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## 2009 Legislative Session to Consider Several Library Proposals

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By Joe Sabatini, Co-Chair,  
NMLA Legislation Committee

The 2009 New Mexico Legislature will have plenty of opportunities to support libraries during its 60-day session beginning January 20th. One priority for the New Mexico Library Association is an increase in state grants-in-aid to public libraries. Our request was to increase state aid to the level which was distributed in 2001. The amount requested is \$681,002, which takes into account increases in the number of libraries, media prices and inflation. Cynthia Shetter and Joe Sabatini presented this proposal to the Legislative Finance Committee on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Rep. Joani Gutierrez and Sen. Carroll Lovell will be the primary sponsors.

On November 20th, Omar Durant made a presentation to the Legislative Education Study Committee about the need to fund the School Library Materials Act, and to move a million dollars in funding from capital outlay to the general fund budget.

As details become available on these bills and other library legislation, they will be reported on the NMLA e-list. Don't miss out on this important information; get on this list by sending a request to [admin@nmla.org](mailto:admin@nmla.org).

**NMLA Library Legislative Day** was Friday, January 30th. Watch for reports on the webpage and the listserv.

The day begins with an orientation session at the Santa Fe Public Library Main Library, 145 Washington St., one block north of the Santa Fe Plaza. Presenters from the Legislation Committee were to review pending library legislation, and describe how to visit with legislators. House and Senate sessions began at 10:00 am. During the opening ceremonies in each chamber, several librarians were to be seated on the dais and introduced by Senator Dede Feldman and Representative Ed Sandoval. Participants then visited legislative offices and shared their concerns with their legislators. Librarians should encourage their board members, friends and constituents to join in this important demonstration of support for improved libraries statewide.

## Sharing Ideas, Building Communities NMLA Annual Conference

Dan Kammer  
NMLA Vice-President

The 2009 NMLA Annual Conference will take place April 22 - 24 (Wednesday through Friday) at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

A wide-variety of programming with your choice of seven to nine programs per time slot! To see the tentative "schedule-at-a-glance," please see the conference website at <http://nmlaconference.org/>. Here are some of the highlights:

Pre-Conference Sessions on Wednesday, April 22nd:

- ◆ "Can Libraries Be Like Soap?" presented by Mary Evangeliste of "Fearless Future" and with Yvonne Mery.
- ◆ Copyright Essentials, Increase Your Knowledge and Decrease Your Fear," presented by Norice Lee and Cindy Pierard of NMSU Libraries.
- ◆ "Hands-On Blogging," presented by Tina Glatz of Las Cruces Public Schools and the Dona Ana Community College Library Science Program.
- ◆ "Practical Audio-Visual Cataloging: A Crash Course in Non-Book Formats," presented by Rebecca Lubas of UNM Libraries.
- ◆ "Spaces for People, Places for Books," presented by Tish Murphy of Solution Source.

Keynote Speakers are Toni Garvey, Director of the Phoenix Public Library, and Michael Stephens, Library Science Professor at Dominican University and "Tame the Web" blogger at <http://tametheweb.com>

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## NMLA Conference 2009

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Featured Speakers will be Cassandra Barnett (NBCT, AASL President-Elect), Carolee Dean (Local Author), Mary Evangeliste (Fearless Future), William Dunmire (Local Author and Historian), John Helmer (Executive Director of the Orbis-Cascade Alliance), Ann Mason (Texshare Coordinator at the Texas State Library & Archives), and Neal Shusterman (Local Author).

The Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday Evening (April 23rd).

Youth Services Luncheon features Neal Shusterman as speaker.

Roundtable Sessions will be held for Academic, Public, and School Libraries, with panel discussion on Statewide Resource Sharing.

Committee and Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings - Get Involved!!

The Opening Reception is on Wednesday Evening from 5:30 to 7:00 in the Vendor Hall and will feature Local Authors!

Other details include:

### Wednesday

1:00-4:00 NMLA Board Meeting

### Thursday

8:00 Registration and Exhibit Area Open

9:00 - 10:00 Keynote

11:15 - Noon NMARL and SIG Meetings

Noon - 1:30 NMLA Business Meeting, NMCAL

Lunch

Awards Dinner (Time and location TBD)

### Friday

7:15 - 8:15 Amigos Breakfast

9:30 - 10:30 Keynote Address

Noon - 1:30 Youth Literature Lunch

Afternoon Round table discussions

Details will be available on the conference website; keep checking for exact titles and information panel discussions and reservations.

