Letter from the President

To the NMLA Membership,

Hi everyone! Hope you all are doing well! I cannot believe it’s already the middle of May! With this crazy weather it does not feel like spring is here. I know many libraries are getting ready for their summer reading program just as we are in Laguna. I have a feeling we will be super busy this summer! Please submit your program ideas and pictures for the next NMLA newsletter. It will be great to see what NMLA members are doing around NM for the summer.

For those of you that do not know me, my name is Janice Kowemy and I am the Librarian/Director at the Laguna Public Library in Laguna Pueblo. I have been in my position a little over six years. I invite you all to visit our website to learn a little more about Laguna, www.lagunalibrary.com.

Welcome to new board members and committee members! A big thank you to Mary Ellen Pellington for a great year as NMLA President! Congratulations to the Octavia Fellin Library as a 2014 recipient of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

I would like to encourage you all to be involved in NMLA through a SIG or committee. Right now there are only a handful of SIGs. If you’re interested in creating a SIG please fill out the Propose a SIG form found at http://nmla.org/committees-sigs/. The NMLA Board is working on the upcoming budget. SIG renewals are also due on May 23rd to nmlaboard@yahoogroups.com.

We are also working on some fundraising initiatives so please be on the lookout.

Have a great summer!

Janice Kowemy
NMLA President

Get Caught Reading at the Carlsbad Public Library

Samantha Villa, Technology Services Librarian, Carlsbad Public Library

The Carlsbad Public Library always tries to include the community in everything it does. Instead of purchasing celebrity posters, the library staff actually took photos of community members reading.

It was so fun and everyone enjoyed it. People are very excited at the fact that their family members’ photos will be on either bookmarks and/or posters for the month of May. A monthly calendar was also created as well as a Get Caught Reading photo contest.

The work was completed in April and promotional material is now ready! Hopefully this will bring more people into the library.

City of Carlsbad Parks Department: Zane Laney, Mike Hernandez, Isaiah Morales, JJ Munoz, Chris Reynolds, Josh Ashberry
Octavia Fellin Public Library to Receive 2014 National Medal for Museum and Library Service

By Aliza Bran, (202)414-07-98, abran@susandavis.com

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal funding for our nation’s museums and libraries, announced the Octavia Fellin Public Library as one of 10 recipients of this year’s National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The award is the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to the community and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Octavia Fellin Public Library was chosen as a recipient for serving and supporting the Gallup community. As you probably know, the population Octavia Fellin serves is 75% Native American and has in the past had limited access to programming centering on Native American culture and heritage. Octavia Fellin Public Library has provided much-needed access to Navajo-based programming, Hopi drummers, and Native American authors and history speakers. The library prides itself on its ability to serve all ages, backgrounds, and interests. There are many members of the local community who can say that the programs at the library have changed their lives – Maria Elena Reyes is one example.

From an early age Maria Elena Reyes was a fan of the Octavia Fellin Public Library. The reservation she lived on had limited resources, so the library provided access to information and recreational programming that enriched her early life and schoolwork. She now takes her children to the library, so that they can have the same opportunities that she was offered. She will travel to Washington to share the impact the library/museum has had on the community, during the May 8 celebration.

For more on Maria’s story, click here: http://youtu.be/RSYq3eh_9QU.

Following is the Press Release:

WASHINGTON (April 24, 2014) – The Institute of Museum and Library Services today announced that the Octavia Fellin Public Library of Gallup, N.M., is one of 10 recipients of this year’s National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The National Medal, the nation’s highest honor conferred on museums and libraries for service to the community, has celebrated 20 years of institutions that make a difference for individuals, families, and communities. The award will be presented by First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House on May 8.

