Hi everyone:

The 2014 New Mexico Library Association’s Annual Conference is scheduled to be held from October 22-24 in Ruidoso, New Mexico. It will be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center and Inn of the Mountain Gods. The theme for the conference is “Inspiring Libraries Build Communities,” and it will feature a full slate of presenters, special interest group meetings, opportunities to interact with vendors, and chances to interact and network with your colleagues. Online registration for the conference will be opening soon.

We are also opening up our call for program proposals. You can access the application form at http://nmla.org/annual-conference. All submissions must be postmarked or date-stamped by August 25, 2014 for consideration. Generally, programs will be accepted on a first-come basis – to the maximum number allowed by the space constraints of the conference venue.

This should be a great conference. We hope to see everyone there!

Janice Kowemy
NMLA President

Hotel Information for 2014 Annual Conference

The Lodge of Sierra Blanca (Hotel is next to Ruidoso Convention Center)

Double Queen – $109
King Studio – $119
One bedroom King Suite – $129
Plus Tax 19% (includes state taxes and resort fees)

Group block is under New Mexico Library Association
Call 1 (866)-211-7727 or 1 (575)-258-5500 for reservations

Inn of the Mountain Gods

Double and Kng – $89.99
Plus Tax 10.75% and a Resort Fee of $12.00 per night per room
Resort fee covers: Valet parking, in-room coffee/tea, two bottled waters, newspaper, use of bathrobes, sauna, hot tub, indoor pool, fitness center, and Wi-Fi.

Group block is under New Mexico Library Association
Rate is good until September 21, 2014
Call 1 (800)-545-9011 for reservations
Go Bond B 2014

By Olivia Baca, Chair, Bonds for Libraries SIG

This November, New Mexico residents will vote on General Obligation Bond Issue B, which if passed, will provide publically funded New Mexico libraries with a total of $10,800,000. Thanks to funding from the New Mexico Library Association, the Native American Libraries SIG, the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries and the Friends for the Public Library organization, the Bonds for Libraries SIG is working on several promotional pushes for the 2014 GO Bond Issue B.

SIG Projects

Video – The SIG is developing a promotional video that will feature a montage of photos of NM residents and famous NM faces. The photos will include a library card or Bond B identifier. Stay tuned for photo requests. The video will be posted on Youtube and promoted via social media.

Banners – The SIG will be distributing banners this fall to regions of the state, to help visibility of the library bond. Contact Olivia Baca if you would like to request your region’s banner.

Window Clings – The bumper sticker of the 21st century, window clings can be placed on windows of vehicles, work places and more, and are easily removable.

Brochures and Bookmarks – Access this year’s brochure and bookmark designs online at bondsforlibraries.org.

What Can You Do?

Local Projects - Librarians, library staff and supporters are encouraged to develop local projects. For example, Nathaniel Lujan, Librarian at the Pueblo of Isleta Public Library, is working on his own video to promote NM GO Bond Issue B.

Join the SIG, or a Subcommittee – The Bonds for Libraries SIG welcomes new members. Attend general meetings, join the Video Subcommittee, create flyers, or propose another area in which you would like to contribute. A great professional development opportunity for graduate students and new professionals.

Creative Local Marketing – Assist the SIG by educating your library patrons in creative ways. New Mexico libraries have deployed book displays, identified bond-funded computers and other technology, and used book plates to bring attention to the resources made available through Bond B.

Share your Library Photos – Photos of your libraries, resources, services, staff and patrons are always welcome. They help the SIG promote the Bond via marketing collateral, the website, and on social media.
ONLINE LIBRARY SCIENCE COURSES

Now is the time to enroll for fall semester 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! All courses are offered ONLINE!

