Winner of 2010 Loleta D. Fyan Grant Announced

CHICAGO – Pamela MacKellar in partnership with the New Mexico State Library has been awarded the 2010 Loleta D. Fyan Grant for a proposal entitled "Online Management Course for New Library Directors in New Mexico." The project team will develop free online courses in management for new library directors without Masters in Library Science (MLS) degrees in local communities with 15,000 residents or less.

The course will help educate new library directors in acquiring the management skills necessary to pass the New Mexico Public Library Director Certification Exam. New Mexico Statutes require library directors in communities over 3,000 who do not have an MLS degree to become certified by passing a written examination. Currently, 76% of library directors in New Mexico do not have their MLS degree, and many have very little library experience.

"The committee of five voted independently and the MacKellar-New Mexico State Library received four of the highest weighted votes," said James Stewart, chair of the Fyan Grant jury. "This project will give a huge return on the investment for enhanced public library service."

This $5,000 grant, given annually on a competitive basis, is named for Loleta D. Fyan, an ALA past-president (1951-52), who provided funds for the American Library Association (ALA) in her will. The grant supports a project that will develop and/or improve public library services, will effect changes that are innovative and responsive to the future, and has potential for broader impact and application beyond a specific local need. Applicants can include, but are not limited to, local, regional or state libraries, associations or organizations, including ALA units, library schools or individuals.

For guidelines and a list of previous winners see: http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ors/orsawards/fyanloletad/fyanloletad.cfm.

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NMLA Election News

NMLA Nominations & Elections Committee Report April 2010

Ballots and bios were mailed out to NMLA members the beginning of the year. In March, the ballots were counted with the results as follows:

Vice-President/President-Elect: Mary Alice Tsosie
Secretary: Lynette Schurdevin
Members at Large: Mary Ellen Pellington, Mildred Walters
ALA/APA Councilor: Paulita Aguilar
Melanie Templet is now the PR Chairperson.
Interim treasurer will be Norice Lee.

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Cary G. Osborne
Governor Richardson’s signature placed a General Obligation Bond Issue for Libraries on the November election ballot. Bond Issue “B” will provide $2 million each for academic, school and public libraries, and $1 million for tribal libraries; $7 million in all. The Bonds for Libraries Political Action Committee met on March 31st and April 28th to plan campaign strategy to win voter support for this critical funding.

In preparation for the NMLA Conference in Ruidoso, the PAC printed a thousand bumper strips, which are available for a $1.00 donation. David Giltrow and Joe Sabatini staffed a PAC booth in the exhibit area, distributing information about the campaign. Many members made contributions to the PAC, which will be used develop basic tools for statewide use, such as radio spots, flyers, op-ed pieces, bookmarks, etc.

The PAC encourages library supporters to use these materials in local campaigns. NMLA Legislative Advocate Larry Horan and Joe Sabatini made presentations at several meetings during conference, including remarks preceding the keynote address by ALA President Camilla Alire, whose talk stressed grassroots advocacy.

The Native American Libraries Special Interest Group contributed the $485.00 they raised in a silent auction to the PAC.

Timing campaign publicity is important. Although the general election is on Tuesday, November 2nd, over 30% of New Mexico voters now vote by absentee ballot or early in-person voting. Voters may go to their county clerk's office beginning the 28th day before the election and vote. (October 5th)

Early voting begins on the third Saturday before the election at alternate sites. (October 16th) Unlike 2008, there will not be contests for U.S. President or U.S. Senator. Voter turnout may be lower.

The national recession is creating a negative climate for passing any tax measure, including state bonds. The October 2009 City of Albuquerque Library Bond issue passed by 67 % yes, which was considerably below the 72-76 % yes margins typical of the preceding decade. Bond “B” will be in competition with three other state G.O. bonds as well as local bond issues in many counties. The level of victory for the statewide bond has fallen from almost 60 % yes in 2002 to 52.2 % in 2008.

The PAC is committed to having informational material available by the summer, so that local campaigns can get out their messages in September to reach early voters. These materials are posted on the Bonds for Libraries website, http://www.bondsforlibraries.org/.

Let’s all work together to make victory happen! All can help by contributing ideas, money, thoughts, great photos of library activities, testimonials and anything else you can think of.

