President’s Message: The Future of NMLA

By Tina Glatz, NMLA President

In the past and this year in particular there has been much discussion about the economic future of NMLA and how we can sustain this organization. Lee Froschheiser, Senior Consultant, MAP has written an article entitled, “Business Sustainability: The Strategies to Achieve, the Leadership that Makes It Happen.” In his article he gives the definition of sustainability in business as, “...the ability of a company to develop and implement winning strategies that lead to long-term success.” I truly believe that NMLA is an organization that has proven successful in the past and will continue to succeed in the future. That being said, my focus as incoming President is not to change the overall basic tenants of NMLA but to implement strategies that will enhance the organization. These strategies include working closely with the new board and association members to find ways to increase revenue, to build membership, and to capitalize on the experience of long-term members of NMLA.

I am confident that with the help of the newly formed fundraising committee, our administrative assistant, Lorie Christian, Norice Lee, our Treasurer and Mary Ellen Pellington, our new Vice-President, we will find ways to increase revenue. Steps have already been taken to improve and encourage participation of vendors as exhibitors at our annual conference. We will continue to build membership and increase participation of members in the association with the new and improved listserv that will be executed this summer. In addition, our Public Relations committee has already committed to increasing forms of communication through the use of social media such as Facebook and Twitter. But don’t worry; we will continue to use traditional means of communication as well! We want to meet the needs of all our members.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Local Arrangements Committee in Las Cruces who helped to make our annual conference this year a success! Without the time and commitment of these members annual would not have been possible.

I look forward to a great year as President of this association!

2012 NMLA Conference Pictures
Connecting at the NMLA Conference

By Akilah Nosakhere, New Mexico State Carlsbad Library Director

“Not too big, not too small” the Las Cruces Convention Center provided the ideal location for the 2012 New Mexico Library Association conference. NMSU Carlsbad staff members, Cheryl Mendez, Lupe Bernal and library director, Akilah Nosakhere attended the NMLA conference to connect with colleagues from all over the state.

We were excited to learn about new and emerging technologies in the Amigos session and have the opportunity to meet and share with library vendors. Once again we left the conference with a trunk-load of new books from exhibitors.

Another high point of the 2012 conference was the spirited “Spring-tini” with its train of poetry recitations and the t-shirt contest. While it was not my idea to enter the t-shirt contest, I was actually announced the winner! Lupe Bernal took last year’s READ poster designs created for us by public librarian, Samantha Villa, and transferred them to onto t-shirts. Nice job Lupe!

Intrigued, Norice Lee, NMLA treasurer, was by the story behind the “Ruth and the Green Book” a children’s book by Calvin A. Ramsey reader she asked that I provide the ‘rest of the story’ for NMLA.

I met Calvin Alexander Ramsey, playwright turned children’s author, some years ago while managing the special collections reading room at Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library. The special collections print collection had been unceremoniously separated from the archives about 10 years before and some of its rare treasures were left undiscovered in the reading room stacks.

I came across two issues of the “The Green Book” one day while evaluating the collection for reunification with archives. “The Green Book” was a small guide/magazine used by African American motorists traveling during times of legal segregation in the United States. The guide noted roadside places where it was legal for blacks to stop, get gas, eat, and find lodging.

Excited by the find, I immediately took the copies to the Head of Archives, Karen Jefferson, to have them re-accessioned. In a nutshell, Calvin discovered the Green Book and was inspired to write a children’s book, and recently, a play about the unusual serial.

Ramsey’s latest work, Belle the last Mule from Gee’s Bend is a story about a mule that pulled the funeral wagon of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Skillfully written, both books deal with sensitive cultural matters in a way that is appropriate for children, grades 1-4.

