Letter from the President

Congratulations to Mary Ellen Pellington, our very own Vice President Elect and winner of ALA’s "I Love my Librarian" award!

See the award and winners here:

http://atyourlibrary.org/ilovemylibrarian/2012-winners

A page has also been set up where people can share congratulations:
http://atyourlibrary.org/ilovemylibrarian/congratulate-2012-winners

Please be sure to congratulate Mary Ellen--she truly deserves this award!

Tina Glatz
President

NMLA 2013 Annual Conference Rates

Join us April 17-19, 2013 at the Albuquerque Sheraton Uptown (located on the NE corner of Menaul and Louisiana in Albuquerque)

Recommended registration
Pre – Conferences:  $25.00 (1 time only)
Early Registration: $75/$100 (Member/Non Member)
After March 15: $100/$130 (Member/Non Member)
On-site: $125/$160 (Member/Non Member)
Retiree/Student: $25

Daily Rate
$40 member
$60 non-member
$25 retiree/student

Meals
$10 Box Lunch with the Vendors on Thursday 4/18/13
$40 Awards Banquet on Thursday 4/18/13
$28 Youth Librarian’s Author Luncheon on Friday 4/19/13
Come to New Mexico Library Legislative Day 2013

By Joe Sabatini
Co-Chair Legislation Committee

The New Mexico Library Association will hold its annual Library Legislative Day on Thursday, February 7, 2013, to show appreciation for past library funding and to support continued funding of library programs. Library supporters will be in the House and Senate galleries when the sessions begin (usually at 10 am), and delegations of librarians will be introduced. All library supporters are urged to attend. There will not be an orientation session this year. Participants should be prepared to provide information to their legislators about the importance of state-level funding to public, academic, public school and tribal libraries in their communities. Library Legislative Day is a great opportunity to share the wonderful things libraries are doing across the state, and really raise awareness amongst the legislators. NMLA will have a table in the Capitol Rotunda with displays, pamphlets and buttons.

The Advocacy for School Libraries SIG Steering Committee will have a breakfast meeting to review their issues. Rachel Altobelli will discuss lobbying techniques for the day and welcomes all librarians to attend. The ASLSIG and the NMLA Legislation Committee made a well-received presentation to the Legislative Education Study Committee on November 14th in support of the School Library Materials Fund.

The 2013 Legislature begins its session on Tuesday, January 15th and ends on Saturday, March 16th. The Legislature and Governor Susana Martinez will be preparing state agency budgets. Although the funding picture has stabilized, there are many vacant positions in State Government. In particular, the New Mexico State Library is still many positions down from past years. Libraries statewide are still doing increased business with diminished resources. The state’s ability to fund local capital improvement is somewhat improved, so there may be opportunities to ask local legislators to put in requests for library projects. Emphasize that libraries are part of the solution to the economic malaise, which New Mexico citizens understood when they voted 62% yes on the 2012 Library Bond Issue.

Public parking is available at the Capitol parking garage on the corner of West Manhattan Avenue & Galisteo Street at a rate of $1 an hour or $8 maximum. The garage is west of the state Capitol, with the entrance off Galisteo. It is site number 10 on http://www.mapquest.com/maps?cat=New%20Mexico%20State%20Capitol&address=491%20Old%20Santa%20Fe%20Trl&city=Santa%20Fe&state=NM&zipCode=87501. Additional parking information is available at http://www.santafenm.gov/index.aspx?nid=203 and a map is available at http://www.santafenm.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/11438.

During the session, the Legislation Committee will once again be putting out a Legislative Bulletin to the NMLA e-list. This will summarize library-related bills, track their status and provide information about key issues. See you on February 7th!

Save This Date: NMLA LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013
Membership Committee Update

By Tammy A. Power, Membership Committee Chair

The mini conference in Carlsbad was wonderful! There were many opportunities to chat and see the sights of Carlsbad and the programming was great. I know I still need to implement some of the new technology ideas that I found out about. The technology “petting zoo” was especially full of unique uses for barcodes and QR codes. Maybe the upcoming holiday break will be a good time to work on using these exciting new informational possibilities.