Send them to contactus@bondsforlibraries.org. And you can volunteer to participate in a statewide information network. Additional information is available on our Facebook page, http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bonds-for-Libraries/ and our Twitter page, http://twitter.com/bonds4libraries.
NMLA 2010 Awards Recipients

Submitted by Norice Lee

The following awards were made at the banquet held during the annual conference in Ruidoso, April 7-9.

Library Amigo Award: Mike Andrews - Friends of the Roswell Public Library

Mike Andrews has been a member of the Friends of the Roswell Public Library since 1981. In 1982 he was elected Treasurer of the Friends and has continuously served in that capacity for the last 27 years, playing a significant role in establishing the Friends as a non-profit organization. Mr. Andrews not only serves as Treasurer, but also uses his expertise as a CPA to take care of all reports required by local, state and federal entities.

Community Achievement Award: Carol Sarath - Gallup-McKinley Public Schools

Carol Sarath has contributed many outstanding years of service to New Mexico libraries as Library Media Coordinator in the Gallup-McKinley school district. Benefiting local communities across our state, she has served for over six years as Co-Chair of the New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries, working collectively to improve school library materials funding. She has also been an active member of the Library GO Bond Steering Committee and NMLA Board.

Library Leadership Award: Janice Kowemy - Laguna Public Library

Janice Kowemy has been the organizational force behind the New Mexico Library Association’s Native American Libraries Special Interest Group (NALSIG). She has been an outstanding leader and advocate for Tribal Library issues, speaking with legislators, Bureau of Indian Affairs staff, and the State Librarian regarding funding, staffing, and the general status of these special libraries.

Legislator of the Year Award: Representative Joni Marie Gutierrez, New Mexico House of Representatives, District 33

Rep. Joni Gutierrez is being recognized for her commitment to libraries and education in New Mexico. During her six years in the legislature, she has supported

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A Special Thanks to Our Sustaining Members!

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

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(Louise Bolton is the former director at San Juan College Library and former president of NMLA -- she is currently serving in the Peace Corps. The following are excerpts from her holiday letter.)

Christmas in Bulgaria 2009 (Part II)

Dear Family and Friends,

The coffee here is great, but many places do not serve milk with coffee. Or if they do, you have to pay extra for it. I can now drink Espresso just black, but sugar helps! People sit for hours in cafes here enjoying a small cup of coffee. There is no rush by waitresses to clear the table for the next customer. If all the tables are filled, you just find another café. There are no real cafes in Topolista, but a group of men sit outside of the magazine on warm days. In Aitos and Burgas there are many cafes. Some serve food, but most do not. There is one restaurant and a hiking path up the mountain with a hut that campers can sleep in.

I do have a television, but it gets only 3 channels and they are all in Bulgarian. So I listen for 20 – 30 minutes several times a week just to hear the accents and vocabulary. Generally I don’t miss TV as much as I might have thought, but I do enjoy watching a few movies on DVDs. I can only watch those that have been purchased in the US as that is how my computer is registered. Most of my news I read through the Internet. I have truly appreciated all the books, newspapers, school supplies and other goodies that many of you have sent. Some things just are not found here, or at least easily found here. I shop in second hand stores for sweaters, but it seems that jeans are only for those who wear size 8 or less! It is difficult to find size 9 shoe anywhere! The lev shop sells assorted household items like small mirrors, kitchen knives, and light bulbs.

What do I do day-by-day? My official assignment is teaching English to the students enrolled in the Topolista Village School. The school has about 120 students. I teach grades 5, 6, 7, 8 – some four times a week, others 3 times a week. Also now I will be helping out the Primary teacher teaching English to grades 2, 3 and 4 as the regular English teacher is out until sometime later this winter.

Also, I will be teaching the teachers English, as well as a class for the community members. Earlier this fall I went to Burgas with my language teacher and spoke to her class of advanced English students – engineers who work for an Austrian company with offices in Burgas. I also am expected to initiate several community projects. I have started with help from many of you to begin a small library of English books for the students to read. PC expects me to integrate in the community as much as I can to visit neighbors, shop locally, spend time around the neighborhood in an informal basis. I had the opportunity to help out the Topolista teachers with the camp for students in grades 7 and 8 in late August and other school trips are planned. I’ve also gone on two excursions with the teachers from the neighboring town of Aitos: a one-day outing to Greece and another 2-day excursion to Melnik and Bansko in southwest Bulgaria.

