Retaining *Neverwhere*: NMLA against Censorship

To Mrs. Darian Jaramillo, Principal Alamogordo High School

It has come to the attention of the New Mexico Library Association (NMLA) that the book, *Neverwhere* by Neil Gaiman, is being reviewed for removal from Alamogordo High School.

The NMLA strongly believes the book should be retained in the school library and made available to students attending Alamogordo High School. As a professional library organization, the NMLA believes that democracy exists and thrives when there is free and open access to public information. Freedom of information allows individuals to have the necessary tools to keep themselves informed, to make decisions on matters affecting their lives, and to self-govern effectively as demanded by a democratic society.

Students in New Mexico’s high schools must have access to a wide variety of reading materials so that they can become active consumers of information and develop critical thinking skills about the information they obtain. In order to instill a love of learning, children must be able to find books that speak to them. Gaiman’s books speak to people of all ages, but especially young people. His books have inspired conversation, creativity, and learning opportunities of untold measure. Banning this book from the Alamogordo High School library will steal opportunities and learning experiences away from children at a critical age.

Please do not ban books from the Alamogordo High School library. Please retain *Neverwhere* by Neil Gaiman.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Pellington, President
New Mexico Library Association

*Neverwhere* Returned

According to the School Library Journal, Gaiman’s *Neverwhere* was returned to New Mexico High School classrooms and restored to the curriculum at New Mexico’s Alamogordo High School (AHS) as of November 13, 2013
The History of NMLA

Contributed by Joe Sabatini, By Joe Sabatini, Co-Chair NMLA Legislation Committee

Reprinted part of the existing 1973 pamphlet story, photos from the ABCL Special Collections Library. See http://www.nmla.org/docs/historical//NMLA_Pioneer_Years.pdf for more information.

102 Arno. This photograph is taken standing in the middle of Central Avenue at Edith Blvd., facing west towards downtown. The date is ca. 1905. as neither Albuquerque High School (1915) nor Central Methodist Church (1908-1956) appear. Stella Dixon, her husband Newell and their four children lived at 102 North Arno from 1910 until 1926. It is highly likely that N.M.L.A. was founded in her living room in December, 1923. The building on the right is the Albuquerque Public Library.

Stella. Stella Dixon was the Albuquerque Public Library's librarian from 1918 until 1935. This photograph is from 1920. It was provided to the Library by Stella's granddaughters for the Library's Centennial Celebration in 2001.

Raynolds 3. This is one of several postcards of the original library, with an excellent view of the clock and bell tower. The building was built in 1890 as the Albuquerque Academy, a nondenominational Protestant school, but which housed the newly-created Albuquerque Public Schools in 1891. It was first called the Reynolds Library in honor of Joshua Reynolds, who purchased and donated the property to the City in 1900 for a library. The building was torn down in 1924, and its bricks were used in constructing the 1925 Pueblo-Spanish Revival building housing today's Special Collections Library. The two story building to the right of the library still stands, and is the signature home for the Huning Highlands Historic Neighborhood. The postcard is likely to be ca. 1912.

Halloween at CNM Libraries

Submitted by Olivia Baca

Staff and student employees from the Jeannette Stromberg Library at the CNM Main Campus participated in the 2013 CNM Monster Mash photo costume contest. Our group costume consisted of Scrabble tiles.
Slate of Candidates for February 2014 NMLA Election

Submitted by the Nominations and Elections Committee: Dr. Rose Diaz, Anne Lefkofsky, LeAnn Weller, Elections Committee

The Committee is pleased to submit this roster of candidates to run for Board offices coming open in Spring 2014. Each of these candidates brings an admirable level of initiative, enthusiasm, and interest in service to NMLA. And, we’re grateful to the membership for their patience and support in taking this somewhat amended nomination process forward. Special thanks go to Joe Sabatini, for his help and support on Bylaws issues.

PLEASE NOTE:

► The following candidates will appear on the upcoming election ballot. Additionally, Association members are welcome to petition onto the ballot from now until January 1, 2014. Petition instructions and form follow.

► Key dates in the election process, as outlined in the NMLA Bylaws, follow the candidate statements for your reference.

► Once the petition period closes, we will re-issue a final slate of candidates – again including statements from all.

CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT (1-position available)

Sharon D. Jenkins, Ph.D. – Candidate for NMLA Vice President

Statement of Interest and Biography:

While attending Library School, I served as an officer of the Library and Information Science Student Association (LISSA). This was my first experience with library advocacy as well as my first involvement in any professional organization. I discovered at that time what a difference member participation and interest in one’s professional society could make in the ultimate triumph or collapse of the kind of shared goals and projects such organizations promote. I resolved at the time to continue participation and service to the profession in whatever capacity my abilities allowed, especially at the local level. Later, while working as a medical librarian in Arizona, I was elected Vice-President/President-Elect of the Special Libraries division of the Arizona Library Association. After my relocation Texas to begin the doctoral program at the University of North Texas (UNT) I served as president of the student chapter of the American Society for Information Science (now called ASIST) and attended and presented at national Library Association meetings for the first time. These experiences underscored the need for participation in our professional organizations.

Since coming to the Land of Enchantment, I have been pleased to have the opportunity to learn more about the many facets of librarianship through participation and service in local, regional and national library organizations. I served several terms as President and Vice-President of the Estacado Library Information Network, the local library consortium for the Lea County area; I am a past-President of the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries (NMCAL) and have been elected to serve again as the representative for two-year colleges. Happily, NMCAL maintains close ties to NMLA. I am a past member of the board, having served as chair of the education committee and was the local arrangements chair for the 2009 mini-conference held in Hobbs, NM. I was also twice elected as a member of the Amigos Library Consortium Board of Directors.

Through the organizational efforts of NMLA I have been privileged to see library advocacy in action; library legislative day, the successful rallies to pass bond issues and work on other statewide education and training initiatives. I realize that the Association faces unprecedented challenges in the years ahead, however, that is also what makes the prospect of assisting in its stewardship so exciting. We are at liberty to try almost anything! My strong history of organizational leadership along with a tendency toward optimism for the future of librarianship makes me an ideal candidate for NMLA Vice-President/President-Elect.

Because I believe in the power of our collective voices - raised in advocacy, and I see NMLA as the avenue that allows those voices to best be heard, I am asking the NMLA membership to allow me to serve librarianship in New Mexico by voting for me as Vice-President/President-Elect. Thank you for your consideration.

Marian Royal Vigil – Candidate for NMLA Vice President

Statement of Interest and Biography:

I am currently serving as the District Libraries Coordinator for Albuquerque Public Schools. This position affords me the opportunity to work closely with all of the APS school librarians and library educational assistants. Prior to coming here in July 2013, I served for nine years as the librarian teacher at Socorro High School in Socorro, NM and for six years as the district elementary school librarian, providing services to three district elementary schools. In my previous librarian
incarnation, I was an academic medical and hospital librarian serving in various capacities at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. During that period, I directed the University Hospital Library, pioneered a Clinical Medical Librarian program, developed the UAB Dept. of Surgery library, worked in the Public Services department of the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences and was the Regional Medical Library Coordinator for the Southeastern Regional Medical Library Program of the National Library of Medicine. I earned my MLS from the University of Alabama Graduate School of Library and Information Service.

In the 16 years I have been a member of NMLA, I have served the association in various capacities, including Program Committee member, Land of Enchantment liaison, Conference Site Selection Chair, and most recently, By-Laws Chair. I have encouraged many members over the years to run for voting positions on the NMLA Board because I feel that the association is so important to library professionals across our state. I have wanted to run for the office of Vice-President/President-Elect for several years, but never felt I was in a situation that would allow me to give the job the time and attention it requires and deserves. With my transition to APS’s Library Services, I finally feel that I can and am very eager to serve the association at that level.

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY (1-position available)

Melanie Chavez – Candidate for NMLA Secretary

Statement of Interest and Biography:

I am interested in being nominated for the secretary position for the New Mexico Library Association. Here is a brief overview of my education; I am a graduate from the University of New Mexico-Anderson School of Management, where I obtained my Bachelors of Art degree in the study of Business Administration.

My ambition is evident by my diverse work background. My career working in Libraries began as a work study at the University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus where I was employed for one year. Before graduation I was fortunate to acquire a job at the Village of Los Lunas Public Library. I was first hired as a Library Tech working in Public Service. After about a year my job position was changed to Library Tech working in Technical Service. I have developed a strong passion for all Libraries and would like to continue sharing that passion with others – students, colleagues, and the community.