Book Announcement

Akilah S. Nosakhere, Director of Library Services at NMSU Carlsbad, wrote the Introduction for recently released publication, The 21st Century Black Librarian in America: Issues and Challenges. This volume of essays is a tribute to the life and legacy of library leader, E.J. Josey. The book is edited by Akilah S. Nosakhere, Andrew P. Jackson, Julius C. Jefferson, Jr. and includes 48 essays by black librarians from across the field of our profession in academic, public, special, school media, technology. The book is published by Scarecrow Press and is widely available.
Library Amigo Award: Brian Fairhurst, Valle Vista Elementary, Albuquerque

Mr. Fairhurst, manager of two Target stores in Albuquerque, was selected by Target to organize an extreme library makeover in NM. Through his efforts Valle Vista Elementary was chosen for the READesign Library Makeover Grant. They received 2000 new books, eight computers, a flat screen TV and a blue-ray DVD player. In addition, every student who attended the school and their siblings received seven free books last September. Part of this renovation includes the Meals for Minds program in which once a month for nine months, each student receives 22 pounds of food coordinated through the Road Runner Food Bank and Target. Mr. Fairhurst oversaw every aspect of this project and organized volunteers to help. His dedication to education and literacy has made this extreme makeover possible.

New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries, Academic Librarian of the Year Award: Melveta Walker, Library Director, Golden Library Eastern New Mexico University, Portales

Ms. Walker has dedicated herself to NMCAL and its mission of providing the most up-to-date and cost effective resources to all students. She has worked tirelessly for many years meeting with all member institutions, researching, negotiating with vendors, and finalizing deals that have had, and continue to have, a positive impact on student success.

Library Leadership Award: Molly Molloy, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

Since 1992, Ms. Molloy has served as Latin American and Border Studies librarian providing, among her other regular duties, assistance to faculty and students with research on border issues and Latin American studies. She is an activist on border issues, tirelessly sharing information and seeking fairness and justice for those living in this area. She has developed web guides and created a Frontera email list, which a Puerto Rican professor describes as “the most comprehensive up-to-date source of narco-related violence on the U. S.-Mexico border”. She has collaborated on an award-winning documentary film that provides a first-hand account about the life of a hit man for the Juarez cartel. This film was the basis for the book, El Sicario: The Autobiography of a Mexican Assassin, which Ms. Molloy translated and helped edit. She has made it her personal endeavor to track and document the daily murders in Ciudad Juarez. The list of the dead that she keeps signifies that someone cares enough to make sure these victims have a voice and that their deaths will not go unnoticed. She provides an invaluable service not only to today’s border researchers but also to those of the future.

Legislator of the Year Award: Representative Henri "Kiki‖ Saavedra, New Mexico House of Representatives, District 10

In his 18 years as State Representative, he has been a longtime supporter of library funding and has included libraries in state General Obligation Bond issues. As chair of the House Appropriations and Finance committee, he recently questioned the continued inadequate funding of the New Mexico State Library. He has
New Mexico Library Foundation
"20 in 20"

By Susan Sheldon,
New Mexico Library Foundation Board of Trustees

The New Mexico Library Foundation is celebrating 20 years of supporting New Mexico libraries. Check out our website http://www.nm-lf.org/ to see the more than 60 grants made to libraries of all types since we began raising funds in 1992.

Thank you to all who have contributed to our fund raising endeavors. Your support allows the Foundation to now offer two rounds of grants each year.

Help us meet our goal of $20,000.00 in 2012. It’s easy to do. Click on the Donate button on our website to use PayPal, or, when renewing your NMLA membership, add extra for the Foundation and that will pass through to us.

Be generous. Support libraries.

Walking for Fun and Awareness

By Valerie Nye

A team of nine librarians (including librarian friends and family) walked in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Albuquerque on April 29. The morning included beautiful weather and a great team spirit.

The team included: Kathy Barco, Laurie Canepa, Carla Felsted, Laura Gleasner, Robyn Gleasner, Betty Nye, Val Nye, Bob Sabatini, Joe Sabatini, and Joel Yelich.