My meal preparation is generally quite simple. In the summer with the fresh tomatoes and cucumbers I usually had a Shopka Salad for dinner. (Cut up tomatoes and cucumbers with grated white cheese on the top and oil and vinegar). For breakfast I often have yogurt, perhaps with some muesli sprinkled in it. This winter I’ve done some baking, but my landlady has been kind and often brings me up donut type pastries. Stuffed peppers or crème caramel a favorite desert here. To purchase fresh meat I have to take the train to Aitos as the local little shop only sells some frozen meat. So many days I just have a cheese sandwich, or maybe some bread with salami.

Many people can fruits and some freeze vegetable. They raise their own chickens, both for eggs and eating. Extra food is sold in the local bazaars.

I would be remiss if I did not tell you about some of the wonderful Bulgarian teachers who have been such a big help to me. PC hires very talented individuals to teach each new group of volunteers the Bulgarian language. The 61 of us who came over May 20 were divided into groups of 4–6 and lived in small towns near Vratsa. The language teacher also moves to each particular village for the 9 weeks of language immersion. Once a week or more several groups met together to learn about PC policies, education dogma, etc. We had classes 6 days a week.

In Banista, Lazar was our regular Bulgarian teacher. His regular teaching job was Bulgarian literature at a high school in Vratsa. Besides teaching the grammar and vocabulary, he told us about every day life, translated with our host families as situations arose, spoke about traditions, history, food, etc. The teacher has to be well versed both in English and Bulgarian so that when expressions and situations arise it can be handled in either Bulgarian or English.
Recent Artist Book Exhibits
In New Mexico Libraries

by Marilyn Stablein

New Mexico book artists are working with regional libraries to create colorful exhibits of their handmade books. In March a book arts show at Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos featured work from members of Albuquerque's Libros New Mexico Book Arts Guild. In April the same group will install their annual book arts exhibit in the Albuquerque Main Public Library. Also in April at the Branigan Library in Las Cruces a book arts show will be on display. Every October the Santa Fe book arts group hosts their Celebration of the Book at the Santa Fe Public Library.

The shows are popular with library patrons. All ages enjoy the range of creativity and craftsmanship. In conjunction with the exhibits artists offer free demonstrations and workshops on how to make handmade books.

The Biennial Book Arts Exhibition at the Rotunda Gallery at the State Capitol last spring and summer contained letter press printed poetry books, altered books, book sculptures, and books as 3-D objects. Some special bindings and structures included accordion folds, coptic stitched books, flag books, scrolls, hangings, and pop-up books. Themes ranged from paper dolls, Chinese fortunes, a history of Needlebooks, and African and Mexican travel journals.

Recently there has been an explosion of artists making unique books as their chosen medium. Artist books include one-of-a-kind hand-bound books and books reproduced in small limited editions. Some books are collaborations between artists and writers. Materials can include artist's handmade paper and hand decorated paste paper, as well as imported Japanese, Nepalese, or Thai handmade papers.

The Libros Book Arts Guild is an educational organization formed to stimulate interest in the book arts through workshops, classes and exhibits. (Visit www.librosNBattleoftheBooks:m.org).

Altered book Numerals by Marilyn Stablein, author of nine books, exhibited at Los Alamos. With her husband Gary she owns Acequia Booksellers (acequiabookseellers.com). In May La Alameda Press in Albuquerque will publish Splitting Hard Ground, a new book of her poems. She can be contacted at marilynstablein@hotmail.com.

Battle of the Books

NM Battle of the Books will take place May 1, 2010 at Artesia High School in Artesia. Registration is from 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. with Round 1 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

We have about 150 students registered and we are expecting a rush here at the end. We know we won’t have as many people this year due to the economy and school budgets, but we are expecting a good turn out.

Barnes & Noble will be there selling next year’s titles. Joe Medina will be there selling t-shirts. There will also be a snack vendor. There will be entertainment prior to the announcement of 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners and door prize winners.

We appreciate everybody’s patience and cooperation as this is our first time to host this event. An itinerary will be posted on the website and e-mailed to the sponsors when finalized.

Hope to see you there!

Submitted by Tina Glatz
THE UNCOMFORT ZONE
By Robert Wilson

Recently I participated in a Murder Mystery weekend at a bed and breakfast lodge. Every guest was a given a role to play. There were eight suspects; each of whom had one or more of the following: Means, Opportunity and Motive. Having the Means and Opportunity was very important, but having the right Motivation was the key to solving the puzzle. We interviewed the suspects, collected clues, then presented who we thought was the killer and why. It was great fun, but I failed to figure out who done it. I was very logical and surmised that a suspect with a monetary motive was the one. But, it turned out to be one with the emotional motive of anger and revenge.