It is my goal to combine my experience, with my ability to be a compassionate, enthusiastic, intelligent person who has a strong willingness to learn, and who will make a positive contribution to the New Mexico Library Association. I am determined to grow in my career, advance professionally, and work alongside a Library staff who aims to be progressive and advance the students and community in which they serve. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cory Eckert – Candidate for NMLA Secretary

Statement of Interest and Biography:

Cory Eckert is the Youth Services Manager at the Octavia Fellin Public Library in Gallup. She received her MLIS from the University of Arizona in 2010, and worked as a school library assistant prior to graduation. She served on the 2013 NMLA conference committee, co-chairing the Youth Services Luncheon. She also currently serves on YALSA and LLAMA committees.

I believe that state association work is vital to building and supporting vibrant libraries. Having served on the planning committee for the NMLA annual conference I developed in interest in the NMLA board. I feel Secretary would be an excellent fit for me as a newcomer to the board because I would learn all the intricacies of policymaking while recording the board meetings. I look forward to serving NMLA and New Mexico libraries in any way possible.

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE (2-positions available)

Jose Aranda – Candidate for NMLA Member-at-Large

Statement of Interest and Biography:

José Aranda is an Assistant Professor who teaches for the Library Science Program at Doña Ana Community College of the New Mexico State University and has fourteen years of experience working in libraries. Before this role, he was that school’s first Outreach Librarian. Other jobs José has had are Young Adults Librarian, Circulation Supervisor, and Virtual Reference Librarian. José has worked for libraries in New Mexico, California and Florida. He has been an active member of ALA since 2002; ACRL since 2005; REFORMA since 2002 and is currently involved in the re-establishment of the state’s chapter (REFORMA de Nuevo México); and NMLA since 2006. He has served and co-chaired on two Local Arrangement Committees for the NMLA Annual Conference in Las Cruces (2008 & 2012), and was a member of
the Planning Committee for the Library Orientation Exchange’s (LOEX) Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM (2009). José is a member in good standing with Beta Phi Mu - The International Library and Information Studies Honor Society - since 2004 and earned his Master of Arts degree in Library & Information Science from the University of South Florida in 2003.

I believe in libraries and their ability to change people’s lives. I also value the benefits NMLA offers its members such as networking and support. I have a proven record of dedication, passion, and integrity. If elected to the NMLA Board as a Member At Large, I will be completely committed to this role as well as to those I’d represent and work for. I will work hard to make NMLA the best it can be.

Jacqueline Dean – Candidate for NMLA Member-at-Large

Statement of Interest and Biography:

I would like to take this opportunity to throw my name into the hat as a candidate for Member at Large for the upcoming election. I am currently the librarian at Mesa Middle School in Las Cruces, NM.

I became a school librarian 18 years ago, following a 21-year career as a Home Economics teacher. My experience as a school librarian includes two years at a K-8 school, four years at the middle school level, and 12 years at the high school level. I am an active member of NMLA and have attended many Fall and Annual Conferences. I am often a presenter at NMLA conferences and served on the local arrangements committee for NMLA’s last conference that was held in Las Cruces. I have also been an active participant in the ASL-SIG. I am a member of the Border Regional Library Association (BRLA) and have served as the chair of the Children’s Literature SIG for the last six years. I was selected as the BRLA Librarian of the Year for 2012 – truly an honor! I am proud to be a librarian, am a vocal advocate for libraries, and would be delighted to serve NMLA as a Member at Large.

Lynette Schurdevin – Candidate for NMLA Member-at-Large

Statement of Interest and Biography:

I have been a librarian for nine years receiving my Masters of Library Science from Texas Woman’s University-Denton in 2004. I began my library career as a Circulation Supervisor at the Moorhead Public Library, which was my hometown library. During my four plus years working at the Moorhead Library, I was an active member of the Minnesota Library Association and attended annual conferences and three consecutive years attending Library Legislative Day at the state capital.

During my work at the Moorhead Library, I worked on my Master’s degree and after graduation I explored areas throughout the United States to continue my library career. I received and accepted a Library Supervisor position at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in December 2005 and moved to Las Cruces, NM. I left Minnesota in a snowstorm and have never looked back!

Once I settled into my work at Branigan Library, I joined NMLA and began attending annual and mini conferences. In 2009-2010, I took over as NMLA Secretary for exiting member, Kathleen Teaze. I was re-elected as Secretary, and am a current co-committee leader of Site Selection committee. I have worked with my co-leader, John Sandstrom, to confirm the 2013 annual conference, the 2013-14 fall and spring conferences. We are
now in process of finalizing the 2014 fall annual conference.