The team raised over $820 for the American Cancer Society. Funds collected by the walk participants are used by the American Cancer Society for education, to find cures, and to fight back against breast cancer when it does strike.

For more information on these health recommendations, visit: http://www.cancer.org/Healthy/index

New Mexico State University Library:
Capturing the State of New Mexico's First 100 Years

By Jeanette Smith, NMSU Library

In honor of the New Mexico Centennial, the New Mexico State University Library is conducting many special projects that honor our state’s rich and diverse history from 1912 to 2012. Established in 1890, the Library owns a wealth of historical images that appear in many Centennial projects on campus and in the community. The Library’s 2012 calendar features vintage photographs of New Mexico’s history.

The Library collaborated with the "Las Cruces Bulletin" on the book "Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey." Of the nearly 1,200 historical photos in the book, nearly 500 are from the Library’s archival photo collection. The book recently won the Heritage Preservation Award from the Cultural Properties Review Committee and the Historic Preservation Division of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs.

The Library partnered with the University of New Mexico on the “Celebrating New Mexico Statehood” website, contributing 580 photos to this shared statewide resource (https://nmstatehood.unm.edu/image/tid/66). The Library has printed hundreds of

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Welcome to the new NMLA Board Members

Welcome, Call to Order, and Approval of Agenda, Appointment of Parliamentarian

Agenda approved with removing the fundraising chair report as there is no current committee

Officer Reports
Secretary Lynette Schurdevin

Approval of February’s minutes (Board and Membership)

Move to table minutes by Janice and seconded by Tina.

Summary of Recent Electronic Votes
The members-at-large have scheduled the Fall Mini-Conference for October 25 & 26 in Carlsbad at the Pecos River Village Conference Center. The theme is Going to Bat for Libraries and the registration will be the same as last year; $40 for NMLA members includes lunch; $65 for non-members also includes lunch.

I have written confirmation from the City Administrator that there is no fee for the facility and wi-fi is free. There is an amenities list of charges for items like coffee service, sound system, LCD projectors, but it is very reasonable and we are free to bring our own equipment. There are 3 large rooms, 2 small rooms, and a small kitchen.

Cassandra Arnold from the Carlsbad Public Library is my liaison so far and she has been fantastic. We are still discussing whether or not she will be the Local Arrangements Chair, but we really don’t need to decide this yet.

Let me know if you need more info. Lorie has the details so she can put them in the program, as I assume the Board will approve.

Mini conference online voting was approved on 4/6/12/

A motion was made by Tina Glatz and seconded by Norice Lee Not to keep the CD collection of the logos.

Online voting approval on March 13, 2012. Awards online voting was approved on March 8, 2012 Minutes approved by Norice Lee and seconded by Mary Ellen Pellington. Motion carried

President Report: Mary Alice Tsosie
♦ Maintaining information and discussions regarding online voting.
♦ Recommend sharing of ideas and information between board officers

Tina noted that the Springtini banquet was a sellout along with the youth luncheon.

Dana Bracchia, MPLA president was introduced and gave a short report on MPLA.

Treasurer’s Report: Norice Lee

Financial Report:
The current income is $61,609.18 with current expenses at $39,166.76. Factoring in $1,330 for cost of goods sold, leaves us with a net income of $21,112.42 in this 4th quarter of the fiscal year. While we show a net income at this point in time, we are anxiously awaiting total income and expenditure figures from the annual conference which will provide us with our end of fiscal year outlook. Please note that we projected our income at the start of the fiscal year to be $92,702. As of April 10th, we are $31,092.82 in the negative (the difference between $92,702 and $61,609.18). Several SIGs have not expended their budgeted allotments. Please know that funds will not roll over to the next fiscal year.

