NMLA 2007 Calendar**

**July 11**—NMLA Intellectual Freedom Committee Meeting, Socorro

**August 15**—Deadline to submit Mini-Conference program proposals

**September 4**—Deadline for articles and advertising for NMLA Newsletter

**September (date TBD)** - Advocacy for School Libraries 5th Annual School Librarian Fall Workshop

**October 5**—NMLA Board Reports Due

**October 11**—NMLA Board Meeting, Las Vegas

**October 11-12**—NMLA Mini Conference, Las Vegas

**November 1**—Deadline for articles and advertising for NMLA Newsletter

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