Courses Scheduled Full Semester August 21 – December 12:
L SC 295 D01 (CRN#50595)  Introduction to Children’s Literature
EMD 411 M70 (CRN#46432)  Foundations for School Library Specialists
EMD 511 M70 (CRN#46433)  Foundations for School Library Specialists

THREE (3) CREDIT COURSES starting in August and October:

Courses Scheduled August 21 – October 14:
*L SC 100 D01, D02 (CRN#42332, 48494)  Introduction to Libraries
L SC 111 D01 (CRN#50584)  Introduction to Information Literacy
L SC 112 D01 (CRN#50585)  Health Information Literacy
L SC 120 D01 (CRN#42343)  Descriptive Cataloging
L SC 140 D01 (CRN#48496)  Multimedia Materials & Presentations in Libraries
*L SC 210 D01 (CRN#42354)  Technology Planning in Libraries
L SC 240 D01 (CRN#42361)  Internet Resources and Research Strategies

Courses Scheduled October 15 – December 12:
L SC 111 D02–D04 (CRN#42337, 38, 39)  Introduction to Information Literacy
L SC 130 D01 (CRN#42345)  Introduction to Technical Services in Libraries
L SC 150 D01 (CRN#50586)  Library Services for Children & Young Adults
*L SC 160 D01 (CRN#42346)  Introduction to Public Services in Libraries
EMD 413 M70 (CRN#46481)  Curriculum Role of the School Library Specialist
EMD 513 M70 (CRN#46482)  Curriculum Role of the School Library Specialist

ONE (1) CREDIT COURSES starting in September, October and November:
L SC 153 D01 (CRN#50587)  Picture Books and Young Children (September 2-26)
L SC 165 D01 (CRN#50632)  Customer Service in Libraries (September 2-26)
L SC 193 D01 (CRN#48498)  Poetry for Children (October 6-31)
L SC 232 D02 (CRN#50633)  Disaster Planning in Libraries (October 6-31)
L SC 155 D01 (CRN#50588)  Award Winning Books for Children (Nov. 3-21)
L SC 261 D01 (CRN#50593)  U.S. Government Documents (November 3-21)

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

*Approved courses for the ALA –APA Library Support Staff Certification Program
NMLA Scholarships & Grants

By The Education Committee - members are Kevin Comerford (chair), Christine Peterson, Cordelia Hooee and Susan Pinkerton

Marion Dorroh Scholarship
$2000 award to Darren Ilett to attend San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science

College Scholarship
$500 award to Heidi Henderson to attend the Library Science program at Doña Ana Community College

Continuing Education Grants
$200.00 award to Sabrina Hood of Aztec Public Library to attend the 2014 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, & Museums
$200.00 award to Karen Lozier of Aztec Public Library to attend the ALA 2014 Annual Conference
$200.00 award to Vaunda Nelson of Rio Rancho Public Library to attend the 2014 Association for Library Service to Children National Institute
NMLA Membership

By David Hurley, Chair, Membership Committee.

Hello NMLA members!

I’d like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Chair of the Membership Committee. I know many of you through my work at the State Library and before that at Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Public Library and Diné College Libraries. I look forward to getting to know the rest of you as well.

While much of the work of the Membership Committee is behind the scenes, we’re working to make improvements to our processes so that you can find information about your membership more easily. The first change is a new email address: membership@nmla.org. Use that email for any questions about your membership, such as when your renewal is due or to add any Special Interest Groups.

Time to Renew

Speaking of renewals, just about half of NMLA’s members are recently expired, or will be expiring in the next month or so. Look for a renewal reminder in your inbox soon. Or, you can be proactive and renew now either online or by mailing in our membership form. There is no harm in renewing early!

Finally, I’d like to especially thank our Sustaining Members:— your support strengthens NMLA, and a stronger NMLA benefits all of our state’s libraries.

Special Library Association - Rio Grand Chapter News

October 10th: Copyright Summit – details forthcoming.

Donna Cromer Memorial Fund – application information will be available in September.

For more information about SLA, please visit our website at: http://riogrande.sla.org/
NMLA Awards Call for Nominations

The NMLA Awards committee is calling for nominations for the Fall Conference. We give awards for the following:

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

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

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

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

Please see [http://nmla.org/awards-honors/](http://nmla.org/awards-honors/) for the form and send your nomination to Lynette Schurdevin (lschurdevin@ci.rio-rancho.nm.us) or Tamara Sandia (tamara.sandia@jemezpueblo.org) on or before August 15, 2014.

