Stephen Abram, MLS, is Past-President of SLA (2008) and the Ontario (2002) and Canadian Library Associations (2004/5). He received the 2011 CLA Outstanding Service to Librarianship Award in June. He is the Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Markets for Cengage Learning (Gale). He was Vice President Innovation for SirsiDynix and Chief Strategist for the SirsiDynix Institute. He was Publisher Electronic Information at Thomson after managing several libraries. Stephen was awarded the AIIP 2010 Roger Summit Award. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Toronto, iSchool Faculty of Information where he received the 2011 Outstanding Teaching Award from the iSchool Institute. Stephen was listed by Library Journal as one of the top 50 people influencing the future of libraries. He has received numerous honors and speaks regularly internationally. His columns appear in Information Outlook and Internet @Schools. He is the author of ALA Editions' bestselling Out Front with Stephen Abram. His blog, Stephen's Lighthouse, is a popular blog in the library sector.

Stephen will be presenting the following opening Keynote on Thursday, April 12th in Las Cruces at the NMLA Annual Conference:

Future Ready Libraries- First Steps to the Next 100 Years

The future of our world, depending on your point of view and attitude, can be viewed as exciting or scary - Frankenlibraries or Librarytopia? Maybe it’s both like a rollercoaster! Are ebooks just a symptom of a shift in the information environment? Is there more change underlying everything than is visible? Are the financing issues in libraries changing everything materially? We can

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and that you all were with your family, relatives and friends. Here are my 2012 resolutions for the New Mexico Library Association:

1. NMLA 2012 Annual Conference will have a record setting number of attendees. Join us for a fabulous professionally meaningful conference! Yes, this will support NMLA and it will definitely help the organization become more financially stable.

2. Let us continue to step forward and be counted.
   ♦ Legislative day is February 2. I envision the Roundhouse full of librarians meeting with legislators, expressing the need to support New Mexico libraries, and signing in at the various offices of the senators and representatives.
   ♦ We need to stand up for the freedom to read and fight against censorship. Roswell libraries are fighting against censorship and NMLA needs to stand up and support them.
   ♦ Start planning now on how to encourage people to vote for the Bond to Support Libraries.

3. Despite the economy, NMLA will be a viable and financially stable organization in 2012. Each one of us is important to NMLA and its success. How can each of us make a difference for NMLA?
   ♦ Find more non-library sponsors for NMLA.
   ♦ Plan to attend the mini and annual conferences of NMLA
**Christmas at the Carlsbad Library**

*By Beth Nieman, Youth Services Librarian, Carlsbad Public Library*

The children's department at Carlsbad Public Library hosted a come-and-go tree-trimming party on December 1st. Library staff who wished to do so brought in cupcakes, Santa cookies, brownies and other homemade treats, and the Friends of the Library provided milk and a few other supplies.

We threw open the craft cupboard and had a variety of simple and fun holiday-theme projects for kids and parents to enjoy together as Christmas tunes played in the background. The crafts were easy to make and inexpensive, such as red and green paper chains, and a Santa face made from a paper plate, colored paper and cotton balls for a beard. Most popular was a pretty ornament made from recycled audio CDs which the library had to remove from circulation due to wear and tear. With sequins, gems, and glue, kids had a ball making the blank sides of the CDs sparkle; the printed side of the CDs were covered with a construction paper circle and personalized with the date and children's names. A piece of yarn for a hanger finished off the craft so kids could hang them at home.

Kids were offered their choice of a "silly band" bracelets to wear and take home, and also had the chance to hang ornaments and tinsel on a Christmas tree in the children's department. We had a total of 140 kids and parents in attendance. Those who attended early in the day came from nearby preschools, while older kids came after school--a total of 140 kids and adults stopped by for treats and fun. The newspaper even stopped by and ran a front-page photo of our event the next day.

We'll definitely be doing this again next year!

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**Free Cardboard Magazine Boxes**

After a big weeding project, Fogelson Library has over 150 cardboard magazine boxes that we no longer need. These are plain brown, corrugated cardboard, 11x4x8-1/2” boxes. The sides of the boxes are angled from eleven inches in the back to a five-inch space where a label can be placed on the front.

If you want some boxes, more information, or a photo, shoot me an email! We'd love to give them to a new home instead of sending them off to recycling/solid waste.