As a committed and passionate librarian I know and believe in what libraries offer to students, teachers and the public. I am willing to commit two years to serve as Member at Large for NMLA. I see this as a great opportunity to continue my support of NMLA and its mission to serve the librarians and library staff in New Mexico. I believe my previous offices held and my continued NMLA membership will bring a continuity and deep understanding of the needs of NM's libraries. I look forward to being given this opportunity to promote all the benefits of this professional organization and what it has to offer its membership.

Steven Thomas - Candidate for NMLA Member-at-Large

Statement of Interest and Biography:

2012-2013 Library Manager – Los Alamos County Library (Los Alamos, NM)
2007-2012 Assistant Director – Washington County Library System (Fayetteville, AR)
2005-2006 Assistant Director, Support Services – Kanawha County Library System (Charleston, WV)
1998-2004 Director of Operations – Fayetteville Public Library (Fayetteville, AR)
1995-1998 Assistant Branch Librarian – Brooklyn Public Library (Brooklyn, NY)

Key Professional Accomplishments

Building projects: I was a key staff member in planning and coordinating the building of an 88,000 square foot facility in Fayetteville, AR. In Los Alamos, we’re in the process of architect selection for a new 10,000 square foot building in White Rock.

Technology projects: I have led ILS conversions, installation of conveyor/auto-checkin systems, and RFID implementations. I have a solid background in library technologies.

Collaboration: I have worked in several multi-library systems as well as a library that was part of an eBook consortium in Northwest Arkansas.

Management and teambuilding: I have consistently worked with large (30+) people teams and like to find ways to be productive while still having fun! Professional involvement: Gave presentation at 2013 NMLA conference in Albuquerque. Giving 2014 PLA presentation in Indianapolis.

Statement of interest:

This year, I served as the Chair of the Local Arrangement Committee for the NMLA miniconference that was held in Los Alamos. It was a great experience and an excellent introduction to the organization. In the process, I believe that I was able to establish relationships with the other three members of the NMLA miniconference team – Kat Gullahorn, Stephanie Wilson, and Tamara Sandia. In fact, each of the three encouraged me to apply for a position on the board, which is one of the reasons for my interest.

In addition, I’m passionate about library services and working together to find ways to collaborate and keep making our organizations better. As someone who has worked in multi-library systems in New York, Arkansas, and West Virginia, I’ve seen a lot of models for successful collaboration between libraries as well as an array of service models from across the country. Related to this, I’ve also developed a broad skill set through working in progressively more responsible roles in a series of very good libraries. I’d hope this background could be beneficial to the organization.

Although I’m new to the state, I love New Mexico and plan to be here for a long time. I would be passionate about building relationships and connections with librarians across the state and working together to find ways to help grow services to all of our users.

Important Dates in the Election Process

January 1

- Deadline for submitting petitions to add names to the slate of candidates.
- Deadline for joining the Association to ensure eligibility to participate in election balloting.

► Note: In January, the Nominations and Elections Committee reviews all petitions for additional candidacies – validating petition signatures and membership of candidates and signers. At the Winter 2014 Board meeting, the Committee reports on validation of petition candidacies, providing documentation for Board inspection, if such has been completed.
February 1
The Nominations and Elections Committee distributes the official ballot to all members eligible to vote. (We will follow the protocol specified by the NMLA Bylaws in conducting the balloting. In the event that we are able to conduct voting by electronic ballot, the following procedure is an option.)
► Members voting electronically receive biographical information about each candidate, plus an official electronic ballot.
► Members who are unable to vote electronically will receive a ballot package that contains:
  - Biographical information about each candidate
  - An official ballot
  - A return envelope addressed to the Committee chair
  - Instructions about casting ballots, noting the deadline for receiving ballots

March 1
Deadline for receiving election ballots.
► Following receipt of election ballots (March), the Nominations and Elections Committee validates and counts ballots – and informs the candidates, President and Bylaws & Procedures chair of the outcome of the election.

March-April
- At the pre-Conference Board meeting, the Committee reports on the conduct of the election and the results.
- During the Conference, the election results are announced at the business meeting.
- Results are also published in the post-Conference Newsletter

Thursday, January 30th has been scheduled as Library Legislative Day. All library supporters are encouraged to attend and present your needs to your local legislators. Bring staff, board members, friends and patrons to support our bond issue and your local capital outlay project.