State Library Tech Services Bureau Fully Staffed

*By Bradley Carring, New Mexico State Library, Bureau Chief, bradley.carrington@state.nm.us*

At the State Library in Santa Fe the Technical Services Bureau is now fully staffed. Aubrey Iglesias is the new Documents Cataloger. Aubrey comes from the Beaverton Oregon Public Library, with cataloging and Polaris experience. Bradley Carrington is the new Bureau Chief. He retired from the University of Kentucky, working over a decade in public services and another decade in technical services.

In addition to its current cataloging the Bureau will be working on converting older bib and serials records to SALSA (the Polaris consortium shared by several state agencies and the State Library). We'll be following RDA for our current cataloging and we'll also try to add Dewey and LC class numbers to the bibs we create for state documents.

We are always interested in adding new libraries to SALSA. For questions please contact Bradley: bradley.carrington@state.nm.us or 505-476-9730.
5 Things I Learned From Makerspaces

By Beth Nieman, Youth Services Librarian at Carlsbad Public Library

At the workshop for summer reading 2014 held at Carlsbad Public Library last fall, presenter Ryanne Cooper from the NM State Library introduced the idea of makerspaces in the library.

Ryanne brought some excellent demonstrations, including a piano made from bananas, a computer, and electrical connectors, and also some mini robots (“bristle bots”) made from a battery, a tiny motor, and the business end of an ordinary toothbrush. To say that we librarians were enchanted by these clever science projects is no overstatement.

At CPL we decided to offer a makerspace twice a week. These were well-received by patrons, but we did run into some challenges to consider before next summer.

First, our makerspaces tended to be more craft-oriented than science experiment. This was not my vision for what a makerspace should be, but it’s what our budget allowed for. I used the bristle bot demo during a program and shared information about how families could find supplies and instructions online.

Second, I noticed that parents and kids enjoyed working together on the projects we offered. When possible, I set out books next to the project supplies to allow further exploration of whatever the project was.

Third, I learned that if you set out supplies for people to explore and help themselves, they may not do what you expected them to do (i.e., make one project and move on). A coworker and I decided that to limit waste, we may want to pre-package supplies for one project and give them out to patrons as needed.

Fourth, knowing that patrons don’t always supervise small children well at the library made it necessary to provide activities which did not require the use of very small parts, sharp scissors, etc. Our offerings depended somewhat on the level of staff supervision that would be available.

Finally, the simplest and most popular makerspace I offered was a table full of LEGO parts with some great LEGO idea books. Even better, the LEGO bricks came to us free for the asking from our community when we put an article in the local paper asking for LEGO donations.

This summer’s makerspaces were an interesting learning experience not only for library patrons but also for the librarians!

Summer Reading at Capitan Public Library

By Pat Garrett

Capitan Public Library completed the summer reading program Monday, July 21. The theme this year made it easy to create great programs. Our kids learned about fossils, how to make cheese from goat milk, experimented in numerous exercises, and made sugar candy, top readers (L-R: Zach Rich 2nd place, Duncan Daugherty and Daniel Daugherty tied for 1st place & Alice Allen 3rd place), received WalMart gift cards and a gift bag with a book and other goodies. All 40 participants received a gift bag. 269 items were checked out by children in June and July.

Kids and parents were treated to hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies as a parting celebration.
ASL-SIG Update

By Linda Keulen, ASL-SIG Chair, keulen@aps.edu and Lorie Mitchell, ASL-SIG Vice Chair, Lorie.Mitchell@carlsbadk12.nm.us

The ASL-SIG announces its Fall Workshop, which will be held Saturday, September 20, at Albuquerque High School, from 8:30 - 2:30 pm. Topics include Maker Spaces, Curation vs. Collection Development vs. Censorship, and creating a Vision/Mission statement for the SIG. We are currently seeking presenters for the above topics. The day will wrap with an ASL-SIG Steering Committee meeting and all are welcome.