Networking and Fun!

Registration for the conference and for the conference hotel, the Hyatt Regency, on the conference website

at <http://nmlaconference.org>. Further details are also available at that website. For those of you who might like to take this opportunity for a train ride, the RailRunner station is only two blocks south of the Convention Center.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Dan Kammer at [dkammer@nmsu.edu](mailto:dkammer@nmsu.edu) or 575-439-3806. We hope to see you in Albuquerque!

*(Editor's Note: The above information is preliminary and subject to change. Please check the website for the latest information. See additional article, page )*

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Would you like to get to know one of your colleagues better and also help them out at the same time? If you live in or near Albuquerque, please consider opening your home for a few days to host a librarian from another part of the state during this year's NMLA Annual Conference, which will be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center April 22-24. In this time of economic turmoil and tight budgets, your hospitality may make conference attendance possible for one of your colleagues who wouldn't otherwise be able to participate. If interested in being a host, please complete and submit the attached to Ruth Krug at [alinda@cnm.com](mailto:alinda@cnm.com) as soon as possible but no later than February 15th. A call will be sent out for those who will be in need of a place to stay during the conference, and hosts will be paired up with guests. Questions? Call Ruth at (505) 224-3276.

## Edgewood Community Library

After 17 years as an all volunteer library, the Edgewood Community Library was taken over by the Town of Edgewood and has moved from its old location at 1950B Pioneer Park Road to #95 Hwy 344 North, Edgewood, NM 87015. The new library now has a paid director, Ms Peggy Martinez, who has an MLS. She moved to New Mexico from Plano, Texas, to take the position.

The Grand Re-Opening took place on Saturday, January 10, with the mayor welcoming state representatives and other guests, including NASA Astronaut Michael Mul-lane, who held a book signing and briefing on his experiences as an astronaut. All of the volunteers were honored with Certificates of Appreciation and the ribbon cutting was a complete success. The new library now has 12 public access computers with internet and free WiFi, new shelving, a children's area, and a study area, and a conference room.

In addition, Edgewood now has a Library Advisory Board in place. The Board is in the process of hiring an assistant director who is expected to be in place in February. The main phone number remains the same at 505-281-0138; the new Fax number is 505-286-9107. The library e-mail address is [pmartinez@edgewood-nm.gov](mailto:pmartinez@edgewood-nm.gov).

## Annual Conference

### Support the Exhibitors at the NMLA Conference!

*Lorie Christian, NMLA Administrator*

These are strange economic times for all of us. That is why I encourage you to visit the Exhibitors at our Annual Conference in April and spend some money!

I spoke with a few of our former vendors who have said that New Mexico just doesn't send enough librarians who have purchasing influence to the conference and, if they are at the conference, they aren't spending time in the exhibit area. These vendors cannot justify, economically, attending our conference. I understand, since NMLA is a volunteer organization and our budget dictates what we can do for the librarians of New Mexico.


That started me thinking about what we can do to support those who join us each year. I went back over the last two years of evaluation forms from the vendors. One comment was repeated both years -- "no traffic". Last year we had the opening reception in the exhibit hall and the vendor feedback was positive. They had wonderful comments about how busy the hall was during

that time, but negative comments about exhibit hall traffic the rest of the conference.

I spoke with Stop Falling Productions (they sell the library shirts and earrings) at Midwinter. I asked if they hadn't received the exhibitor registration information for our conference since I hadn't received anything from them. I was told that they have a hard time breaking even at our conference because of travel and lodging costs, much less our space fees. I asked them to consider attending this year and that I would love to follow-up regarding how they did and any suggestions they could give us. I hope they decide to join us, and if they do, I'll buy a shirt.

I always get comments from attendees that there aren't enough vendors. Believe me I try to get a wide variety of vendors to attend. The fees vendors pay help keep other costs down so we don't have to charge attendance so much. However, if people aren't visiting them,

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## Publishing News

### Library Publishes World War II Correspondence Of NMSU Dean

*(Submitted by Jeanette Smith, NMSU)*

During World War II, New Mexico State University Dean Daniel Jett carried on a personal correspondence with hundreds of his former students. The letters have now been compiled into a book, *The Whole Damned World: New Mexico Aggies at War: 1941-1945: World War II Correspondence of Dean Daniel B. Jett* (NMSU Library; Rio Grande Books, 2008).

