By Mary Ellen Pellington, NMLA Vice-President

The 2013 Conference will provide an opportunity for the NM library community to discuss the role libraries can play in building worldwide connections while insuring that all peoples have access to free and accurate information.

Keynote Speaker, Michael Dowling, Director of ALA, International Relations and Chapter Relations Offices will provide an overview of libraries throughout the world and how they are making a difference. He will offer possible scenarios of libraries in the future and challenge us to collectively build our vision for NM Libraries and the steps we will take to get there. Mr. Dowling will be attending our entire conference and looks forward to meeting everyone.

You won’t want to miss the outstanding programs offered this year. The following are only a sampling of these programs: Connecting Librarians though Stories of Censorship; Building Diverse Library Collections; Juarez: what the Mainstream Media Isn’t Telling You; Fresh Eyes Needed NM School Librarians Standards Update and International Storytelling. In addition, there are excellent pre-conferences being presented; take a look and you are sure to find a topic that meets your needs.

Both Thursday and Friday mornings there will be coffee and “nosh” in the Exhibit Hall, mid-morning coffee on Thursday and “Make Your Own Ice Cream Sunday “in the afternoon. Don’t forget to register for the boxed lunch with the vendors on Thursday. You will be able to review silent auction items on Facebook to see what you might be interested in bidding on. Star Gazing and Dine Around will also be offered. There will be prizes and surprises.

The Annual Awards Banquet theme this year is Steampunk and there will be a prize for the most outstanding headgear. Give it a try and have a great time. This Banquet is our opportunity to applaud those nominated by their peers to receive NMLA’s highest awards.

Carol Starr Rose the author of May Be and Over in the Wetlands will speak at the Youth Author Luncheon this year. Her book May Be, is the 2012 NM-Arizona Book Award-Juvenile Division, a Junior Library Guild Selection and School Library Journal’s Newbery blog as well as being listed as a Heavy Medal 2013 Newbery contender.
NMLA 2013 Election Results

By Mary Alice Tsosie, Nominations and Elections Committee

NMLA membership has elected five very strong board members to lead NMLA in the coming years. The winners of the NMLA 2013 Election are as follows:

Vice president/president elect: Janice Kowemy
Treasurer: Paulita Aguilar
ALA-APA Councilor: Valerie Nye
Member-at-Large: Steve Harris
Stephanie Wilson

On behalf of the Nominations and Elections Committee, I would like to express a very gracious thank you to all the members who chose to be candidates in the election for the NMLA Board. There were so many excellent choices causing some members to say, “Who do I vote for because they are all so good?” Several even asked, “Can I vote for all of them?” The candidates are all committed, dedicated, and knowledgeable experts in their field. Each one of them would have been a wonderful and effective board member. I would like to invite all the candidates to run again in the future. If not, stay active as a member and continue to make NMLA a viable organization for all of its members.

I would also like to thank the current board members who will be coming off the board in April. It is very difficult to describe the work, challenges, and decisions they faced on behalf of NMLA. Their work for NMLA is immeasurable.

To the membership, thank you for taking the time to vote. I am pleased with the outcome of the election as I hope you all are.

Thank you also to the members of the Nomination & Elections Committee for working hard and making a great working team: Cassandra Osterloh and George Jaramillo.

REFORMA de Nuevo Mexico

By Flo Trujillo

Get involved with REFORMA de Nuevo Mexico, the National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking. Membership applications are available on the National REFORMA website or the REFORMA de Nuevo Mexico blogspot. After five years of inactive status, we are now an active Chapter representing New Mexico as of January 2013! We invite you to share, on the blog, what libraries are doing for literacy in the diverse New Mexico communities.

Be part of the nationally recognized El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Day of the Child/Day of the Book) and register an event early in order to receive complimentary stickers and bookmarks (while supplies last) that celebrate Día. Last year, New Mexico registered 29 events, this year let’s triple that number! Did you know New Mexico author, Pat Mora, proposed the idea to create this international celebration? Pat Mora has challenged schools and libraries to post 1,000 events nationally – REFORMA de Nuevo Mexico would like to see New Mexico with the most events, so please register an event!

Join us at NMLA at the REFORMA SIG Meeting on Friday at 9:30 am for a very brief but productive meeting to help set the goals! Make sure you register an event for Día to be entered in a drawing (must be present to win) for some gift cards! There will be other surprises too along with a copy of the Governor’s Proclamation for your celebration.
New Children’s Program at Ruidoso Public Library

By Sharon Stewart, Librarian Ruidoso Public Library

The Ruidoso Public Library created a TINY TOTS PROGRAM in February for infants and children up to the age of three. The children’s department started Tiny Tots for this age group to provide for the younger kids currently attending the library’s preschool program, as well as filling a gap recently created by lack of funding for a play group for this age group at a different location in town. Different parents create a program and then lead the group for one day of the week. For this first month, approximately 38 moms and children have attended each program, allowing the Youth Services Supervisor, Cheryl Volosin, to declare the program successful at filling a need in the community.