As of March 31, 2012, the assets stand as follows:

- WF NMLA Checking $ 24,924.59
- WF NMLA Savings $ 500.10
- WF Conference Checking $ 2,123.80
- WF Conference Savings $ 500.10
- WF Battle of Books Checking $ 4,434.95
- WF Battle of Books Savings $ 500.10
- Other Assets $ 2,485.00

Total Assets: $ 35,468.64

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Informational:
♦ Outgoing Secretary Lynette Schurdevin will be re-
   moved from Wells Fargo accounts and Cassandra Osterloh will be added.
♦ In the future, I strongly recommend that we evalu-
   rate annual conference costs and consider raising registration fees and/or changing the cycle of con-
   ference offerings (which would require a change in by-laws).

Vice-President Redport: Tina Glatz

Annual Conference update
Tabled until Friday business meeting for full confer-
ence update

ALA/APA Councilor Report: Paulita Aguilar
I submitted my full report from ALA Midwinter in February to the NMLA Secretary on February 24, 2012. There has been no significant activity since then. Any communications from ALA I think relevant to NMLA members are forwarded to nmla@yahoogroups.com list on a regular basis.


NMLA’s annual report will be due to ALA within 30 days after the end of our fiscal year. The report form is available online at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z99GGYR. Lorie Christian and I can complete the form, but we may ask for information from specific board members or committees.

Members-at-Large Reports: Mary Ellen Pellington, Mildred Walters, Linda Keulen, Janice Kowemy

SIG Reports:
Mary Ellen Pellington - Academic Resource Sharing
No report

Mildred Walters - Local and Regional History

Linda Keulen - Advocacy for School Libraries and Battle of the Books, an Technology Janice Kowemy - NAL SIG

NALSIG Report – April 11, 2012

NALSIG has been active this quarter in the follow-
ing areas:
♦ We hosted our 1st NALSIG meeting of the year on February 16th, 2012 at the Santa Clara Pueblo Community Library with a presenta-
tion about the Every Child Ready To Read Program 2nd Edition. Our next NALSIG meeting will be at the NMLA Annual Confer-
ence on Thursday, April 12th. We will have an information booth and silent auction. We will hold officer elections at the meeting.
♦ NALSIG members have been involved in the Library Legislative Day and Native American Day at the Legislature events. We had an information booth for NALSIG and advocated for the 2012 GO Bond by taking with legislators.
♦ The 2008 GO Bond for spending funds was April 1st. Tribal Libraries have expended a majority of funds. Final numbers are not available yet.
♦ The Tribal Libraries Fundraising Committee is in the planning process of hosting the 2nd Annual NM Tribal Libraries Benefit Golf Tournament. A planning meeting will be held at NMLA Annual Conference.
♦ Tribal libraries have continued to acquire new automatons systems.

Bonds for Libraries: Olivia Baca

A new SIG and will now need to become registered as a political committee with the State of NM. This will allow them to spend over $500 as a 501 © 3.

Motion to allow the Bonds for Libraries SIG (Special Interest Group) to register as a political committee with the State of NM made by Tina; seconded by Janice. Motion carried.

Contract Administrator Report: Lorie Christian

Current registration at 224 and plan to receive additional on-site registrations for annual conference. 44 vendor booths. Discussion on adding a cancella-
tion timeframe on the vendor agreement and conference attendees.

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Representative Reports
AASL: Allison Almquist

NMLF: Heather O’Daniel
By laws change

MPLA: LeAnne Weller

Mountain Plains Library Association
Date: April 21, 2011
Requests/Actions needed:
1) Dana Braccia (President) from the Scottsdale Public Library would like to come to our 2012 conference. Traditionally this includes a letter of invitation, an opportunity to speak at meeting, a complimentary registration, and possibly a complimentary room or meal for her. What Board/Committee action is needed?
2) Does NMLA want to consider a joint conference? It would be 2017 or after and requires a letter of invitation to the MPLA President.
3) Please send me news/stories/PR relating to New Mexico libraries and librarians that I can send to MPLA for the Newsletter.