As you may recall, the Membership Committee sponsored an idea contest. At random we drew names for who would win an iTunes gift card. Our winners have been notified and it’s now time for you to hear about some of the great ideas that were submitted:

- Different areas of the state can put together regional gift baskets for another spin on raffle fund-raising
- Reduced membership rates for the first year
- Always remind folks to share their NMLA Newsletter with their communities; you never know who might be interested in library news and membership
- Investigate publisher rewards as a membership benefit
- Mentor students to become future New Mexico librarians

This contest is over, but you can still send us your great ideas about how to improve NMLA and increase membership. Please email me at twelch@dacc.nmsu.edu.

Have a great semester!

Christmas Music at Ruidoso Public Library

By Sharon Stewart, Librarian Ruidoso Public Library

Christmas music filled the normally quiet Ruidoso Public Library the week before Christmas.

ENMU-Ruidoso Community Choir with director, Patrick Robinson. Lou Ann Ellison and Cynthia Kerbs sang and performed on flutes and pianos.

Ruidoso Middle School Choir with director, Waynta Wirth
Candidates for NMLA Board

The Nominations & Elections Committee: Mary Alice Tsosie, Cassandra Osterloh, George Jaramillo

Vice President/President Elect

Olivia Baca  Candidate for NMLA Vice President

Olivia, a native of Albuquerque, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Vassar College. Working as a substitute librarian for ABC Libraries in Albuquerque directed her toward graduate studies. She attended the University of Arizona as a Knowledge River Scholar for her Master of Arts in Information Resources and Library Science.

A reference librarian at Central New Mexico Community College, Olivia serves as circulation supervisor and outreach coordinator. As chair of the NMLA SIG Bonds for Libraries, she led a successful drive for passage of the 2012 New Mexico General Obligation Bond B. Professional interests include human resources, student engagement, and leadership. Olivia received a REACH21 scholarship to the 2010 ALA Spectrum Leadership Institute, and attended the 2012 Minnesota Institute for Early Career Librarians.

Statement of Interest

I bring seven years of library experience to my bid for Vice President of NMLA. My work in libraries has helped me develop strengths which include flexibility, and effective project management. I would like to serve as Vice President and future President of NMLA in order to leverage my strengths towards the needs of the professional organization.

In my view, NMLA has the opportunity to reinvigorate its base, and attract new members by listening and adapting to the changing needs of New Mexico library professionals. Areas for growth include nurturing our next generation of library leaders, and recalibrating networking opportunities. I have a willingness to listen to members and others interested in the evolution of NMLA.

New Mexico libraries have greater visibility and political clout together than apart. In addition to professional development, I see an opportunity for NMLA to bring other library organizations within the state together to work toward shared goals in greater concert. I look forward to serving as a leader within NMLA to help develop these goals.

Janice Kowemy  Candidate for NMLA Vice President

I am the librarian/director at the Laguna Public Library, located in Laguna Pueblo, NM. I am a member of the Pueblo of Laguna. I obtained my Masters degree in Information Studies from the University of Texas at Austin, School of Information in 2007 and Bachelors degree in Business Administration in Marketing from the University of New Mexico in 2005. I have been very involved with the New Mexico Library Association for the past 5 years; as President of the Native American Libraries Special Interest Group, NALSIG (2009- present); a member at large board member (2011-2013); and the Bonds For Library Special Interest Group (2012 – present). I am also a member of the planning committee for the NMLA mini-conference; NMLA annual conference; and the Association of Tribal Archives Libraries and Museums conference for 2013. I am also involved with the New Mexico Tribal Libraries Foundation which is an organization dedicated to raising funds for participating New Mexico tribal libraries. I am currently the president of the American Indian Library Association (2012-2013), an affiliate of the American Library Association.

When I graduated from library school, I was fortunate to go back to my home community of Laguna to be the Librarian. I got involved with NMLA - NALSIG early on and from then it has been such a great experience, learning from many library professionals, being involved, learning about legislation and helping my fellow librarians when I can.

I would like to lend my expertise to continue moving NMLA forward. NMLA is the voice for NM libraries; we need to continue working together to better library services for New Mexicans. To move forward we need to relook at activities that can be transitioned digitally to save on paper costs, revamp membership benefits, entice more vendors to our conferences, and increase membership overall. We also need to start recruiting more into the field of librarianship. I was recruited into the field when I graduated high school and had the opportunity to work in my tribal library in Laguna. I enjoyed it so much that I wanted to be a librarian.

There are many opportunities for NMLA to start getting back on its feet and I hope the 2013 Annual Conference will be a turning point. We need to all work together to make NMLA the best library association overall.