A Visit from the Past: Toulouse-Lautrec

By Sharon Stewart, Librarian Ruidoso Public Library

Petr Jandacek, artist and art educator from Los Alamos, performed his Chautauqua “Born Toulouse – Lived to Paint” at the Ruidoso Public Library on Tuesday, Feb 19. Entertaining, educational and funny, it was a crowd pleaser.

Mr. Jandacek lives for his art

Jandacek wouldn’t travel without Toulouse-Lautrec

Jandacek donned artificial orthodontics, wigs, and two canes for part of the talk

Toulouse-Lautrec presented many props to round out the character
New Mexico Library Foundation Receives Generous Donation from Alliance for Information Science and Technology Innovation

By Carol Hoover. Chair, New Mexico Library Foundation, hoover@lanl.gov

The New Mexico Library Foundation (NMLF), a nonprofit grant funding organization supporting New Mexico libraries, has been the beneficiary of a very generous donation from the Alliance for Information Science and Technology Innovation (AISTI). The $139,000.00 donation is the largest in the Foundation’s history and represents a significant gift to New Mexico libraries.

According to Carol Hoover, Chair of the NMLF Board of Trustees, “This donation will allow us to greatly enhance our support for library programs and services to help libraries improve and sustain the services they provide for their communities.”

AISTI has decided to wind down their 15 years of activity supporting library-related innovation, which began in the early days of electronic services. "As AISTI makes way for new organizations and emerging leadership roles in our wonderfully complex New Mexico library community, we thought the New Mexico Library Foundation would be the perfect group to move our legacy forward. We hope this gift will have a positive impact for NMLF and further their ability to support libraries who want to promote innovative services in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)," said Miriam Blake, Chair of the AISTI Board of Directors.

Today all types of libraries in New Mexico face the daily pressures of increasing usage, the demands of new technologies and inadequate funding. Libraries play a critical role in education, economic development and in contributions to the quality of life in our communities. AISTI donation funds invested by NMLF in libraries will bring a tremendous return for New Mexico citizens of all ages.

Throughout the coming year, NMLF will be announcing various funding and grant opportunities made possible through this generous contribution. Watch the NMLF website and the NMLA Newsletter for more information coming soon!

About the New Mexico Library Foundation (www.nm-lf.org)
The New Mexico Library Foundation is a nonprofit organization that supports the needs of all types of libraries in the state of New Mexico through grant funding to help libraries build collections, update information access technology and enhance library programs.

About the Alliance for Information Science and Technology Innovation
The Alliance for Information Science and Technology Innovation was a nonprofit association begun in the mid-1990’s, dedicated to providing librarians and researchers with a unique forum for sharing cutting-edge ideas, implementing innovative solutions, and combining resources for research tool development and information sharing. The organization has formally dissolved as of September 2012.

Capitan Public Library Hosted a Writer’s Workshop

By Pat Garrett, Capital Public Library

Capitan Public Library hosted a Writer’s Workshop on Saturday, February 16. Author, Steven F. Havill worked with 17 aspiring authors from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a catered lunch at noon. Mr. Havill lived in Lincoln, NM for 7 years and was instrumental in renovating the existing library in Capitan. He was the first lecturer for the 1st Friday Adult Lecture Series that has been in place since 2001.

The interest in the workshop was amazing and the list changed daily. He requested the program be limited to 15, but because of the first 15 changing

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Legislation Update

By Joe Sabatini, Co-Chair NMLA Legislation Committee

Thanks to everyone who attended the NMLA Library Legislative Day. Our delegations were introduced and recognized in both chambers. The rotunda table did good business in distributing buttons, bookmarks and flyers to the multitudes of passers-by. David Giltrow enhanced the bust of library patron saint Governor David Cargo by loaning Lonesome Dave his hat. Thanks also to David for supplying the table and chairs, to NMCAL for the banner and tablecloth, and to NALSIG for the laptop slideshow of tribal libraries and for pens, pencils and candy.

Steven F. Havill is an American author of mysteries and westerns. Havill lives in Datil, New Mexico, with his wife Kathleen. He has written two series of police procedurals set in the fictional Posadas County, New Mexico; along with other works.

If you haven’t read the Posadas County series, you should begin. They will transport you to the boot heel of New Mexico and the characters will become people you have known or wish to know.

One of his other hobbies has been the history of medicine, and a long-term writing project, the mainstream historical/medical novel Race for the Dying, was released by St. Martin’s Press in 2009. The sequel to that novel, Comes a Time for Burning, was also released in January, 2011.