The book is available from Rio Grande Books. Call (505) 344-9382, email [info@nmsantos.com](mailto:info@nmsantos.com) or visit <http://www.nmsantos.com>.

The correspondence was edited by University Archivist Martha Shipman Andrews with an introduction by Richard A. Melzer, a history professor at the University of New Mexico Valencia campus. The book was published by the NMSU Library in collaboration with Rio Grande Books.

From 1938 to 1947, Dean Jett was the Dean of Engineering at what was known then as the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts (later NMSU). During the war years, Jett composed class newsletters and wrote scores of letters to each of the men and women of the School of Engineering who served overseas or state-side.

Jett's energy and enthusiasm boosted morale among those serving as soldiers or nurses, as well as those at home fighting to keep the school going during hard times.

His students wrote to him as well. These letters provide indelible insights into the lives of young men and women involved in cataclysmic world events. They also reveal nostalgia for the college, infused with hope for returning to school when the war ended.

Andrews said, "The sixteen million Americans who served in World War II sometimes felt themselves to be nameless cogs in the vast war machine. The poet Randall Jarrell referred to them as 'killable puppets.' By corresponding with more than a thousand former NMCA & MA students scattered throughout the world during this terrible period, Dean Jett helped to reaffirm the individuality and worth of these young men and women.



*Martha Andrews holds a copy of *The Whole Damned World* which she edited. It was released in December from the NMSU Library and Rio Grande Books.*

Sixty-five years later through his remarkable kindness and concern, the sacrifices, fears, hopes, humor and sorrow of those young people come to life through their letters. We feel privileged to house these indelible glimpses into the lives of New Mexico's 'greatest generation' in the University Archives."

For more information, contact Andrews at 575-646-5028 or email [mandrews@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:mandrews@lib.nmsu.edu).

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learning about their products, making purchases, and showing appreciation for their attending, this support may disappear.

Let's show our support to the vendors! Thank them for joining us. Ask questions about their products or services. Buy something Thursday or Friday from those who have inventory with them. Bring a friend (you do not have to be a conference attendee to go in the exhibit hall) and encourage "shopping". Most of all, thank them for being there in these hard economic times -- their presence helps underwrite costs for the whole conference.

## Library News

### Joe Sabatini Retired in December

*(This article is revised from an article prepared by Joanne Jones for the January 2009 issue of the Albuquerque Genealogical Society Quarterly.)*

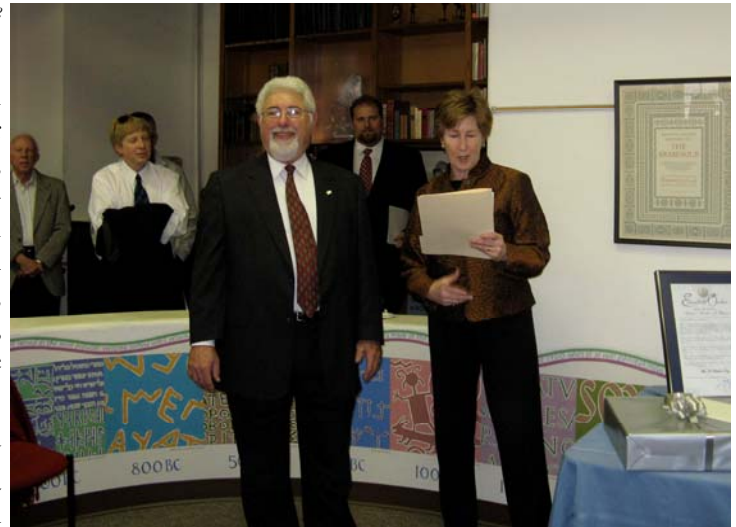
Over 150 librarians, historians, genealogists, and friends gathered for a celebration on December 4<sup>th</sup> in honor of Joe Sabatini, Manager of the Special Collections Library, who retired on December 6, 2008. His career at the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System lasted 35 years and nine months. In honor of his service, Sabatini was presented with a number of plaques from the Library System staff, Mayor Martin Chavez, the Albuquerque Historical Society, the Albuquerque City Council, and the New Mexico State Senate.

A "war baby" born in Bronx, New York, Joe grew up in Los Angeles, California. He came to New Mexico as a VISTA Volunteer in 1966, after receiving a B.A. in Political Science in 1964, and a Master's Degree in Library Science in 1965 from the University of California at Los Angeles. He worked for five years at the Law School Library at the University of New Mexico, developing a collection in American Indian Law. He began working for the Public Library as Head of Reference when Special Collections was still the Main Library.