Lynnette Schurdevin, Candidate for NMLA Vice President

I am currently the Library Administrator of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces, NM. I have held this position for the past 2 and 3/4 years. Previously I was the Library Supervisor of the Circulation Department.

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Candidates for NMLA Board (continued from page 4)

I am a native of Moorhead, MN and moved to Las Cruces in December 2005 during a major snowstorm and have not looked back. I received my bachelor's degree from Moorhead State University and my Master's in Library Science from Texas Woman's University.

I have 20 years of banking experience and 11 plus years as a librarian, supervisor and administrator. I am passionate about libraries and as a public librarian I continually promote the idea that libraries are “more than books”.

I am a member of NMLA and have served as secretary and I am currently on the site selection committee and legislative committee. I hold the Municipal League Library committee president position and I am an active ALA member.

I look forward to being Vice President/ President Elect of NMLA and supporting public, tribal, university and school libraries and how we work together to bring forth a desire of life long learning to our patrons and students.

Treasurer

Paulita Aguilar, Candidate for NMLA Treasurer
Paulita Aguilar is a research librarian, Associate Professor, with University Libraries at the University New Mexico. An active NMLA member since 2000, Paulita has given numerous NMLA presentations, written articles for the NMLA Bulletin, and has participated in NMLA committees and SIGS. She has been a NMLA Board Member since 2007, serving as Member at Large from 2007-2009 and ALA/APA Councilor from 2010-2013. As a Board Member, Paulita has taken an active role in NMLA budget discussions and has gained valuable experience to keep NMLA’s budget in check and growing. As NMLA Treasurer, Paulita’s primary goal is to keep NMLA financially secure for future NMLA leaders and members.

Clyde Henderson, Candidate for NMLA Treasurer
Currently, I am the Librarian at the Navajo Technical College Library. I have been in this job for 16 years. My past positions have cover the array of library services and academic libraries from San Juan College to Kansas State University. My current duties have me managing the library and services to our main campus in Crownpoint, NM but also to three other distance sites. I have an interest in the position of NMLA Treasurer because I am familiar with its duties as I briefly served in the position 3 years ago. If chosen I would strive to maintain a level of accountability within the position of NMLA Treasurer and to serve all NMLA members.

ALA-APA Councilor

Heather Dahl, Candidate for the ALA/APA Councilor
Heather Dahl is School Librarian-Teacher at Eldorado High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She served as past chair (2010-2012) of the ASL-SIG and enjoys presenting and sharing ideas with librarians across the state. Before becoming a school librarian, Heather taught Secondary Social Studies for ten years. She is currently working on a PhD at the University of New Mexico in the Language, Literacy, and Sociocultural program and enjoys researching young adult literature and digital literacy. Heather moved to New Mexico in 1996 after graduating from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

Norice Lee, Candidate for ALA/APA Councilor
Norice has worked in New Mexico libraries for almost thirty years, beginning as a paraprofessional at NMSU-Las Cruces in 1981. After several years, she transferred to the NMSU-Doña Ana campus (DACC), continuing her education through her MLIS from UT-Austin in 1996. Shortly thereafter, she became Director of Library Services at DACC and was also Coordinator of the Library Technology credit-based program. In 2002, Norice returned to the NMSU Library as the Department Head of Access Services, followed by a couple of years as Regional Library Branch Manager of four branches in the El Paso Public Library System. Norice returned to the NMSU Library in 2008 and was recently promoted to Associate Dean. Norice’s professional interests currently revolve around staff and organizational development, space/facilities planning, and consumer health information and education. Career highlights include her involvement with establishing: the Border Health Information and Education Network (BIEN!); the Sunland Park Community Library; the Title V Technology Resource Center at DACC; and offering the first distance education library courses within New Mexico. Away from work, Norice especially enjoys spending time with her two-year old grand-daughter who lives in Las Cruces.
Val Nye, Candidate for NMLA ALA/APA Councilor

Val Nye is the library director at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe. She has also served as the library director at Santa Fe University of Art and Design, head of public services at the College of Santa Fe, and as a public library consultant at the New Mexico State Library. She has most recently served as secretary and grant liaison on the New Mexico Library Foundation Board. She has held positions on the NMLA board including Member at Large, Public Relations Chair, and the Mountain Plains Library Association Representative. Val has been interested in improving library salaries, pay equity, and investigating library professional standards for over 15 years. She recently coedited a professional title for librarians entitled: True Stories of Censorship Battles in America’s Libraries (ALA, 2012).