Morgan Light: morgan.light@santafeuniversity.edu

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**Stephen Abram (continued from page 1)**

acknowledge that the future won't be the same as the past. What are the opportunities for communities, learning and libraries? What enhancements and changes might we expect? Is this the final straw for libraries or the biggest opportunity for us since the advent of the web? Are libraries going to be even more open and boundaryless? Are the newest social technologies for the web a great opportunity for social institutions like libraries, education and governments? Are these again a symptom of an even greater shift for society that we must acknowledge? Stephen Abram is a veteran librarian, strategic technologist and library futurist. In this session he shares his perspectives on these issues, challenges, and opportunities.
It’s That Time Again! Award Nominations Now Being Accepted!

Time to nominate a deserving NMLA member for one of the awards. These awards are as follows:

- **Community Achievement Award** – this award is given to librarians (those certified or with a degree) for outstanding library service or achievement at the local level. Also may be given as NMLA’s recognition of an award from another source that has enhanced the library, and to the entire library community; thus to a local, school, or academic librarian who has received a community, regional, or national honor.

- **Honorary Life Membership Award** – NMLA’s highest award is given to individuals for outstanding contributions to the purposes of NMLA, for constructive accomplishment rather than longevity, not limited to librarians, may be given to anyone for helping NMLA and/or libraries in New Mexico. Criteria: Significant contribution to NMLA and its activities throughout the library career. Scope of activity beyond own work location; achievements and contributions to NMLA growth are known within the library community, as well as being recognized by other persons or entities in New Mexico.

- **Legislator of the Year Award** – given to a New Mexico state legislator who has demonstrated leadership in the advancement of libraries throughout the state. Criteria: Notable legislative contribution to library funding, the issues of intellectual freedom, and/or access to library services.

- **New Mexico Library Amigo Award** – given to an individual (friend, volunteer, trustee, board member, other citizen, or other non-certified personnel) whose work on behalf of the local library has resulted in significant progress and/or achievement for that library; or in recognition of work in the promotion of library service within the state.

- **New Mexico Library Leadership Award** – given to librarians who have rendered outstanding service beyond the local community. Criteria: Notable contribution to the advancement of libraries within the state, known and recognized in more than one community. Contributions of a nature that bring recognition and/or enhance the image of libraries in general within New Mexico. Activities and efforts that have helped other librarians to improve their service capabilities.

The nomination form is at: [http://nmla.org/docs/award_nomination.doc](http://nmla.org/docs/award_nomination.doc)

The form needs to be returned to the address at the bottom of the form **As Soon As Possible**. As of 12/12/11 no nominations for any of the awards have been received.

Let’s see if we can get at least two nominations for each award!

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**Letter from the President (continued from page 1)**

- Become involved and active in NMLA
- Vote for your board members for next year
- Renew your membership if it has lapsed and encourage others to become members
- Donate a little more to become a sustaining member
- Donate to the scholarship fund
- Contact local businesses for potential sponsorship
- Buy t-shirts and other products on the NMLA web page
- Volunteer to be on committees or participate in special interest groups
- Give your ideas and input on how to make NMLA work for you.

Cheers everyone! 2012 is going to be the best year ever for all of us and our wonderful organization, New Mexico Library Association.

Mary Alice Tsosie
President NMLA
New Mexico Library Foundation announced its "20 in 20" campaign

By Susan Sheldon,
New Mexico Library Foundation Board of Trustees

In 2012, while the Foundation celebrates its 20th anniversary, it will be raising $20,000.00 for future grants to New Mexico libraries. The Foundation is seeking donations throughout New Mexico and from companies who support New Mexico libraries.

There are three easy ways to donate to NMLF:

1. Make your tax-deductible contribution using PayPal on the Foundation's website:
   http://www.nm-lf.org/

2. Mail to the postal address:
   New Mexico Library Foundation
   P.O. Box 30572
   Albuquerque, NM 87190-0572

3. Donations are also welcome when you renew your NMLA membership. NMLA and NMLF have a 20 year history of cooperating to support all types of New Mexico Libraries.

Visit the Foundation's website to see the grants that have been awarded and consider applying for the next round of grants in April 2012.

Librarian Co-Edits a Cautionary Tale from a Mexican Hit Man

By Jeanette Smith, NMSU Library


The book is based on interviews with a hit man who kidnapped, tortured and murdered people for the Mexican drug industry for twenty years. He tells his story as a cautionary tale to others who might choose “la vida loca.”

Now a fugitive, El Sicario does not ask society to forgive him, but feels that he must do what he can do earn God’s forgiveness.

Bowden first encountered El Sicario while writing his book "Murder City" (Nation Books, 2010). As trust between the men developed, Bowden bore witness to El Sicario’s The book "El Sicario: The Autobiography of a Mexican Assassin," co-edited by NMSU librarian Molly Molloy and journalist Charles Bowden, was recently published by Nation Books.