Never-the-less, money is a powerful motivator. It is the original carrot dangling from the stick.

My friend Bill, the computer wizard, told me years ago, “I always follow the money.” Meaning that he would learn those computer skills that paid the best. I did the same thing in my early years as a writer. I found journalism fun, but that advertising paid better. Subsequently, I pursued advertising work and honed my skills in motivating people to buy.

The exciting thing about money, or more specifically: prosperity, is that it is a great equalizer. Prosperity has a way of eliminating envy, hatred and bigotry. Increased wealth makes people more tolerant and giving. The formula for prosperity is simple: economic freedom plus property rights. In other words, minimal regulation and the right to keep what you earn.

Clearly we all know that money is a reliable method for motivating people. But, if you ever want to discover the motivation behind an action that appears to be random, backtracking the money trail is frequently a good way to find it. For example, have you ever noticed one of your favorite products disappearing from the store where you buy it? It probably means that there were not enough customers for it and the store quit carrying it. If, however, you can’t find it anywhere, then the lack of users is widespread and the manufacturer discontinued it.

Sometimes, however, the money trail is even longer, and more convoluted. I recall a hot summer day, back in the late 1980s, when, after mowing the lawn, I popped open an ice cold soda pop and drained it in one long gulp. Moments later I was on the floor with a painful spasm in my back. It lasted nearly half an hour, and when it was over I made an appointment with my doctor. It turned out that I was allergic to the corn syrup in the soda.

“How could that be?” I asked. I’d drank thousands of sodas without having that reaction. What I learned was that up until that can of soda all the ones I’d drank before were made with sugar. So, I asked, “Why would they switch to corn syrup?” The answer was that the cost of sugar had gone up; and they did not want to raise the price. “Why was sugar more expensive?” Because Congress placed a tariff on imported sugar. “Why did Congress do that?” Sugar growers in Florida asked them to because they did not want to compete with low-cost Caribbean sugar. “Why would Congress comply when it would raise prices on all products made with sugar?” Because the sugar growers donated lots of campaign money to a majority of the members of Congress. The trail ends, and the puzzle is solved.

It turns out that my favorite soda pop is still made with sugar in every country on the planet except the United States. One day, I’m going to get a craving and drive a thousand miles to Mexico. Talk about motivation!

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NMLA Legislation Committee Annual Report

Submitted by Joe Sabatini

The Board adopted the following work plan for the Committee this year. Under each point is a summary of our activities:


Committee/stakeholder meetings were held on May 29th in Albuquerque, on August 16th in Los Lunas, and on September 19th in Belen. The Bonds for Libraries Political Action Committee (PAC) met on August 20th in Bernalillo, November 13th and December 4th in Albuquerque, and January 6th, February 24th and March 31st in Bernalillo to plan strategy for the legislative and election campaigns. Cynthia Shetter and Karen McPheeters worked within the New Mexico Municipal League and its Librarians Section to gain a resolution supporting the inclusion of a library bond issue. The Legislature did include a $7 million Library General Obligation Bond Issue on the November Ballot.

2. Rebuild a network of local activists who can support and seek funding for the Political Action Committee advocating the Bond Issue.

The PAC worked with Linda Morgan Davis, Louis Lafrado, Kevin Unratth, Rachel Altobelli and Dan Kammer to set up Facebook and Twitter accounts and links to the NMLA Website. These are media we can use to get out information on the bond campaign.

3. Support the retention of the State Library budget line item which provides increased levels of state grants-in-aid funding. Continue to work for the increase in this program.

Given the budget situation, the apparent retention of the state aid program budget at near its 2008-09 FY level was a major achievement.


Joe attended the ASLSIG workshop in Belen on September 19th to discuss bond issue strategy. Omar Durant and Pam Rishel put together a presentation for the Legislative Education Study Committee on December 16th about the bond issue and the School Libraries Materials Fund, with statements by Cynthia Shetter and Ruben Aragon in support of the bond issue. Although no money was budgeted, the group did emphasize the need to fund it in the future. ASLSIG also worked with the Public Education Department to establish modern school library standards; the hearing on these regulations will be on April 9th.

5. Support efforts by the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries for rational funding of academic library funding, including a realistic formula to address inflationary increases in resource budgets.