New Mexico Library Association Petition for Candidacy for NMLA Office

DATE: ________________________________
NAME: ________________________________
ORGANIZATION: ________________________________
ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________
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PHONE: __________________________________________________________
E-MAIL: __________________________________________________________

I am a current member of the New Mexico Library Association.
YES ____ NO ____
I wish to be considered for placement on the NMLA slate of candidates for the following office (check one):
Vice-President/President Elect _____
Secretary _____
Treasurer _____
Member-at-Large _____
ALA Councilor _____

(printed name)

The following signatures are from current NMLA members who support placing my name on the slate of candidates for election to NMLA office in the next election.

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Please mail this page and the signature page(s) to the Chair of the NMLA Nominations and Elections Committee (Anne Lefkofsky – alefkofsky@cabq.gov) postmarked by January 1. The Nominations and Elections Committee will validate that all signers of the petition are current members of the New Mexico Library Association. Only petitioners with 20 signatures from current members will be added to the slate of candidates.
2014 Library Bond Issue Is Top Priority for Legislation Committee

By Joe Sabatini

The NMLA Legislation Committee, working with all segments of the library community, has developed a request to the New Mexico Legislature for a library bond issue totaling $12 million to be included in the 2014 State Bond Election. The Committee provided detailed information to the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) and the Department of Finance and Administration at a hearing on October 17th. Presentations were made by Janice Kowemy, Ruben Aragon, Cynthia Shetter and Rachel Altobelli.

This was a difficult hearing, as the panel raised questions about unexpended funds from the 2010 bond issue. This situation was present in tribal, public, academic and school libraries. LFC Principal Analyst Linda Kehoe and Director David Abbey were especially concerned about expenditures of bond funds for tribal library construction. Each of our presenters noted difficulties in receiving the funds in a timely manner, and emphasized the importance of dividing the money into portions so that media purchase could be made throughout the funding cycle. Difficulties were noted in getting local government fiscal entities to process reimbursement requests in a timely manner. There were several librarians in the audience who commented on the need for bond funding. Marion Royal Vigil described the lack of local media funding in a fairly small school district. Joe Sabatini described the origin of the tribal construction funding from testimony given to the Interim Indian Affairs Committee in August, 2010. This request preceded the passage of legislation dedicating a portion of capital funding to a Tribal Infrastructure fund, which Ms. Kehoe cited. Michael Delello, Deputy Cabinet Secre-
tary for the Department of Cultural Affairs, described impediments in getting bond funds authorized and expended. Both the DFA Capital Projects Bureau Chief Debbie Romero and Linda Kehoe acknowledged that part of the problem could be in state fiscal procedures. They requested the Department of Cultural Affairs to review the process for public and tribal library bond funding, expenditures and reimbursements. NMLA Legislative Advocate Larry Horan attended the hearing, and reminded the library delegation that the Legislature would make the final decision. He noted that libraries were not being singled out; both legislators and the Executive Branch have lost patience with the amount of capital funding which is appropriated but not spent by local government entities.

The NMLA proposal is still being developed. Cynthia Shetter, Janice Kowemy and Joe Sabatini met with State Librarian Devon Skeele and Anne Green-Romig, DCA Director of Legislative Affairs to review issues brought up at the hearing. In addition, Devon noted that the State Library did not generally receive bond funding for its public service activities. She suggested bond funding could be used to replace an aged bookmobile. She also reported that the LSTA Advisory Committee had identified several database services, which if purchased with GO Bonds would free some of the money received from federal LSTA funds to be used for development projects statewide.

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*These members give extra each year because they believe in NMLA.*

*Thank you, sustaining members!*  
*Your confidence is contagious.*
MINI CONFERENCE EVALUATION

We are interested in hearing from you about your experiences at the recent Mini Conference in Los Alamos. Your Members at Large and the Local Arrangements Committee are beginning to plan the next Mini Conference, scheduled for April 3-4, 2014, at Laguna Pueblo. Please give us your feedback now so that we can work on fulfilling your interests and requests. Return this form via mail or email to the address listed above. Thank you for your time!

What overall rating would you give the Mini Conference?

  ___Excellent  ___Good  ___Fair  ___Poor

1. Were the date, times, and location of the conference acceptable to you?

2. What did you find the most beneficial or interesting?

3. What is your overall assessment of the programming?

4. Were there any programs you missed that you would like to see offered in the future?

5. Were there any programs you especially liked that you would attend again?

6. What subjects would you like to see in the future?

7. Are you interested in presenting a program? Tell us about your idea!

8. Would you (or your organization) like to contribute promotional material or bag stuffers at a future conference? At a silent auction?
ONLINE LIBRARY SCIENCE COURSES

Now is the time to enroll for ONLINE graduate and undergraduate courses in Library Science at New Mexico State University - Doña Ana Community College in Las Cruces. Sign up now so you don’t miss out! Several 3 credit courses will be starting in January. All courses are offered ONLINE! There are also some short month long one credit courses, with no text required.