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It’s an exciting time to be an information professional. New opportunities abound at every turn in the rapidly changing field of library and information science. In the midst of these changes, professionals may find they need to update their skills in order to stay current with emerging trends, compete for promotions, and use exemplary practices to serve their communities.

There are numerous options for professional development and continuing education. For those who want to reap the rewards of a more in-depth learning experience, a post-master’s certificate program is a good choice.

“A certificate can help information professionals gain relevant, tactical knowledge about emerging trends, while showcasing their mastery in a way that many employers value when making hiring and promotion decisions,” advised Jill Klees, San José State University career center liaison to the School of Library and Information Science.

Prospective students can choose to start the Post-Master’s Certificate program in the Fall or Spring semester. For more information, please visit: slisweb.sjsu.edu/certificate

Let the learning begin: slisweb.sjsu.edu/nmla
NMSU Library Announces Mechanic Arts Exhibit

by Jeanette Smith, NMSU Library

The New Mexico State University Library announces a new photographic exhibit, “The Mechanic Arts.” The free public exhibit will run from October 24 to February 15 in the Milton Gallery on the fourth floor of NMSU’s Branson Library in Las Cruces.

The exhibit, organized by University Archivist Martha Shipman Andrews, commemorates the 2012 sesquicentennial of the passage of the first Morrill Act, creating the land-grant institutions of higher education.

Andrews said that the bill, introduced by Representative Justin Smith Morrill of Vermont, called for the creation of agricultural colleges that taught military tactics and the “Mechanic Arts,” an archaic term for engineering that was incorporated into the names of many of the institutions it made possible, including the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts (later New Mexico State University). In honor of the Morrill Act, sixteen fine examples of these “Mechanic Arts” will be on display.

During the Industrial Revolution, photographers first discovered the almost accidental beauty of mechanical forms frozen in time—what could be called the art of mechanics. The engineering photograph collection held by the Hobson-Huntsinger University Archives contains many early twentieth century photographs unexpectedly capturing this beauty of form and structure.

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

"Man at Forge," courtesy University Archives, NMSU Library Archives & Special Collections
New Mexico Library Legislative Day

By Joe Sabatini, Legislation Committee Co-Chair

The New Mexico Library Association will hold its annual Library Legislative Day on Thursday, February 2, 2012, to show support for library funding and a 2012 library bond issue. The event will begin with an orientation at the Main Santa Fe Public Library, 145 Washington St. at 8:30 am. Library supporters will be in the House and Senate galleries when the sessions begin, and delegations of librarians will be introduced. Supporters will visit with their individual legislators to advocate the importance of continued funding of library programs. All library supporters are urged to attend.

For those attending the orientation, please enter from the staff door that faces the parking lot in back of the Library. Attendees may park at the Library lot free until 10:00 a.m., but must move their cars by 10:15 a.m. The City’s parking garage next to the Convention Center on Federal, across from the Post Office, charges a maximum of $8.00 a day. It is 2 blocks from the Main Library. There will be beverages at the meeting.

The Library will provide a shuttle at 9:45 a.m. to take attendees to the Roundhouse. There will not be a return shuttle. The Capitol is just over 1/4 mile from the Library. Be aware that there is a paid public parking garage west of the State Capitol, which is accessible from Paseo de Peralta on Manhattan Street or Galisteo Road.

The NMLA Legislation Committee is giving its highest priority to the placement of a General Obligation Bond Issue for libraries on the November 2012 statewide election ballot. Our proposal will be introduced by Rep. Ed Sandoval as part of the larger GO bond package. Once again, as in the last five elections, this bond has the potential to make a huge difference to all New Mexico libraries, big and small. All New Mexico citizens from kindergarteners to Senor Citizens will benefit from funds included in this GO Bond.

NMLA's 2012 Libraries GO Bond request includes the following:

1. $8.9 million for academic libraries - to be distributed on a formula basis by the Higher Education Department to all academic libraries in the state. This amount will allow academic libraries statewide to purchase supplemental library resources, including books, equipment and resources for academic libraries statewide, as well as investing in consortia database purchases.

2. $10.4 million for publicly funded school libraries/juvenile detention libraries - to be distributed both with a minimum per school amount and a per student allocation by the Public Education Department. This amount will allow the purchase of resources including library books and library materials resources for public school libraries statewide.