I attended the 2011 meeting of MPLA in Billings, Montana Apr 6-9, 2011. MPLA membership attendance was about 75 people and the total conference registration was about 450. MPLA registration was down again when compared to previous conferences. Handouts and photos are posted at the MPLA conference page (http://www.mpla.us/documents/handouts/2011/index.html). The programming ranged from anime to playing with high tech smart phones. The conference center hotel’s wireless was erratic to not available which both frustrated many attendees and caused difficulties for some of the speakers. MPLA sponsored is “traditional pub crawl” just before the kick off reception.

During the 2011-2012 year MPLA will continue to developing membership and value, cutting costs while providing services to members. Dana Braccia is focusing on connecting members using social media tools. MPLA is tweeting, has a blog and a Facebook page. The web site has been re-designed and includes RSS feeds from the blog and Facebook. The 2012 MPLA Leadership Institute is scheduled for Sunday, May 6, through Friday, May 11, 2012 at the YMCA of the Rockies is Estes Park, CO. Maureen Sullivan is returning as the Institute Facilitator. Applications will be due sometime during the summer 2011. The newsletter is being published online, and 2 board meetings were held “virtually” during this year.

New officers are as follows:
President -- Dana Braccia, Scottsdale Public Library System (Arizona)
Vice President/President Elect -- JaNae Vice Kinikin, Weber State University (Utah)
Recording Secretary --Royce Kitts Tonganoxie Public Library (Kansas)

New Mexico State Library: Devon Skeele
♦ Recalculating 2010 bond funds before dispersing of funds.
♦ Critical state library positions have been filled
♦ Review LSTA plan then create new 5 year LSTA plan
♦ Working on State Library strategic plan
♦ Three year Fast Forward program has been successful
♦ Espanola Public Library will do summer reading kick off with Governor Martinez as main speaker
♦ Library Commission members introduced

Committee Reports

Archivist -Barbara Edwards

Awards Co-Chairs- Barbara Edwards, Tamara Sandia
Awards prepared and winners have been notified.
Bylaws Chair - Marian Vigil
No Report

Bylaw changes were done by ALA/APA and need to add to NM Library Association bylaws; Marian will be adding these to the current library bylaws.

Conference Site Chair - Tina Glatz
Conference Site Chair Board Report April 2012

April 2013 Annual Conference Site is Sheraton Uptown in Albuquerque.

Buffalo Thunder Casino & Resorts in Santa Fe and Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso have both expressed an interest in hosting a future annual conference. Both of these sites donated generously to the 2012 conference.

2012 Mini Conference site is Carlsbad as reported by M@L

Conference Site Chair is now vacant. Please contact me if you would like to be the chair.

Future sites need to be looked at very carefully by the Executive Board.

Report to be made at Friday’s business meeting.

Education Chair - Kevin Comerford

Education Committee Members:
Kevin J. Comerford (Chair), Cordelia Hooee, Christine Peterson, Susan Pinkerton, Jeanette Smith

Scholarship Program Status:

Marion Dorroh Scholarship Program:
The Committee received 3 applications for the Marion Dorroh Scholarship program this year; Cynthia Smith was selected as the sole scholarship recipient ($1500.00). The other two applicants were rejected. All applicants have been notified of their status to date, and Cynthia Smith has confirmed she will attend the NMLA awards event this week.

College Scholarship Program:
The Committee received 4 applications for the College Scholarship program this year; after evaluating the applicants, the committee awarded scholarships to Kelly Blaz ($700.00) and Susan Dominguez ($300.00). The committee determined that a third applicant, Morgan Light, had applied for funds under the wrong program, so his application was referred for consideration as a Continuing Education Grant. The fourth application was rejected. All applicants have been notified of their status to date.