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NMHU Library Receives Two NEH Grants

By Cheryl Zebrowski, Cataloging/Systems Librarian, Thomas C. Donnelly Library

New Mexico Highlands University Thomas C. Donnelly Library received two National Endowment for the Humanities Grants this year. The first was a $6,000 grant to help preserve the library’s extensive historical records and fine arts collection with the purchase of archival supplies and equipment. These one-of-a-kind historical documents reflect the history and culture of Northern New Mexico, from prehistory to the Santa Fe Trail period to Las Vegas’ heyday as a railroad town. The grant will also help preserve and protect Donnelly’s art collection of more than 2,500 pieces. The grant will cover consultant fees to train the Special Collections staff on the use and installation of the equipment, as well as offer a half-day training session on paper repair and archival housing techniques which will be opened up to other organizations in the region.

The second grant received by New Mexico Highlands University is the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf, a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities Bridging Cultures initiative. This grant has provided the library with twenty-five books and three films, along with public performance rights. The purpose of the bookshelf is to provide libraries with reliable books and films to help Americans learn more about Islamic faith, religion, history, and culture. To promote the use of this collection, Donnelly Library will be hosting several events, including films screenings and lectures led by Highland’s faculty. Creating an atmosphere of respect and understanding is part of the library’s mission statement. The programs planned to introduce the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf to the community will help further build this atmosphere.
Veteran Dog a Faithful Companion to NMSU Student

By Jeanette Smith, NMSU Library

Fabian Martinez and his faithful companion Ike, a military veteran dog, are becoming familiar faces at NMSU’s Branson Library. Fabian is the son of Library Specialist Graciela (Gracie) Martinez, who works in the Technical Services Department in Branson.

Fabian was a medic in the Army National Guard, but his military career ended when he was injured in Afghanistan. Gracie said that Fabian was proud to serve his country.

“It was all he ever wanted to do since he was a child.” Ike helps Fabian emotionally and physically. Fabian and Ike trained together for two weeks in New York, which included training in balance, retrieval and nightmare interruptions.

Fabian is now attending NMSU, and he is often seen on campus with Ike always at his side. For more information, contact the Library Administration at (575) 646-1508.

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Awards

By Linda Keulen, ASL-SIG Awards Chair

The Advocacy for School Libraries Special Interest Group (ASL-SIG) is proud to announce the 2013 Outstanding Elementary and Secondary Libraries of the Year Award.

Josh Benjamin, from E.G. Ross Elementary in Albuquerque, is the recipient of the Outstanding Elementary School Library. Josh’s commitment to his students and school community is evident in the way he empowers his students to take ownership of their library, seeks out additional funding opportunities, and develops engaging lessons. Josh says his goal is three-fold: to turn students into lifelong readers who enjoy books and the act of reading, to create positive experiences of the library, and to teach the importance of libraries while maintaining a high level of enjoyment during the time students are in the library.

Congratulations, Josh!

Margie Sartin, from Piedra Vista High School in Farmington, is the recipient of the Outstanding Secondary School Library. Margie has overcome challenges because of the remote nature of her school and has built a virtual presence to combat the distances. A special program she developed included re-enacting a Navajo Code Talker transmission between schools in her area. One of Margie’s goals is to continually increase the electronic resources available to her staff and students. Congratulations, Margie!

Both of these outstanding librarians will receive a check from Follett Library Resources for their library and will be honored at the New Mexico Library Association Conference in Albuquerque in April.

Congratulations Josh and Margie! You make us proud!

The New Mexico Library Association is proud to announce the 2013 winners in two special categories.

Heather Dahl, from Eldorado High School in Albuquerque, is the recipient of the New Mexico Library Leadership Award. As past chair of the Advocacy for School Libraries Special Interest Group, Heather advocated for all school libraries at the state legislature and coordinated professional development opportunities for libraries around the state. Nationally, she was recognized for her excellence with an American Association of School Librarians Vision Award, and is active in the Young Adult Library Services Association. She is a frequent presenter at library conferences and is tireless in her pursuit of excellence.

Congratulations, Heather!

Sandy Crawford, a special volunteer with the Tularosa Public Library, is the recipient of the New Mexico Library Amigo Award. For the past 3 years, Sandy has done everything from helping with circulation to providing refreshments for activities to cleaning the library. Sandy gives 100% effort to everything she does and the Tularosa Public Library feels she is a true Amigo to them. Congratulations, Sandy!

Pena Blanca Opening

By Alana McGrattan

The Pena Blanca community library opened on Feb. 23 to an enthusiastic public from the surrounding communities. Librarians from the Santa Fe area and Santo Domingo Pueblo came to wish Carrie Castro, volunteer librarian well. Carrie is presently the Librarian for Bernalillo Public Schools.

Public Library and CNM Rio Rancho Library; Susan Sheldon, NM Library Foundation and Friends of Santa Fe Public Library, Carrie Castro, Volunteer Librarian Pena Blanca and Bernalillo Public Schools, and Cynthia Aguilar, Santo Domingo
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