Information will be updated on the SIG's blog at http://aslsignm.edublogs.org/ or by contacting Linda Keulen, ASL-SIG Chair or Lorie Mitchell, ASL-SIG Vice Chair. Registration will open later in August.

Hope you will join us!
In Memoriam: Harris M. Richard

Harris M. Richard, former Director of San Juan College Library, passed away in Farmington, NM after a short illness on March 13, 2014.

Harris retired in 2001 from San Juan College. Prior to working at SJC, he was the director of the College of Ganado Library in Ganado, AZ. He also held reference librarian positions at the University of Arizona Main Library and the Plainfield Public Library, Plainfield, NJ. Harris received his M.L.S. from Rutgers University.

Harris was a volunteer tour guide at the Farmington Museum and the Riverside Nature Center. He taught noncredit classes about Navajo trading posts for the SJC Community Learning Center. He was an active member of various clubs including the San Juan Gem and Mineral Society and the Four Corners Bird Club. He enjoyed going out for the National Audubon's Annual Christmas Bird Count.

He served as President of NMLA from 1987-1988. The theme he selected for that annual conference was Beyond Library Walls: Forces that Shape Us. He had also considered the theme, New Mexico Libraries on the Cutting Edge: Ouch It Hurts! Harris was very humorous and will be greatly missed.

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These members give extra each year because they believe in NMLA. Thank you, sustaining members! Your confidence is contagious.
MPLA Awards Nomination Information

Do you know a deserving individual in the library field who should be recognized for his/her accomplishments? If so, please nominate him/her for an MPLA Award!!! ([http://www.mpla.us/committees/awards/awardsinfo.html](http://www.mpla.us/committees/awards/awardsinfo.html))

The following awards will be given at the 2014 MPLA Joint Conference with the Arizona Library Association and in Fountain Hills/Scottsdale, Arizona, 12-14 November 2014.

The MPLA Awards Committee is seeking nominees for the following awards:

Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award: To be given to the individual, organization or company whose positive support of the Mountain Plains Library Association is demonstrated by repeated conscientious endeavors towards libraries, library staff, trustees and professional activities.

MPLA Distinguished Service Award: To be given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession or has furthered significant development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or has performed exemplary service for an extended period of time. In the case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of MPLA.

MPLA Literary Contribution Award: To be given to an author whose published writings have successfully furthered an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plains region. The author need not reside in the region, and the selection may be based on either a single work or a body of works. Published works will be evaluated on the basis of literary worth, readability, and evidence of responsible research.

MPLA Beginning Professional Award: To recognize an MPLA member who, as a librarian/media specialist within the first five years after receiving a library/media masters degree, has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service. Factors such as innovative programming and planning, use of resources, and special projects will be considered.

MPLA Innovator Award: To recognize an up-and-coming individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region for a creative, inventive, trail-blazing project that has significance to the library community.

MPLA Unsung Hero Award: To be given to any library individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region who have worked on a special project that has some significance to a community but which has not been eligible for a library award, or which has for other reasons specified by the nominator not been recognized to the degree that it merits, by any library organization.

Nominations are due by 01 August 2014. Nominations can be made using the [Awards Nomination Form](http://www.mpla.us/forms/awardsnom.html).

MPLA Newsletter Editor Wanted

The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) is seeking a newsletter editor to compile, write, and edit our bimonthly newsletter. This is a terrific opportunity for someone who loves libraries and who has excellent writing skills and a creative spirit.

For a complete description see [http://www.mpla.us/jobline/mpla.pdf](http://www.mpla.us/jobline/mpla.pdf)

MPLA will pay $300.00 per issue of the newsletter, which is to be published six times a year. Additionally, the newsletter editor is given a paid MPLA annual membership and a 15% commission on any new advertising that is sold for the newsletter.

To apply please send cover letter, resume, writing sample and newsletter/graphic sample to librarywendy@gmail.com.
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