Courses Scheduled Full Semester January 16 – May 9:
EMD 412 M70 (CRN#26340) Administration of the School Library
EMD 512 M70 (CRN#26341) Administration of the School Library
L SC 287 D01 (CRN#30433) Children’s Literature & Intermediate Curriculum
L SC 296 D01 (CRN#30436) Multicultural Books for Children & Youth

THREE (3) CREDIT COURSES starting in January and March:

Courses Scheduled January 16 – March 10:
L SC 100 D01 (CRN#25560) Introduction to Libraries
L SC 110 D01, D02 (CRN#25563, 64) Reference and Information Resources I
L SC 111 D01 (CRN#25565) Introduction to Information Literacy
L SC 200 D01 (CRN#25578) Collection Management & Development in Libraries
L SC 255 D02 (CRN#30432) Special Topic: Wikipedia: Let's Use It
L SC 260 D01 (CRN#25587) Cataloging Non-Book Formats
L SC 275 D01 (CRN#25590) Fundamentals of Library Supervision

Courses Scheduled March 11 – May 9:
L SC 100 D02 (CRN#25561) Introduction to Libraries
L SC 111 D02–D04 (CRN#25566, 67, 28547) Introduction to Information Literacy
L SC 130 D01 (CRN#28548) Introduction to Technical Services in Libraries
L SC 140 D01 (CRN#25573) Multimedia Materials & Presentations in Libraries
L SC 203 D01 (CRN#25579) School Library Media Specialist
L SC 250 D01 (CRN#25585) Reference & Information Resources II
L SC 255 D01 (CRN#25586) Special Topic: Health Information Literacy
L SC 270 D01 (CRN#25589) Library Science Capstone

ONE (1) CREDIT COURSES starting in February, March and April:
L SC 196 D01 (CRN#30430) Historical Fiction for Children (February 3-28)
L SC 292 D01 (CRN#30435) Native American Children’s Literature (March 3-21)
L SC 234 D01 (CRN#30431) Intellectual Freedom in Libraries (April 1-25)
L SC 291 D01 (CRN#30434) Southwestern Children’s Literature (April 1-25)

Non-degree seeking students who desire single classes for professional development are always welcome, however students may also choose to complete coursework leading to an Associates Degree in Library Science or one of four Certificates in Library Science. Additionally the program offers courses that fulfill state requirements for School Library Media Specialist Endorsement.

It’s easy to be admitted and enroll in our reasonably priced courses. Out of state students enrolling in 6 credits or less even receive the in state tuition rates! For further information about courses or degree options, go to the web site at http://dacc.nmsu.edu/lsc or contact: Nora Bernal: Phone: 575-528-7338 or 800-903-7503 ext. 7338 or Email nobernal@nmsu.edu
Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho Deliver Books for Babies

By Jenna Wells, Teen Librarian, Loma Colorado Main Library, jwells@ci.rio-rancho.nm.us

The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho have agreed to provide Books for Babies packets to all parents of babies born at Rust Presbyterian Hospital in Rio Rancho during the upcoming fiscal year. Packets are available in both English and Spanish. Kit contents vary but generally include a board book for baby, a certificate for baby’s first library card, and a variety of brochures with reading tips and early literacy information from nationally recognized educational organizations. The Friends are looking for a local sponsorship for the project, it is currently funded by the sale of their blue bookbags. Most recently The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho and the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) had a bag stuffing party as part of TAG’s community service efforts.

“Meet the Author” at Lovington High School

By Susan Bogan, Loving High School Librarian, susanbogan@lovingtonschools.net

Lovington High School and Freshmen Academy were blessed to have Marisa Cantrell-Rodriguez launch her new book “Decimation” at the Library and Media Center. Mrs. Rodriguez who is a 2001 graduate of LHS spent the school day visiting with Amanda O’Doherty and Mary Spears English 1 classes. Topics of discussion included her writing process and how to publish a manuscript. The students were extremely engaged in her discussion and posed many questions. Several students returned to attend the evening reception, and have the opportunity to visit with her more in depth about her book.

A reception and book signing was held from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Media Center. Approximately 150 from the community were in attendance. Mrs. Rodriguez read excerpts from her published book during the reception and ended with reading a portion of her sequel.

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