3. $8.9 million for New Mexico public libraries - to be distributed on both a minimum per library amount and a per capita basis to New Mexico public libraries by the New Mexico State Library. This amount will fund the purchase of books, electronic resources, and equipment for non-tribal public libraries statewide.

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ALA, Fetzer Institute Announce 30 Public Libraries to Host Building Common Ground Programs

Contact: Angela Thullen, athullen@ala.org

CHICAGO – The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and the Fetzer Institute selected 30 public libraries to host a series of programs as part of the Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility and Compassion initiative, which is supported by the Fetzer Institute.

The Village of Ruidoso Public Library was one of the thirty selected libraries. To see a list of the other libraries visit ppo.ala.org/commonground.

The goal of the Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility and Compassion project is to engage the public in contemplation and discussion of the importance of community, civility and compassion in their daily lives. By bringing adult audiences together in the library for programs and events that include reading, viewing, reflection, discussion and civic engagement initiatives, Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility and Compassion programs will support public libraries as they strive to enhance the quality of life and learning in their communities.

The selected libraries will host a series of four to eight events between Feb. 1, 2012 and Nov. 30, 2012 and will receive:

A $2,500 grant to support program-related expenses. Access to program models and templates, including recommended reading and viewing lists, discussion facilitation guides, video shorts and more. Access to a series of

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online, professional development and project resource sessions. Promotional materials, including posters, bookmarks and a selection of digital promotion tools, to support local audience recruitment.

The Fetzer Institute is a private operating foundation based in Kalamazoo, Mich. Established by broadcast pioneer John E. Fetzer (1901-1991), the Institute works with an international team of advisors to create programs that foster awareness of the power that love and forgiveness can have in our world. With an endowment of more than $400 million, the Institute dedicates approximately $20 million annually toward its programming efforts.

The ALA Public Programs Office promotes cultural and community programming as an essential part of library service in all types and sizes of libraries. Successful library programming initiatives have included Let’s Talk About It reading and discussion series, traveling exhibitions, film discussion programs, the Great Stories CLUB, LIVE! @ your library and more. Recently, the ALA Public Programs Office developed www.ProgrammingLibrarian.org, an online resource center bringing librarians timely and valuable information to support them in the creation of high-quality cultural programs for their communities. For more information about the ALA Public Programs Office, visit www.ala.org/publicprograms.

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These members give extra each year because they believe in NMLA. Thank you, sustaining members! Your confidence is contagious.
NMLA 2012 Scholarship Application Deadlines in January

By Kevin Comerford, NMLA Education Committee Chair

The Deadlines for the 2012 NMLA Scholarship programs are approaching! Be sure to get your application for the Marion Dorroh and College Scholarship programs submitted by the deadlines listed below:

The Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship

The deadline for submission is January 15, 2012. This scholarship is intended to promote librarianship in the state of New Mexico. Funds are to be used to support advanced degrees in library and information science beyond the baccalaureate level, both master's degrees and doctorates, for full and part-time students.

The College Scholarship Fund – Non MLS

The deadline for submission is January 31, 2012. This fund supports undergraduate college work towards an associate’s degree in Library Science leading to certification as well as undergraduate or graduate study toward teacher-librarian endorsement.

Application forms and additional criteria for each NMLA scholarship or grant are available on the NMLA website at http://nmla.org/scholarships-grants/.

Please send all application materials (via email or regular mail) by the appropriate deadline to Kevin Comerford, the NMLA Education Committee Chair:

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Now a fugitive, El Sicario does not ask society to forgive him, but feels that he must do what he can do earn God’s forgiveness.

Bowden first encountered El Sicario while writing his book "Murder City" (Nation Books, 2010). As trust between the men developed, Bowden bore witness to El Sicario’s unfolding confession in an article in "Harper’s Magazine," followed by an award-winning film, "El Sicario Room 164" by Gianfranco Rosi, that premiered at the Venice Film Festival.

Molloy was instrumental in turning the interview transcripts into the book El Sicario, with assistance from Bowden. As NMSU’s Latin American and Border Studies Librarian, Molloy is known nationally and internationally for her work with the online Frontera List at: http://groups.google.com/group/frontera-list/topics.

The list is used widely by congressional staff and U.S. and Mexican human rights groups. In the absence of an official count, she has taken on the task of keeping and reporting statistics obtained from newspaper reports on the daily and cumulative count of the murders in Mexico’s deadliest city, Ciudad Juárez.

"El Sicario: The Autobiography of a Mexican Assassin" is available at the NMSU Library, Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com. For more information, contact Molloy at (575) 646-6931.
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