In February 1975 he helped to plan and execute the main library's move to its new location downtown at Fifth and Copper, a building five times larger than Old Main. In 1980, Sabatini was promoted to Head of Main Library, a position he held until June 2000, when he was assigned to be the branch manager at Special Collections. In his eight years at Special Collections, he has had the opportunity to build upon the work of outstanding predecessors, particularly Katherine MacMahon and Laurel Drew, who developed the New Mexicana and genealogy collections.

When Special Collections opened in 1978, the basic genealogy collection and the reference desk were in the West Room, and the librarian issued passes to use the research materials in the stacks. One of Joe's major tasks has been to move the reference desk to its current location in the main reading room. He also opened the genealogy stacks to public access, merged the West Room and stacks genealogy collection into one Dewey decimal classification sequence, and replaced the card catalog with listings in the library system online catalog. He worked to get a state legislative capital outlay appropriation to replace aging microfilm reader-printers with state-of-the-art equipment.

In his eight years at Special Collections, Joe made



Julia Clark reads from a proclamation by Mayor Martin Chavez during the December 4<sup>th</sup> retirement ceremony of Joe Sabatini.

the library an important resource center in the celebration of Albuquerque's Tricentennial. He also initiated the celebration of the Centennial of the Albuquerque Public Library in 2001, creating an historical exhibit that is on display in the New Mexicana Room.

One of the most interesting exhibits Joe participated in developing was "Ernie Pyle, America's Best Loved Reporter." Pyle was a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and Albuquerque resident, who lost his life while on the job in 1945. The heirs of the Pyle estate bequeathed his home on Girard to the City of Albuquerque to be used as a memorial and branch library, which opened in 1948. The personal papers from the home were organized and stored at Special Collections. Volunteers are presently working on a finding list for the more than 1,300 items in the Pyle Collection.

He was NMLA President in 1979-80 and is an Honorary Life Member of the Association. After his retirement, Joe expects to continue with the Legislation Committee of the New Mexico Library Association, on which he has been active since 1968. He will also stay active in the Albuquerque Historical Society and in his local neighborhood association. He plans to give talks on Albuquerque history topics and will enjoy leisure hours by gardening, bicycling, and traveling throughout New Mexico. neighborhood association. He plans to give talks on Albuquerque history topics and will enjoy leisure hours by gardening, bicycling, and traveling throughout New Mexico.

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## Columns

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### THE UN-COMFORT ZONE

with Robert Wilson

#### Deadlines Work

As I sit here writing this column against the deadline, I'm reminded of my days as a young advertising copywriter when I occasionally needed a deadline as motivation to finish a boring project. The deadline did more than motivate me to finish -- more often than not, it was what finally stimulated enough creative thinking to move me forward -- in other words, it motivated me to think outside of the box.

"Thinking outside of the box." Boy, has that phrase become overused. People are so often telling us that we need to think outside of the box that it has fallen into the realm of cliché. Never-the-less it is still true. Sometimes, however, we need to be put into a box first before we can think outside of it. A deadline is just such a box.

I used to believe that the more freedom I had, the more creative I could be. But it doesn't necessarily work that way. Ingenuity needs to be motivated by something, and if the desire to achieve isn't there, then an uncomfortable boundary may work.

Have you ever watched a man or a woman with one leg running a marathon or competing in downhill snow skiing? I have, and every time I'm deeply impressed because I have both of my legs and I can't do either one. I used to wonder why they were able to do so much more than me when I was the one born with the greater advantage. Now I can see that the difference is that they were challenged by a boundary and I wasn't. Some of them might even argue that they were the ones born with the greater advantage. Being unable to walk made them uncomfortable, and conquering their disability became a powerful motivating factor. They had to get out of that box!

Think of creativity as a prisoner trying to bust out of jail. When your resources and opportunities are limited you must become innovative. A good illustration of this is the World War II movie *The Great Escape*. It is an amazing tale of ingenuity. Men with little to work with escape from a German POW camp. In addition to digging three tunnels without shovels, they made hand drawn traveling documents and identification papers that looked authentic enough to pass for ones made on a printing press. Now that was a box to get out of!

I have enjoyed working for myself most of my adult life. People frequently tell me they wish they could be self-employed like I am. They say things like, "If I could just get one client then I could quit my job." My response is always

gauge payment staring you down at the end of the month to motivate you to get out and look for clients."