Continuing Education Grant Program:
The Committee received 3 Continuing Education Grant applications this year. All 3 applications were approved for the following purposes/amounts:

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Education Budget Status:

After the fund distributions noted above, the FY2011-2012 Education Budget balances are as follows:

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Intellectual Freedom Co-Chairs: Drs. Felipe de Ortego y Gasca & Gilda Baeza Ortego

Legislation Co-Chairs: Joseph Sabatini & Cynthia Shetter

Here is a summary of our activities:

Work for the placement of a Library General Obligation Bond Issue on the November 2012 New Mexico ballot.

The Committee and other stakeholders met on May 20th in Albuquerque to prepare a proposal for a $29.6 million Library Bond Issue. Working with LFC Capital Outlay Analyst Linda Kehoe, Cynthia Shetter made a presentation to the Legislative Finance Committee meeting in Red River on August 17th. Ten librarians traveled to Red River to attend this.
hearing, as did the Secretary of Cultural Affairs Veronica Gonzales.

Joe attended NALSIG meetings and presented legislative updates on June 17th, August 25th, December 15th and February 16th. Cynthia Shetter and Lynette Schurdevin worked within the New Mexico Municipal League and its Librarians Section to gain a resolution supporting the inclusion of a library bond issue.

The Bonds for Libraries Special Interest Group met in Bernalillo, December 8th, January 12th and March 8th in Bernalillo to plan strategy for the legislative and election campaigns. Legislative advocate Larry Horan was active all year in working with committee members, legislators and legislative staff on developing and passing 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.

Committee members attended the Legislative Finance Committee meeting on November 16th and spoke briefly in support of GO Bond funding. Rachel Altobelli made a presentation on school library and GO bond funding to the Legislative Education Study Committee, also on November 16th. Joe and David Giltrow attended the House Appropriations and Finance Committee hearing about the State Library budget on January 11th, and the House Taxation & Revenue Committee hearing on HB 193 on January 30th.

The Legislature did include a $9.7 million Library General Obligation Bond Issue on the November ballot, and accepted several of our suggestions about the legislative language specific to each type of library.

The Committee also worked with acting State Librarian Ben Wakashige and with new State Librarian Devon Skeele in support of the State Library budget and staffing. We provided information to the library community about the restoration of funding for adult literacy programs, working with the N.M. Coalition for Literacy. Nine Legislative Bulletins were posted to the NMLA e-list and to the library community before and during the session to track the progress of the bond bill and capital outlay legislation.

Library Legislative Day

On Thursday, February 2, 2012, over 100 library supporters were in evidence throughout the capitol with their yellow "Support Libraries" buttons. Around 40 school, public and tribal librarians attended a morning advocacy training at the Main Santa Fe Public Library. Larry Horan presented practical advice on working with legislators during and after the session.

Senator Dede Feldman introduced a librarian group in the Senate; Gilda Baeza de Ortego, Western NM University; Cathy Boeker, Sierra Middle School, Las Cruces; Lillian Chavez, Mescalero Community Library; Mary Alice Tsosie, University of New Mexico Libraries and President of NMLA; and Teddy Riehl, Espanola Public Library. Senators Feldman, Jennings, Martinez and M.J. Garcia spoke briefly about the importance of libraries.

Rep. Ed Sandoval introduced the library delegation in the House: Joe Sabatini, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Volunteer; Flo Trujillo, Farmington Public Library; Melveta Walker, Director of Golden Library, Eastern New Mexico University - Portales; Alison Almquist, Valle Vista Elementary School, Albuquerque; and Maureen Wacondo, Jemez Pueblo Library. Rep. Sandoval presented a certificate of appreciation to Joe Sabatini.


Cynthia Shetter is not able to attend this year, and we were unable to identify a substitute. Karen McPheeters and Joy Poole will be representing New Mexico at A.L.A. Legislative Day.

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Membership Chair: Tammy Powers

NMLA Membership Statistics
The committee is grateful to Lorie Christian, NMLA office administrator, for compilation and maintenance of membership information.

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Other Committee Activities:

Our newly formed Academic SIG met at the October NMLA conference. Follow-up at our April conference has been scheduled.

