Letter from the President

To the NMLA Membership

On behalf of the NMLA Board, it is with regret that I write to inform you that we have made the decision to cancel the April 3rd and 4th Mini-Conference at Laguna. The organization and the board are in a state of transition and reorganization. The uncertainty about the Bylaws and calendar changes produced unanticipated delays in distributing pre-Conference information. Given this situation, we decided that it was inappropriate to proceed.

We will soon have the results of the latest membership vote on revision of the Bylaws and on election of new officers. If the membership votes to approve the Bylaws change there will be the annual conference in Ruidoso in October 2014. If membership does not approve the Bylaws change, then we will plan for a Mini-Conference in October 2014 according to the current Bylaws calendar.

I would like to acknowledge the exceptional work of the conference planning and local arrangements committee who worked extremely hard on the April Mini-Conference.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mary Ellen Pellington, President

Outstanding School Library Award Winners

By Linda Keulen, ASL-SIG Award Chair

Congratulations to Alison Almquist from Valle Vista Elementary in Albuquerque and Rita Pino Vargas, from Sky City Community School at Acoma Pueblo, our 2 winners of the Outstanding School Library award!

Great work ladies! You deserve it! Their award sponsored by Michael Kocurek at Follett.

Additional kudos to Kyla Johnson at Farmington High School. She also receives money for her school library from Cengage/Gale.

You all make us proud!
Libraries Bond Issue and Capital Outlay Projects Approved in Legislature

By Joe Sabatini, Co-Chair NMLA Legislation Committee

Library supporters are awaiting Governor Martinez’s signature on Senate Bill 53, which would place a General Obligation Bond Issue for Libraries on the November 4th general election ballot. If approved by voters, Bond Issue “B” will provide $10.8 million for libraries, with $3 million for public libraries, $3.5 million for academic libraries, $3.5 million for public school libraries and $800,000 for tribal libraries, plus $200,000 to pay the expense of issuing the bond. The House of Representatives passed Senate Finance Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 53, the General Obligation Bond Bill by a 64-0 vote. Previously, the Senate Finance Committee had passed the bill on an 11-0 vote. An amendment to the bill added the word “supplemental” to the language in the academic library bond language. This had been requested by the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries. The full Senate then passed SB 53 on a 40-0 vote.

SB 53 puts three separate bond issues on the November General Election ballot. Bond Issue A provides $17 million to fund 179 separate projects at senior centers around the state, Bond Issue B for libraries and Bond Issue C, which provides $141 million for 30 higher education and special school projects statewide, including an $11 million project at ENMU Golden Library and a $1 million at UNM Gallup Zollinger Library.

Here is the language that will appear on the General Election ballot:

(2) “The 2014 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of library acquisition bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed eleven million dollars ($11,000,000) to make capital expenditures for academic, public school, tribal and public library resource acquisitions and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law?

For ___________________ Against ___________________

Eastern New Mexico University requested support for a two-phase funding request, across two GO Bond cycles, to renovate and repurpose ENMU’s Golden Library into a state-of-the-art Golden Student Success Center. For Phase One, placed $11 million on the 2014 GO Bond. The University will commit $2 million from its institutional reserves to this phase of renovation. Total renovation cost for the facility is $26 million.

The proposed renovation will accomplish two goals: (1) repurpose almost 49% of Golden Library’s current square footage (46,000 of the 94,000 square foot renovation) to house critical student services to address the institution’s commitment to increase degree completion, close the achievement gap for at-risk students and enhance support for STEM-H disciplines, and (2) update the University’s library facilities for research, digital media access, and technologically-mediated study and group work areas.

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Libraries Bond Issue (continued)

Libraries were also successful in obtaining funding for various projects in Capital Outlay Funding in the 2014 Work New Mexico Act - Severance Tax Bond Projects bill, House Bill 55. This bill, appropriating around $230 million from the Severance Tax Bond Fund for several hundred individual projects statewide, passed the House by a vote of 65-2 and passed the Senate by a vote of 42-0. Governor Martinez can line-item veto any of the projects included in this legislation. She has until March 12th to act on all legislation passed during this session of the Legislature.

There are 39 library-related projects in the Severance Tax Bond bill:

$160,000 to plan, design and construct offices, a civil rights museum and library for the Martin Luther King, Jr. commission in Bernalillo or Sandoval County.

$25,000 to purchase, design and construct a bookmobile vehicle for the New Mexico state library.

$459,500 for thirteen projects at school libraries in the Albuquerque Public School district. The Schools receiving funds are Bandelier Elementary School, Chamiza Elementary School, Chelwood Elementary School, Cibola High School, Ernie Pyle Middle School, Inez Elementary School, James Monroe Middle School, Reginald Chavez Elementary School, Taft Middle School, Truman Middle School, Van Buren Middle School, West Mesa High School and East Mountain High School.

$50,000 to renovate and equip the Pueblo of Cochiti Library and cultural building.

$100,000 to plan, design and construct the renovation of the library building, including an addition, in the Pueblo of Jemez.