The Octavia Fellin Public Library serves not only the City of Gallup and McKinley County, but also the Navajo Nation, neighboring counties, and residents of Arizona. The Library is committed to providing quality services and programs that are inclusive of its community’s diverse cultures and ethnicities, reaching out well beyond its four walls. Often referred to as the heart of the community, the library significantly contributes to the region’s quality of life. Serving as the crossroad of the community, it encourages the sharing of ideas and exploration of interests and assures that resources are reflective of community needs. Maria Elena Reyes, who will be attending the award ceremony, grew up on the Navajo Nation and remembers her mother taking the long drive to Gallup, so that she could attend library programs and use its resources. The library broadened her world and she now brings her children to the library.

“Congratulations to the 2014 winners of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. From programs that foster passion for science, literature, and cultural heritage, to critical 21st century skills training for improved educational outcomes and workforce readiness, the services and programs of these institutions truly do make a difference,” said Susan H. Hildreth, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. “We thank each of this year’s medal recipients for their innovation and their dedication to serving their communities.”

Library Director Mary Ellen Pellington said, “We are all very humbled to be a recipient of the 2014 National Medal. In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the library’s name sake, Octavia Fellin, who served as Director from 1947 to 1990. Ms. Fellin was a true library champion in Gallup and will always...”

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be remembered for her contribution and commitment to this institution.” Maria Elena Reyes will travel to
Washington and share the impact the Octavia Fellin Public Library has had on her life during the May 8 celebration.

These ten honorees exemplify the nation’s great diversity of libraries and museums, and they include a
natural history museum, a children’s museum, a natural sciences museum, an aquarium, a botanic garden,
public library systems, and a book center, hailing from ten states.

Winners of the National Medal were selected from nationwide nominations of institutions that demonstrate
innovative approaches to public service, exceeding the expected levels of community outreach. The award
will be presented during a celebration in Washington, D.C., on May 8. After the ceremony, StoryCorps – a
national nonprofit dedicated to recording, preserving, and sharing the stories of Americans – will visit the
Octavia Fellin Public Library to document stories from the community.

For a complete list of 2014 recipients and to learn more about the National Medal winners, please visit www.imls.gov/medals. The next deadline for nominating a museum or library is October 15, 2014.

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CNM Authors Event

By Renée Goodvin, Reference and Interlibrary Loan Librarian, Jeannette Stromberg Library, Main Campus
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Thirty CNM staff and faculty were honored at the fourth annual CNM Authors Reception on April 17, 2014, at
the Jeannette Stromberg Library on the CNM Main Campus. Most of the authors and artists were on hand to
be greeted by Poppy Johnson-Renvall, director of libraries, and Sydney Gunthorpe, vice president for
Academic Affairs.

“We are honoring not only authors, but individuals who did dissertations, fine arts, or conference
presentations during the year as well,” said Renée Goodvin, chair of the CNM Authors Organizing
Committee. “We have many talented people at CNM.”

Keynote speaker was Lynne Hinton, 2011 New Mexico Book Awards Winner in Fiction, Adventure/Drama.
By Karen Wentworth, originally published at

Provost Chaouki Abdallah has appointed Richard W. Clement as dean for the University of New Mexico's College of University Libraries & Learning Sciences. Clement is currently dean of libraries and adjunct professor of history at Utah State University.

"I am extraordinarily pleased to announce and welcome Rick to UNM," Abdallah said. "He comes to us with proven leadership and administrative skills and is a prolific scholar. He will be a great addition to our senior leadership team and I ask the UNM community to welcome him to Albuquerque."

Clement has served as dean at Utah State University since 2008. At USU he transformed library services to provide digital content to six campuses and numerous centers across the state. At the same time, he has insured the preservation of the unique and rare materials that constitute the collective cultural heritage. Clement has devoted his energies to balancing the digital transformation that is changing libraries and universities with the traditional values of preserving the diverse cultural heritage for all citizens and all time.

Before coming to Utah in 2008, Clement was head of the department of special collections at the University

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of Kansas, where he also taught a course in the History of the Book as a courtesy professor of English.