Corey Bard, Candidate for NMLA Member-at-Large

In the tradition of pioneers who have settled New Mexico, Corey Bard hoped to make a new start. He had heard the gold mining was not so good. He had little or no experience ranching. He knew the history of sheriffs in Lincoln County. He had no military service background or experience with uranium. He did not even own the requisite plaid sports coat to become a used car salesman. The rumors spread about why Bard moved here at all.

Some say he assumed the name Corey Bard and was placed in the town of Gold Beach, Oregon as a Library Director while in the Witness Protection Program. Overheard last week, “I’m sure I knew this guy. He was in U.N. Special Forces for NATO.” Yet a contradictory story was also heard, “I swear he told me he had no military service background. He supports Peace Village Day Camp for kids in Alto, NM. He’s a born-again Pacifist.”

Corey Bard ran a toy store for three years. It failed. He ran a lawn and garden store for another year. The plants died. He tried running a number of fitness centers and to date most of his clients have still gotten older, gained weight, and suffered the diseases that plague America today. Even though Corey Bard ran nine marathons including the prestigious Boston Marathon, founded a 5k run that collects food for local food pantries, founded a Rotary bicycle ride, he too is older, heavier, and prepared to die of the diseases that plague most of America today.

Corey Bard spent nine years at the Theosophical Society in America. What kind of life can a person lead if he does not attempt the spiritual path at least once? He helped run their publishing house for six years, practiced yoga, meditation, and felt generally better for having met Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, Pagans, and Atheists who each shared trying to find meaning in life. I cannot report that Corey Bard was struck by lightning and awoken to his purpose to become a librarian. The decision to first work on a Library Technical Assistant certificate allowing him to switch from the publishing house to the library came to Corey just as mysteriously as his decision to work at the Theosophical Society in the first place.

Unemployed, living with his parents in Wisconsin, he drove through Wheaton, IL on the way to a track workout with the North Central College Track Club and stumbled upon the Theosophical Society in America campus. The next day wandering the stacks of University of Wisconsin – Parkside library, he found himself paging through a book he had randomly selected detailing the life of Krishnamurti. It could not have been clearer. Corey Bard’s path was to be a librarian and the Theosophical Society would provide the doorway to his new found world. He did every job imaginable at the Henry S. Olcott Memorial Library gaining valuable experience in circulation, cataloging, reference, program development and grant writing.

In 2008, Corey Bard completed his MLIS from Dominican University. His faithful Nissan Sentra with over 100,000 miles was totaled in a collision on his way to class in the winter of 2007. A creature of habit, he bought another Nissan Sentra which he has driven ever since – from Illinois to Oregon to Ruidoso, NM. He would never attempt to fix his car and has never had to change a flat tire in his life, bicycle or car. In 2008, he met the sage/library director/Vegas lounge singer, Gil Chavez who handpicked Corey Bard to be his successor at Curry Public Library. In 2011, Corey Bard moved to Ruidoso, NM to become director of Ruidoso Public Library. Rumors are already circulating he was born in Houston making Texans in Ruidoso happy he is one of their own. Corey Bard was curious to learn about his new home. He enrolled in History of New Mexico at ENMU and has taken numerous history classes, hosted historical exhibits and speakers and is working on a James Michener like novel that takes place in New Mexico. This is the story of how Corey figured out what he wanted to be.

Candidates for NMLA Board (continued from page 5)
Lillian Chavez, Candidate for NMLA Member-at-Large

Lillian Chavez is the Library Director at Mescalero Community Library with the responsibility of all operations of the Mescalero Community Library. She also serves as Chair of ASCLA Tribal Librarians Interest Group; where she is responsible for informative and productive sessions on Tribal Librarians nationwide. Lillian Chavez is outspoken, open minded, fun and loves to laugh and listen to music. Lillian Chavez earned her Master degree from NMSU, Las Cruces New Mexico and is a certified librarian with the New Mexico State Library. Lillian Chavez has developed the first tribal public library in the Southwest of New Mexico for her tribe in Mescalero, New Mexico. Prior to her work with the Mescalero Community Library, Lillian Chavez worked as the elementary librarian at the Mescalero Apache School for 10 years. Lillian Chavez is a Chiricahua and Mescalero Apache; she is direct decedent to Victorio and Shanta Boy and has lived all her life on the Mescalero Apache reservation. Lillian Chavez is proud to serve her fellow tribal members and her neighboring communities as well through her work as a Librarian; Lillian loves her job as librarian and strives every day to build more resources for her community.