- Group electronic communication to convey relevant information to academic membership (Yahoo listserv, NMLA website, etc.)
- Continuing conversation/meeting of the SIG membership

The membership committee is excited to greet everyone at the April NMLA conference to be held in Las Cruces, where all the current committee members reside. Kudos in advance to Ingrid Schneider (membership committee member) who led the local arrangements efforts and kept the planning efforts so organized.

The membership committee looks forward to reviewing the membership needs as discussed at the April board meeting and will plan responses as requested.

Nominations & Elections Chair: Dr. Barbara Lovato

Program Chair: Cassandra Osterloh

Review of 2012 annual conference program
Call for more programs and workshops for next conference

PR Chair: Melanie Templet

Send facebook items to Melanie to be posted

Old Business

NMLA Listserv
Discussion and revisit idea of NMSU host an NMLA listserv versus using Yahoo groups.
Melanie will evaluate and create a proposal for the Fall mini-conference meeting.

Fundraising Committee no chair or official committee

Discussion and recommendations from the pre-conference fundraising workshop was reviewed.
Discussion to be continued at next board meeting

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New Business
NMLA Conference/mini-conference
NMSU survey

Recommend having each SIG update their member list

Passing of the gavel

Adjourn
Motion to adjourn was made. Business meeting adjourned.

Mini Conference

Save the date!! The Members at Large are pleased to announce that the 2012 Mini-Conference will be held Thursday, October 25 & Friday, October 26th in Carlsbad New Mexico. Details will be forthcoming. We are looking for a Local Arrangements Chairperson, so anyone who lives in the area who is interested in helping us should contact Linda Keulen at lindakeuleno59@gmail.com.

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As a land grant university, NMSU has a special mission to serve the people of New Mexico as an agricultural, military and engineering college. Thousands of historical agricultural documents are being digitized, providing a lasting record of extension service in New Mexico. Examples of these publications are currently on display in the lobby of Branson Library.

A previous exhibit on the 150th Anniversary of the Morrill Act, which established the land grant colleges, featured sixteen photos of “The Mechanic Arts,” an archaic term for engineering. The photos highlighted the beauty of mechanical forms frozen in time.

The New Mexico Book Co-op’s list of the 100 Best New Mexico Books, celebrating New Mexico authors, publishers and subjects, was announced just in time for the Centennial. University Archivist Martha Andrews was honored with a place on the list for her book “The Whole Damned World: New Mexico Aggies at War 1941-1945.”

Centennial bookmarks are available at the Library. A video at http://lib.nmsu.edu/media/centennial/index.html features many of the Library’s Centennial activities.

The NMSU Library’s documents and photographs play an important role in celebrating the people who built our state and informing those who envision New Mexico’s future. For more information, contact Kristina Martinez at (575) 646-3642. Visit the Library’s home page at http://lib.nmsu.edu.

Honorary Life Membership Award: Elise Orell, Albuquerque Public Schools, Retired Librarian

Ms. Orell has worked in elementary, middle and high school library settings, designing and inventing the position of librarian-teacher for all of us to emulate. She created material to share with librarian-teachers across the state to help guide their teaching of library standards, gather data on assessment of library skills, organize information for effective meetings with administrators, and to guide the process of national boards and dossiers.

The greatest recent contribution of Elise was her initiative to lead the creation of the New Mexico Library Best Practices Guidance Document. She inspired librarians statewide to craft a document that represents 21st Century Teaching and Learning in the School Library, creating a wiki and listserv to continue the document’s editing process which ultimately resulted in the New Mexico Public Education Department acknowledging this as an official state document and “Best Practices Guidance Document” to be linked on the PED website.

Ms. Orell’s contributions are making school librarianship a forward-thinking and dynamic profession.