Active in the areas of digital libraries, scholarly communication, and open access publication, Clement serves on the Board of Governors of the HathiTrust Digital Library as the vice chair/chair elect, of the steering committee for the Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition, the Executive Board of the Western Regional Storage Trust, and is the Chair of the Greater Western Library Alliance. As a national leader in scholarly communication, he has been invited to speak numerous times at the annual American Library Association meetings.

"I am thrilled to join the University of New Mexico community," Clement said. "The College of University Libraries & Learning Sciences combines traditional collections of great depth and strength with a cutting edge approach to instruction and learning. I am very excited about the potential for significant innovation in the College. I am also pleased to be returning to Albuquerque, where I spent seven formative years growing up in the 1960s."

Clement begins July 1.

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Vendor Fair at Carlsbad Municipal Schools

By Lorie Mitchell, CHS Librarian/CMS Library Chair, (575) 234-3319 ext. 2633, lorrie.mitchell@carlsbad.k12.nm.us

Carlsbad Municipal Schools will be hosting their first annual Vendor Fair on May 28-29 at the Carlsbad High School Library. All libraries are invited to visit with book and database vendors. For more information and to visit, visit http://fair.cmslibraries.com.
Tony Hillerman Preview Event

More Than a Mystery Writer:

Tony Hillerman as Teacher, Children’s Author and Journalist

June 18, 2014 6:30 – 7:30 pm Tony Hillerman Public Library 8205 Apache NE, Albuquerque, NM

Please join University of New Mexico Libraries at a free presentation about our exciting project documenting the life and writing of Tony Hillerman. Discover resources for K-12 Teachers & Public Librarians at ehillerman.unm.edu – free for anyone to visit and use.

NMSU Community Colleges Poetry Book

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Employees of NMSU Community Colleges are creating a Community College Campus poetry book called “Iambic and Other Parameters”. The poems will be used to compile a book that the NMSU Community College Foundation Boards will use as a fundraiser. This edition will be available at the Community College Round-up 2014.

Reforma de Nuevo Mexico

REFORMA de Nuevo Mexico congratulates Hatch Public Library and Chamiza Elementary School in Albuquerque as the winners of NOCHE de CUENTOS, sponsored by the New Mexico Library Foundation. New Mexico Dia Events. Governor Susana Martinez Proclamation for Dia in New Mexico.

Noche de Cuentos was born in 2010, when the then-ALA President Dr. Camila Alire began Family Literacy Focus, an initiative that encourages families in ethnically diverse communities to read and learn together. As a result, REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the
The NMSU Library celebrated the completion of the first stage of the project Visualizing Science: Preparing and Delivering Effective Poster Presentations with an undergraduate student poster competition in Branson Library on Monday, April 28.

The project, which is supported by partners including the New Mexico Library Foundation and NMSU’s STEM Outreach Center, aims to provide students with training in the fundamental skill of scientific poster design and delivery. Dr. Nirmala Gunapala, NMSU Science Librarian, is the principal investigator.

Although communication skills are important to many fields, the ability to communicate orally along with visual aids is essential in STEM disciplines. Scientists and engineers are expected to present their research in a variety of settings, to clients, stakeholders, and to members of the public. Poster sessions are also considered as a vital component of scientific conferences.

In early April, twenty-seven NMSU undergraduates from a range of STEM disciplines participated in Library-organized workshops taught by Biology Professor Michele Shuster. The workshops provided students with hands-on experience in planning, organizing, designing, and presenting posters. Following the workshops, students received financial support to have their posters professionally printed.

Thirteen individuals or student groups who completed the workshops went on to compete in the Library’s poster competition, using their newly gained skills to highlight research they are conducting in campus laboratories.

The diversity of projects was notable, with contributions from chemistry and biochemistry, biology, chemical engineering, physics, and agriculture. Six faculty judges (Dr. Immo Hanson, Dr. Avis James, Dr. Patricia Lodato, Dr. Histoshi Tsujimoto, Professor Cindy Watkins, and Professor Paula Johnson) reviewed the posters and engaged student presenters on their research.