Joe attended the NMCAL meetings on August 6th and January 27th, and met with the NMCAL Legislation Committee on October 30th and on December 11th, to review Bond Issue developments.

6. Work in cooperation with the Native American Libraries SIG to address tribal library funding issues in response to the Indian Affairs Department's House Memorial 59 report.

Joe attended NALSIG meetings and presented legislative updates on June 18th, October 15th, December 17th and February 18th. NALSIG also made an extended presentation to a meeting of the Interim Indian Affairs Committee on September 9th. On January 14th, a delegation of NALSIG leaders, Joe and Larry Horan met with Regis Pecos, Chief of Staff for House Speaker Ben Lujan, about the tribal libraries segment of the bond bill. The group successfully advocated the inclusion of building and planning funding in the tribal libraries segment of the bond language, and the allocation of a politically acceptable portion of the total bond funding.

7. Continue to fund an NMLA lobbyist.

Legislative advocate Larry Horan was active all year in working with committee members, legislators and legislative staff on developing and passing

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Library General Obligation Bond funding each time it was requested. In 2009, she sponsored the State Aid Bill on behalf of our libraries. In recent years, Representative Gutierrez has co-sponsored a large capital outlay request for Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces, and for several Durango and Zacatecas historical records microfilm projects for New Mexico State University Archives.

Honorary Life Membership Award: Betty Long - Roswell Public Library

Betty Long, Director of the Roswell Public Library, has contributed a significant level of service to the NMLA over a 30-year time span that included chairing committees, leading interest groups, participating in legislative activities, and serving on the Executive Board, most notably a term as President. The high regard held for Ms. Long by her fellow librarians was demonstrated by her nomination to represent New Mexico libraries at the 2nd White House Conference on Library and Information Services in 1991. At the regional level, she served on the Amigos Board of Directors, as both Secretary and Chair. Currently Ms. Long is serving as the Association’s ALA Chapter Councilor. Ms. Long’s enduring commitment to New Mexico libraries at the local, regional, and national levels is recognized and commended. The Association honors her major contributions with the highest award of honorary life membership

Outstanding School Library Award: Camino Real Middle School- Ruth Wallis, Librarian

Camino Real Middle School library is a beautiful 3,000 sq. ft. space that includes a breathtaking view of the Organ Mountains and an open floor plan, or “Oval of Access,” that promotes the use of collections. Ruth Wallis has been the Teacher-Librarian at Camino Real for five years. She especially enjoys seeing students in the library each morning—reading, studying, working in groups, or just visiting. Respecting one another is one of the few rules that Ms. Wallis enforces in order to consistently provide a warm and welcoming learning environment. Ms. Wallis is recognized for her role in the development of successful literacy initiatives that include weekly reading challenges, and for improving information literacy achieved through research-oriented projects.

Marion Dorroh Scholarship: Samantha Villa, University of North Texas

NMLA College Scholarship: Rebecca Correa-Elliott, Doña Ana Community College
Luci Ortiz, New Mexico State University
Audrey Pino, Doña Ana Community College

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library bond legislation. He initiated a meeting with Rep. Ed Sandoval to obtain his sponsorship of the bill. He provided guidance to the Committee on timing, tactics and technical drafting issues.


Legislative Day was reasonably successful in spite of a snowstorm which prevented many library supporters from attending. The PAC staffed a table in the Rotunda for distribution of library information. Five librarians were presented on the dais in each chamber. In the Senate, five members spoke briefly about the importance of libraries. Over 80 library supporters wore gold PAC t-shirts supporting the bond issue.

9. Make presentations to the Legislative Finance Committee and the Legislative Education Study Committee about library needs statewide.

Joe Sabatini and David Giltrow were present and answered questions at the LFC capital outlay budget review on December 5th. When it was publicized that the staff G.O. Bond recommendation omitted a library bond, the library community responded with communications requesting its inclusion. This led to discussions between LFC analyst Linda Kehoe, the State Library, the DCA Legislative Liaison Ann Greene-Romig, and our legislative advocate Larry Horan on procedures for providing input to the LFC in advance of the preparation of their recommendations. As noted above, a presentation was made to the LESC on December 16th.


Cynthia Shetter will be attending this event in conjunction with the American Library Association Annual Convention in Washington, D.C. The Committee submitted a budget request and a revised request taking the Association deficit into account. The Committee submitted a budget request and a revised request taking the Association deficit into account.
Please check out the website at www.NMLA.ORG

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