Outstanding Elementary School Library Award: Sarah Farrell, Librarian, Shining Stars Preschool, Rio Rancho

Sarah has been teaching for 15 years, starting as a bilingual second grade teacher in California before moving to New Mexico to become the bilingual coordinator at Colinas del Norte Elementary in Rio Rancho. She has also been working as Family Literacy Coordinator at Shining Stars Preschool, serving as librarian, bilingual teacher and family coordinator since the school opened seven years ago.

Outstanding Secondary School Library Award: Laurie Lacy, Librarian, Cleveland Middle School, Albuquerque

Laurie has a BS in elementary education from the University of New Mexico with a mid-level endorsement and is “highly qualified” in science, language arts, social studies and library media. She has been a teacher for 13 years at Cleveland Middle School and school librarian for the past four years. She is a title I/Parent Involvement Coordinator and an active member of the school’s Instructional Council. She considers every day an opportunity to make a difference.

Marion Dorroh Scholarship Recipient

Cynthia Smith—$1500

Cynthia is currently working as a Library Specialist (teacher with a library endorsement) at Red Mountain Middle School in Deming, New Mexico, where she has been since 2007; this is a school that serves staff, parents and approximately 800 students. She is currently working on her Master’s degree from Texas Woman’s University via their online program. After attaining her Master’s degree, she plans to become district librarian for the Deming Public Schools.

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In April of this year Valerie Nye and I returned to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, the location where in 2009 (over a plate of fried green tomatoes), we came up with the idea to write a book about librarians’ experiences with censorship. That year at the Children’s Book Festival at the University of Southern Mississippi, we gave our “Banned Books Exposed” presentation. Audience response was so encouraging that a book about censorship sounded like a perfect topic for collaboration.

When we returned from Mississippi we wrote up a proposal, submitted it to ALA Editions and supplied the outline, sample chapters, and market research they requested. In late 2009 ALA sent us a contract and we spent 2010 soliciting submissions, soliciting more submissions, editing like crazy, slaving over the page proofs from ALA, and finally had the finished product in our hands in January of this year. (Note to aspiring authors: this is the condensed version of what happened . . . there was plenty of hard work!)

So there we were, three years later, back in Hattiesburg giving a presentation on True Stories of Censorship Battles in America’s Libraries! And yes, we celebrated over a plate of fried green tomatoes (we can’t seem to get away from great food)! The book has been well-received and was named Book of the Month for April by the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression. In late April we gave a talk on the book to librarians at the SCKLS (South Central Kansas Library System) conference in Wichita. Most recently, we visited Los Alamos for Mesa Public Library’s “Authors Speak” series.

Part of our fun with the book has included interviews in print, on the radio, and in electronic media. Read what I had to say to School Library Journal at:


An extra bonus was the READ poster created by Sharon Barnes, SCKLS technology consultant.

Our book has chapters by librarians from around the country. We’re proud to have several New Mexico librarians in our list of contributors: Laurie Treat, Susanne Caro (recently relocated to Montana), Alisa Gonzalez, and Sherry York.

We’re on the lookout for more censorship stories, so if you have one, or know somebody who does, please let us know nyebasco@gmail.com. Meanwhile, we’re looking ahead to our next presentation at the Colorado Academic Library Association (CoALA) Summit at Regis University in Denver in late May.

**College Scholarship Award Recipients**

**Kelly Anne Blaz - $700**

Kelly is a long-time resident of Albuquerque and a graduate of the University of New Mexico. Currently, she works as a Serials Technician and Interlibrary Loan Coordinator at Central New Mexico Community College. She plans to use her scholarship to continue her studies in library science at Dona Ana Community College in Las Cruces via their online program.

**Susan Garcia Dominguez - $300**

Susan is currently employed as a reading intervention teacher, Bureau of Indian Education, San Felipe Pueblo Elementary School. She is preparing to become a school librarian, serving the children of New Mexico, and will begin her Master’s Degree in Education program with a teaching field endorsement in Educational Media and Library Science at the University of New Mexico this coming summer.
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