At the end, three poster presentations received top awards:

*Can botanical pesticides protect us from bedbugs?* Presented by Maria Angelica Gonzales from Dr. Alvaro Romero’s lab (Agriculture)

*Revolutionizing flu vaccine production: the key to unlocking profit and accessibility.* Presented by Joshua
Visualizing Science (continued)

Alcala, Jere Freeh and Mary Harner from Dr. David Rockstraw’s lab (Chemical Engineering)

The unending host-pathogen arms race: How mosquito RNA interference impacts dengue virus evolution.
Presented by Vanessa Montaya from Dr. Kathy Hanley’s lab (Biology)

These students received gift cards from Barnes & Noble. All student presenters were commended by the judges for their efforts and were encouraged to continue developing their work for presentation at future campus or scholarly poster competitions.

“We are delighted with the success of today’s event,” said Professor Gunapala, “It is evident that student presenters have made great use of their training. They have created attractive and engaging poster presentations that really showcase their research activities.”

The second stage of the project will get underway in late summer. Working in partnership with the Las Cruces Public Schools, the Library will organize “train the trainer” workshops with Dr. Shuster to train teachers and librarians in poster presentation techniques so they are able to successfully work with middle and high school students on science fair projects.
Technology Toolbox Takes Off at Loma Colorado Main Library in Rio Rancho

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

Librarians Dawn Hite and Kathy Campbell at the Loma Colorado Main Library are bringing their expertise in portable devices (Nook, IPAD, Kindle...) to our library patrons. Once a month patrons can bring their device and questions to the drop-in program at the library. With questions ranging from "How do I turn it on?" to "I placed a hold in Overdrive and now it's not there", there is not much that can't be answered in a short session. Since they started in January, word of mouth has increased the number of patrons each time (sometimes with a waitlist!). The next programs will be held on Monday May 12 and Monday June 16, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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Spanish Speaking, created Noche de Cuentos @ mi biblioteca “to promote and preserve the art of storytelling within our Latino communities in the U.S.” The literacy initiative was a result of early discussions with author/poet, Pat Mora (creator of El Dia de los Ninos, Dia de los Libros literacy initiative) in order to create awareness and an understanding of the importance of oral tradition as it relates to literacy. Read more about Noche de Cuentos, celebrating the power of storytelling to unite communities.

Visit the Día website at http://dia.ala.org to learn more about Día and explore and download the free bi-lingual Día booklist, book club lesson plans, activity sheets, poster and resource guide to help make your program a success!
Center for Disability Information Network Library Hours

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The University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability (CDD) Information Network Library has new hours and is a public library open to anyone who lives in New Mexico.

New hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
A drop box for returning items is open from 8:00 - 5:00 M-F.

The Information Network provides library services and community resource connections and is New Mexico’s premier source of disability related information and referral. We are open to the public of New Mexico, and we lend books, DVDs, and videos throughout the state. Brochures from various disability related programs and services are also available.

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Scholastic Book Fair at Carlsbad Public Library

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Carlsbad Public Library is hosting a Scholastic book fair in the children's department later this month. The dates of the fair will be Monday, May 19th, through Wednesday, May 28. The fair is a wonderful way for the library to earn free books, which we then distribute at no charge to children who visit the library this summer.

Scholastic offers a choice of book character costumes at no extra charge, so Clifford the Big Red Dog will be on hand visit with kids and pose for photos on "Fizz, Boom, Read!" Registration Day (May 28, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Besides visiting the book fair and signing up for summer reading, kids will receive a free book, a book bag with reading supplies, a summer calendar of events, enjoy some cotton candy, and sign up for library cards.

Having a registration day event is a great way to get families motivated to come and participate in the summer program!
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