Everyone works under some kind of deadline. They force us to prioritize our responsibilities; they limit procrastination; and they help us achieve our work related goals. But we often lack them in our private lives. We are not given deadlines to accomplish our most important personal goals and without those boundaries procrastination can creep in and destroy our best intentions. The trick is to impose a deadline on yourself. But it has to have some teeth to work.

Here's how to do it: Write down your goal. Then set a reasonable date on which you can achieve it. Next, go to your bank or attorney and set up an escrow account. Now add the teeth -- put into the account an amount of money that will hurt to lose: \$1,000... \$10,000... \$100,000... you decide! Set it up so that if you haven't achieved your goal by the deadline then the funds go to a favorite charity... or make it even more motivating: let the funds go to your worst enemy!

Not ready to try that? Then try the buddy system. Pair up with a friend and each of you take responsibility to follow up on the other one. You can get together once a week and check on each other's progress. If goals aren't being met, then nag each other into the UnComfort Zone!

*Robert Evans Wilson, Jr. is a motivational speaker and humorist. He works with companies that want to be more competitive and with people who want to think like innovators. For more information on Robert's programs please visit [www.jumpstartyourmeeting.com](http://www.jumpstartyourmeeting.com).*

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### Call for Proposals

A call for proposals has gone out for the 2009 National Streams of language, Memory, and Lifeways Conference for Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums. The conference is to be held in Portland Oregon from October 19 to 22, 2009.

There are two ways in which to submit a proposal: online application through the conference website at [www.tribalconference.org](http://www.tribalconference.org); or download the application and mail a hard copy to:

Maryann Campbell, Tribal Programs Co-chair, Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Avenue, Portland, OR 97205.

The deadline is February 2, 2009.

## Opportunities

### ONLINE LIBRARY SCIENCE COURSES

Registration has started for ONLINE graduate and undergraduate courses in Library Science at New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College in Las Cruces. Sign up early so you don't miss out! Several 3 credit courses, only 8 weeks long, will be starting in January and March. All courses are offered **ONLINE!** There are also several short month long one credit courses, with no text required. We also have several new classes. For three credits, we are offering the new L SC 220, "Innovative Technology Applications in Libraries", where you will learn about blogs, wikis, social networking and so forth. For those interested in public libraries, we are offering a class we haven't offered in several years, L SC 201, "Public Libraries". Two of our one credit courses are also brand new: Boys and Books and Adult Spelling Bee.

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**Courses Scheduled March 10 – May 8:**

L SC 100 D02, D03 (CRN#26823, 26827)	Introduction to Library & Information Services
L SC 111 D02–D07 (CRN#26841,44,46,47,49,50)	Introduction to Information Literacy
L SC 140 D01, D02 (CRN#26851, 26852)	Multimedia Materials & Presentations in Libraries
L SC 203 D01 (CRN#26861)	School Library Media Specialist
L SC 250 D01 (CRN#26869)	Reference & Information Resources II
L SC 270 D01 (CRN#26880)	Library Science Capstone
L SC 275 D01 (CRN#26883)	Fundamentals of Library Science
EMD 414 M70 (CRN#24261)	Collection Mgt. & Development in School Libraries
EMD 514 M70 (CRN#24262)	Collection Mgt. & Development in School Libraries

**ONE (1) CREDIT COURSES** starting in February, March and April:

L SC 205 D01 (CRN#26862)	Preservation Basics for Libraries (February 2-27)
L SC 255 D01 (CRN#26870)	Special Topics: Boys and Books (February 2-27)
L SC 165 D01 (CRN#26854)	Interacting With the Public in Libraries (March 2-20)
L SC 168 D01 (CRN#26855)	Managing Library Volunteers (March 2-20)
L SC 145 D01 (CRN#26853)	Marketing Your Library (April 1-30)
L SC 255 D02 (CRN#26871)	Special Topics: Adult Spelling Bee (April 1-30)
L SC 255 D03 (CRN#26873)	Special Topics: Library Conference Internship (April 1-30)

**ONE – THREE (1-3) VARIABLE CREDIT COURSES** starting in January or March:

L SC 175 D01, D02 (CRN#26857, 26858)	Civic Involvement (requires community service)
L SC 221 D01, D02 (CRN#26864, 26865)	Cooperative Experience (requires work in a library setting)
L SC 222 D01, D02 (CRN#26866, 26867)	Cooperative Experience (requires work in a library setting)

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