$1,053,800 to plan, design, construct, renovate, equip and furnish the Ditzler auditorium and recreation center and the library building, including demolition of the Bert Reeves learning center, and to make other infrastructure improvements campus wide at the New Mexico school for the blind and visually impaired in Alamogordo in Otero County.

The Legislation Committee appreciates the work of Legislative Advocate Larry Horan, NMCAL, NMML, NALSIG, ASLSIG and the Public Library Directors in supporting our bond proposal. Thanks also to the many library supporters who turned out on Library Legislative Day, January 30th and on American Indian Day/Municipal Day on February 6th to advocate for the Bond bill.

The Bonds for Libraries Special Interest Group will produce informational material to be used by local library supporters. See [http://www.bondsforlibraries.org/](http://www.bondsforlibraries.org/) for details.

Dr. Seuss Events at Tribal Libraries

By Janice Kowemy, NMLA Vice President

Pueblo of Pojoaque Public Library, Pojoaque Pueblo
(Pictured: Doris Vigil and Vanessa Montoya - They greeted patrons all day for Dr. Seuss Birthday and gave out special bookmarks and pencils. An array of Dr. Seuss titles were available for families to share.)

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Membership Update

By Cassandra Osterloh, Interim Chair, Membership Committee, Cassandra.osterloh@yahoo.com

In the fall of 2013 after the previous membership committee chair had to step down, I took over as interim chair and began reviewing the membership files, processes, and procedures. With this transition has come some fine tuning of the process for sending out renewal notices and updating of the NMLA membership files.

You should be receiving an email reminder the month of your membership expiration. You can renew your membership online or print out the membership form at: http://nmla.org/membership/. You can also check the membership directory on the NMLA website to verify your information as well as check on your membership expiration. Another item that has changed in this transition time is that membership cards are no longer being mailed out but rather emailed to you once your membership renewal has been received and processed.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact me at cassandra.osterloh@yahoo.com.
Dr. Seuss Events at Tribal Libraries

Taytsugeh Oweengeh Library, Tesuque Pueblo (Chief Byford from the Tesuque Pueblo Police Department read to the children. Everyone wore blue hair! Everyone also voted for their favorite book and crafts consisted of a Thing 1 & Thing 2 activity.)

Laguna Public Library, Laguna Pueblo (We hosted three days of our Seuss-A-Bration at the Laguna Public Library. We made Cat in the Hat Hats, Thing 1 and 2 Bookmarkers, Fox in the Socks Puppets, Read and ate Green Eggs and Ham, and had a costume contest. We gave away Dr. Seuss book packs and bags.)

Zuni Public Library, Zuni Pueblo (We showed the The Lorax movie, had a coloring contest, bingo, and served colored popcorn. We gave out books for prizes. We handed out Dr. Seuss buttons that we made and bookmarks. We had a standing room only crowd, about 100 children and almost as many adults.)

RACL Awards Dinner & Dance

Celebrate those who helped create the library from 2000-2005 with dinner & dancing!

When: Saturday, April 26, 2014
Where: Tierra Del Sol Golf Course, Belen, NM
Cost: $35 per person, $50 per person after March 8

Call (505) 861-8289 T,W, TH for more information
Institute of Museum and Library Services Announces New Mexico’s Octavia Fellin Public Library as Finalist for the 2014 National Medal for Museum and Library Service

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WASHINGTON (March 3, 2014) – The Institute of Museum and Library Services today announced Octavia Fellin Public Library, of Gallup, N.M., as a National Medal for Museum and Library Service finalist. The National Medal, the nation’s highest honor conferred on museums and libraries for service to the community, is celebrating its 20th year of saluting institutions that make a difference for individuals, families, and communities.

Medal finalists are selected from nationwide nominations of institutions that demonstrate innovative approaches to public service, exceeding the expected levels of community outreach. This year’s finalists exemplify the nation’s great diversity of libraries and museums and include an aquarium, conservatory and botanical gardens, a university library, public libraries, children’s museums, art museums, science centers, and more, hailing from across the country.

“Museums and libraries serve as civic gathering places, bringing together individuals in pursuit of educational resources, community connections, skills development, and multifaceted lifelong learning,” said Susan Hildreth, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. “We are very proud to announce Octavia Fellin Public Library as finalist for the 2014 National Medal. This year’s National Medal finalists illustrate the many ways museums and libraries can excite lifelong learning and civic engagement.”

Finalists are chosen because of their significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. IMLS is encouraging community members who have visited this institution to share their story on the IMLS Facebook page, www.facebook.com/USIMLS. Visit the IMLS Facebook page to learn more about how these institutions make an impact. National Medal for Museum and Library Service winners will be announced this spring.

To Share Your Story, please visit www.facebook.com/USIMLS. To learn more about the 2014 National Medal finalists, visit www.imls.gov/medals.

Celebrating 20 Years

This year, IMLS celebrates the 20th anniversary of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. For the past two decades, the National Medal has honored outstanding institutions that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. Including 2013 winners, 132 institutions have received this honor, and ten additional institutions will be awarded in 2014.