Steve Harris, Candidate for NMLA Member-at-Large

Steven R. Harris is the Director of Collections and Acquisitions Services for the University Libraries and an Associate Professor of Librarianship at the University of New Mexico.

He has worked in libraries for over twenty-eight years, including 20 years as a professional librarian. Prior to arriving at UNM in September 2008, Steven was Collection Development and Management Librarian at Utah State University in Logan, Utah. He has also served as humanities reference or English literature librarian at Texas A&M, Louisiana State University, and the University of Tennessee.

He has authored numerous articles about intellectual freedom, literature librarianship, and social media. He is co-author of the books Censorship of Expression in the 1980s: A Statistical Survey (1994) and Teaching Literary Research: Challenges in a Changing Environment (2009).

Steven is interested in how new technologies are affecting libraries. He blogs about social media and library collections at Collections 2.0: http://collections2pointo.wordpress.com.

Margaret Van Dyk, Candidate for NMLA Member-at-Large

Margaret Van Dyk is the acting director at Santa Fe University of Art and Design. For many years she worked as a library assistant in a small public library in Wisconsin. In 2004, she entered the masters program at the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. While in grad school and post graduation, Margaret worked at the Kohler Art Library, the Wisconsin Historical Society library, and Memorial Library, the Humanities and Social Sciences library, all on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. Margaret’s professional interests, including book discussion groups, readers' advisory, and fundraising activities, have expanded to include art librarianship and information literacy. She draws upon her experience as a public librarian, finding it invaluable in building new relationships with colleagues, faculty, and students. Happy to be in New Mexico and to join a dedicated and professional group of new colleagues, she would like to offer to serve as a member at large for the New Mexico Library Association.

Stephanie Wilson – Candidate for NMLA Member-at-Large

Stephanie Wilson is a Law Librarian Senior at the New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library in Santa Fe, where she started as a Library Assistant in 2001. At the Supreme Court, she serves as the technical services librarian and the government documents coordinator, and she also works at the reference/circulation desk. She has worked for over 20 years in libraries, primarily in academic and special law libraries but with short periods in a public and a community college library. She grew up in Florida and has a B.A. in History from the University of South Florida. In 2001, she moved to New Mexico, and in 2005, she obtained a M.L.S. via the online program offered by Texas Woman’s University. She is a member of NMLA and the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). She served on the NMLA Intellectual Freedom Task Force and as the Co-Chair of the NMLA Intellectual Freedom Committee. She is also a co-founder of the Santa Fe Librarians Group, a local group of librarians and library staff that was developed to provide professional development and collaborative opportunities several times per year.

It is an honor to be nominated for the Board position of Member-at-Large of the New Mexico Library Association. This is a worthwhile organization that provides opportunities for networking, public service, and professional development, and I look forward to participating on a broader scale as a Board member. If elected, I will support the efforts of NMLA’s Special Interest Groups, and will strive to increase membership by promoting the value of the association and by developing a conference program that fulfills the needs and interests of library professionals throughout the state.
Farmington Public Libraries

Farmington Public Libraries’ Teen Zone was featured on Young Adult Library Services. Check it out!


NMSU Library Announces Digital Collections

The New Mexico State University Library announces that several of its collections have been digitized. The Library joins hundreds of libraries, archives and museums that have launched projects to place collections on the Web.

Visit the Library’s Digital Collections website at http://lib.nmsu.edu/digitalcollections.shtml. The site currently provides access to six collections of documents and/or photographs, and a number of other important collections are in various stages of processing.

“NMSU Extension and Experiment Stations Publications” is a collection of documents dating from 1890 to the present about agriculture, health, economics, family life and natural resources. Completion of this project will offer free online access to the searchable, full text and images of the 3,200 Cooperative Extension Service and Agricultural Experiment Station publications in the Library’s collection.

“New Mexico Statehood Centennial” is a link to 580 historical photographs that the Library contributed to the University of New Mexico’s Centennial website. “NMSU Library Newsletter” contains Library newsletters from 1996 to the present. Searchable by keyword, the collection provides much information about the history of the Library’s programs and services.