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit http://www.imls.gov and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.
Star Wars Fest 2

By Jenna Wells, MLS, Teen Librarian, Loma Colorado Main Library, (505)891-5013 ext 3043, jwells@ci.rio-rancho.nm.us

Star Wars Fest 2 wrapped up at the Loma Colorado Library in Rio Rancho with over 750 people coming out. This year patrons were able to make light sabers, take their picture with members of the local 501st and Rebel Legion, watch a movie, make Star Wars related crafts and a host of other activities. People were leaving asking when the next one was going to be. Great fun with our patrons! We couldn't ask for more.

Library Advocate Ed Sandoval Retires from Legislature

By Joe Sabatini, Co-Chair NMLA Legislation Committee

Longtime library supporter Representative Edward C. Sandoval announced this week that he will not be running for reelection from the Albuquerque North Valley District 17 seat that he has held since 1983. He also served an appointed term as State Senator in 1980-82. During his sixteen terms in the House, he has been instrumental in the passage of library general obligation library bond issues and other NMLA-supported legislation. He was a foremost advocate of the 1994 Connections and Collections legislation package and was the prime sponsor of the 1994 Public Library Bond Issue. He has also gained passage of appropriations for individual public, community and school libraries in his district and statewide. He served for many years as the chairman of the Capital Outlay Subcommittee of the House Taxation and Revenue Committee. He became chairman of the Taxation and Revenue Committee in 2007.

Representative Sandoval was recognized by the New Mexico Library Association as Legislator of the Year in 2001. Since the inception of Library Legislative Day, he has announced the presence of librarians in the gallery; recognized individual librarians seated on the House rostrum and made statements about the importance of libraries in the educational and cultural life of the community. He met regularly with the NMLA Legislation Committee and our Legislative Advocate to assist us in drafting upcoming legislation. Other legislators recognized his expertise and commitment on library issues. This was especially apparent during sessions of the interim Legislative Finance Committee, which drafts a state budget bill and capital outlay priorities. Sandoval, 67, is also recognized for his advocacy for seniors, people with disabilities and mental illnesses, and for working families. We will miss him.
April 2014 Book Fiestas for Dia: Children’s Day, Book Day

Día (El día de los niños, El día de los libros/Children's Day, Book Day) is a daily commitment to link children and books. Every year, hundreds of April culminating book fiestas are held across the country in libraries, schools, parks, and community organizations. A goal for these events is creating April Día literacy celebrations that unite communities. Register your Día events in the National Program Registry, a database for capturing and sharing program information. This registry is not limited to Día programs at libraries.

Register a Dia event for an opportunity to win NOCHE de CUENTOS at your library sponsored by REFORMA De Nuevo Mexico and the New Mexico Library Foundation, Inc.

Selection will be made from the registered Dia event by March 31, 2014. Register early and receive complimentary stickers and bookmarks that celebrate Dia (while supplies last).

If your library is chosen as a site for NOCHE de CUENTOS:
REFORMA NM will contact you (person registering Dia event) by April 4th
Select and date and schedule NOCHE de CUENTOS @ your library
REFORMA NM will contract Storytellers of New Mexico to provide a Spanish storyteller
NOCHE de CUENTOS must be scheduled between April 30 and July 31, 2014

For more information please visit the blog, join us on Pinterest and become a Facebook friend, too!
Thank you, New Mexico State Library!
Poppy Johnson-Renvall and Olivia Baca of CNM Libraries presenting at a NMHEAR poster session on Friday, February 28, 2014. Their poster is entitled “Community College Libraries as Mechanisms for Student Engagement and Retention: Linking Tinto to Libraries”.

NMLA Membership

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

*Thank you, sustaining members! Your confidence is contagious.*
Nominations and Elections Committee Report: 2014 Election Results

Submitted by the Committee: Rose Diaz, Anne Lefkofsky, LeAnn Weller

The Nominations and Elections Committee thanks all of the candidates who ran for office. The group was extremely well-qualified – and all office-seekers are to be commended for their time, interest, and commitment to the future of NMLA.

LeAnn Weller is to be recognized for successfully creating and distributing the Association’s first electronic voting instrument. We also appreciate the support and assistance provided by Board members Joe Sabatini, Cassandra Osterloh and Robyn Gleasner. Their help on bylaws interpretation, membership information and publicity has been priceless.

Voting:

- Approximately 390 ballots were sent to the membership – a combination of eBallots and paper packets.
- 191 responses were received.
- The Committee reviewed the eBalloting reports, tallied paper ballots, and finalized totals/results during a meeting on March 10, 2014.

Results:

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November 12 - 14, 2014

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The Arizona Library Association and Mountain Plains Library Association invite all library and information professionals to submit program proposals for the 2014 AzLA/MPLA Annual Conference, to be held at the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort and Conference Center in Scottsdale/Fountain Hills, November 12 – 14, 2014.

For more information, please see http://www.azla.org/surveys/?id=CallForProposals2014_Survey
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