“Photographic Collections” is a collection of more than 500,000 historical photos from the Rio Grande Historical Collections that pertain to our state’s cultural heritage.

“The Round-Up” consists of NMSU’s student newspaper The Round-Up and its predecessor The New Mexico Collegian, published since 1893. This newspaper collection, one of the most requested resources in the Archives, is an important source on the history of NMSU and regional history.

“Zuhl Geological Collection” contains more than 2,000 images of petrified wood, fossils and minerals from the collection of Herbert and Joan Zuhl. More than 1,000 pieces from the collection can be viewed in person on campus. The majority of the pieces are at the Zuhl Museum, but don’t miss the displays in Zuhl Library as well.

We live in an increasingly digital world, and digital projects present information in new and important ways. Previously, the Library’s digitization projects were outsourced, but the Library’s new digitization lab now provides the capacity to scan materials in-house.

For more information, contact Associate Dean Norice Lee at (575) 646-1508

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Susan E. Beck is the new head of the NMSU Library's Access Services Department, which includes the Circulation, Information Delivery Services and Reserves/Copy Services units.

Beck has been with the Library since 1997, and she has served as Collection Development Coordinator, Reference & Information Services Department Head and Instruction Coordinator. She previously worked at libraries at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, North Seattle Community College, City University of Seattle and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

A graduate of The Evergreen State College, Beck received a master's degree in linguistics from Ohio University and a master's degree in library and information sciences from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

She is professionally active in the Association of College and Research Libraries and is a member of the editorial board of the journal Public Services Quarterly. Beck co-authored a book, Practical Research Methods for Librarians and Information Professionals, with Kate Manuel (NY: Neal-Schuman, 2007).

The Children’s Department at the Ruidoso Public Library became a woodland wonderland for the holidays. Library Director, Corey Bard, held a Holiday Ping Pong Tournament. A local pre-school group, The River Raccoons, came Monday, Dec. 17, to sing Christmas songs to library staff and patrons, to show us that everything will be ok after the terrible events that occurred on Friday, Dec. 14th. The kids visited the Police Station and Fire Station, bringing tears to the eyes of local first responders. The library is located at 107 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso.
The Pueblo of Isleta Public Library celebrated Native American Heritage Month in November with different events every week in collaboration with the Isleta Elder Center, Isleta Veterans Association, Isleta Range Patrol, Isleta Recreation Center, Isleta Police Department and Isleta Truancy.

This is the first time ever these events have taken place at the library. We started off with a Grocery Bingo which was in collaboration with the Isleta Elder Center. All ages were invited to play in hopes of winning a prize, basket full of groceries ranging from Spaghetti Night, Junk Food, and Asian Night.

The following week we hosted a special storytelling night with the elders of the community. We gathered the families and children around as the elders and a few community members shared traditional stories and legends from Isleta Pueblo history with everyone. We provided traditional snacks: Beef Jerky, Indian pies and cookies.

The week of Thanksgiving we invited everyone to make a special Thanksgiving centerpiece made with a gourd. We took a group of our After School Program kids to collect natural resources to decorate their gourds. The patrons got to clean and sand their gourd before they painted them with designs and filled them with leaves, pine branches and cedar.

We honored our Veterans in our Isleta community by hosting a Film Festival which features 4 interviews with Isleta Veterans from the Vietnam War, Korean War, and two from Afghanistan. The library staff edited and put together a 45 minute video of the interviews and also a special segment at the end of the video that highlighted all of our soldiers past and present. The Library also had its official rising of our United States flag that was given to us from the Isleta Veterans Association. They also helped us by raising the flag as a local youth powwow drum group, Thunder knife, honored us with a Veterans song and a flag song. The Isleta Veterans Association presented the proper etiquette on folding the flag along with the significance behind each fold.

Ending our month long events was a Powwow “Celebrating Indigenous Communities”. We hosted a raffle, cake walk and had Arts and Crafts vendors, which all took place at the Isleta Recreation Center. The Isleta Veterans Association brought in the colors and posted them. We also had an eagle staff donated by the Indians in Sobriety Committee for the time of the powwow. All proceeds made from the Raffle, Cake walk and the Arts and Crafts vendor fee went to the Isleta Veterans Association towards the construction of their future facility.

We are excited for next year and hoping to plan more great events like this for our community.
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