2015 NMLA Annual Conference

By Sharon D. Jenkins, NMLA Annual Conference Chair, Vice-President/President Elect

Hope all my New Mexico library friends are having a great summer. Your Annual conference committee is busy planning a stellar experience for you this coming October. First up, we have secured noted author and technology maven, Marshall Breeding as our keynote speaker on Thursday, October 22.

Mr. Breeding is the Editor for Smart Libraries Newsletter published by the American Library Association, and has authored the annual Library Systems Report published by American Libraries since 2014.

Next, please remember to register for the conference at http://nmla.org/annual-conference/ and send your program proposals to us at annual_conference@nmla.org.

We are looking forward to offering our attendees an abundance of useful information and ideas this year in keeping with our theme - Create, Connect and Transform. So keep those proposals coming!!

Summer Activities at Rio Rancho Public Libraries

By Jenna Wells, Teen Librarian, Loma Colorado Main Library, (505)891-5013

Rio Rancho Public Libraries kicked off summer reading with a visit from the Batmobile and more heroes have been visiting every week. So far, 1,386 people have signed up with more registering every day. Programs have ranged from Superhero Training Camp to Duct Tape crafts to a viewing of the original Ghostbusters movie, all with overwhelming attendance.

On June 18, Esther Bone Memorial Library put together a Maker Gadgets and Gizmos program for tweens. At this program they were able to play with Cubelets, Littlebits, and Makey Makeys. The tweens built some amazing creations with our maker supplies.

On June 20, Loma Colorado Main Library hosted an event called Honoring Our Community Heroes. Families met police officers and firefighters, shaking their hands and climbing on their vehicles. They also had the opportunity to write thank you notes and make paracord survival bracelets for our military troops, talk to a volunteer from Paws and Stripes, and chat with a local doctor.
SLA Rio Grande Chapter Donna Cromer Memorial Award

SLA Rio Grande Chapter is presenting the Donna Cromer Memorial Award, in honor of the late Donna Cromer, a University of New Mexico science librarian and cherished member of the Rio Grande Chapter and the Physics, Astronomy and Mathematics (PAM) Division who passed away in 2013. The award is presenting a number of varied stipends to pursue a single class in a library and information science (or related discipline) graduate program, or attend other professional development conferences, workshops, classes, etc. The total value of these stipends is $6,000.

The chapter will grant a total of two $2000 awards, and four $500 awards.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this award is to encourage professional development and continued involvement for current members of the Special Libraries Association, who may need partial financial assistance to undertake or continue in a graduate library/information science (or related discipline) program, or attend other professional development conferences, workshops, or classes on their own or with assistance from their employer.

**Eligibility:** A recipient of one of these awards must be:

1. A current SLA Rio Grande Chapter or Physics Astronomy and Mathematics Division member
2. For whom pursuing coursework or attending a conference or workshop would be difficult without assistance
3. Who agrees to submit an article discussing course participation and benefit from the class or professional development event to the RGC and the PAM division newsletter.

**Application Requirements:**

1. The application form with an attached essay must be sent in Word or Acrobat PDF format by e-mail to Chapter President Eric Ziecker, eric_ziecker@external.accessinn.com
2. Applications will be reviewed by the Awards Committee and awardees notified within six weeks.
3. Preference will be given to MLIS students and educational classes and events with the strongest relevance to the profession of library and information science, as well as fostering the career/professional growth of the applicant.
4. The Board reserves the right to make its decision using other criteria, as needed.

**Post-Award Requirements:**

1. Recipients will write an article for the Rio Grande Chapter Bulletin, summarizing his/her experience or course learning from the event or class.
2. If for any reason, the recipient is unable to attend the event or class, he or she will reimburse the chapter for the award.

**Notification and Award Distribution**

1. Applicants will receive notification of award status within six weeks of application.
2. Award recipients will make their own registration and travel arrangements and will receive prompt reimbursement upon submission of registration confirmation or other receipts to the SLA Rio Grande Chapter treasurer, Elizabeth Luebchow at elizabeth.luebchow.ctr@us.af.mil.

San Francisco Book Signing

Val Nye and Kathy Barco took part in a Meet the Author event in the ALA Store at the American Library Association’s Annual Conference in June in San Francisco. Their book, True Stories of Censorship Battles in America’s Libraries, has sold over 800 copies since being published in 2012. It is featured in the Bestsellers section of ALA Editions’ Spring/Summer 2015 catalog.

Three of the thirty-one True Stories chapters were written by New Mexico Librarians: Susanne Caro, former State Documents Librarian at the New Mexico State Library, Santa Fe, now the Government Documents Librarian at the Mansfield Library, University of Montana, Missoula, MT; Alisa Gonzalez, Social Sciences/Education Librarian in Reference & Research Services at the NMSU Library in Las Cruces; and Laurie Treat, who recently retired after several years as a teacher and librarian with the Aztec Public School System.

Val Nye is the Library Director at the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe. Kathy Barco is a retired children’s librarian and literacy coordinator and currently keeps busy as a library consultant.
They Can’t Say No Unless You Ask/ Getting Projects into Legislative Capital Outlay Funding Bill

By Joe Sabatini, Member, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library Advisory Board

When Governor Susana Martinez signed Special Session Senate Bill 1 on June 17, 2015, state capital outlay funding was provided for 2,047 individual projects costing over $293 million. She also line-item-vetoed forty two projects costing $1.1 million. Approved projects ranged in size from $5,000 appropriations for fitness equipment at several senior centers to two $22.5 million appropriations for statewide road projects. There were forty nine approved library projects totaling $2,820,729. One library project was vetoed, a $2,000 item for a security system at Albuquerque’s South Broadway Library.

Of the forty nine library projects in SB 1 twenty two of the projects are for the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library and twenty two are for libraries in the Albuquerque Public School District. These projects range in cost from $6,000 to $135,000, with the median project receiving around $50,000. This concentration has been true for the last three years, and was also true in the prosperous years prior to the Great Recession. What does it take to get these results?

Individual legislators receive capital outlay requests from constituents and government agencies. They assemble these requests and select which projects they want to sponsor. Each project is submitted on a standard three page Capital Outlay Request Form which the legislator must sign. The form is available on the Legislature’s website at [http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/lcsdocs/capital%20request%20form.pdf](http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/lcsdocs/capital%20request%20form.pdf).

During the 2015 Session, an individual legislator might submit between fifty and a hundred separate capital outlay requests. These must be submitted by the deadline for bill introduction at the midpoint of the session. Projects introduced by an individual legislator are shown on his/her page on the Legislature’s website. To see what your legislator requested, select “Search by Name” in the “Member” category, click on the legislator’s picture, and then look at the “Sponsored Legislation” category for the current session. At the bottom of the list will be a link to their capital outlay requests. For example, my State Senator put seventy projects into his request, including three for libraries.

When it comes time to select which projects are funded, each legislator can identify his/her priorities. This is where political considerations come into play. A local project supported by both...
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Senator and the Representative from an area gets more consideration. A project supported by several legislators from an area gets even more. Bipartisan support is helpful. It is important to remember that even if a proposal gets a legislative sponsor, there are many more projects than money to fund them. This year there were over a billion dollars in projects chasing $293 million in available funding. There is a rough guideline that projects from the Governor get a third of the pie, Senators get a third and Representatives get a third. The source of the funding must be considered; this year’s bill spends $211 million from the Severance Tax Fund, $30 million from the General Fund and $52 million from other sources. The impasse on capital outlay at the end of the regular session was caused by a late change made by the House to the Senate bill on the source of funding for millions of dollars in road projects.

So how did the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library get funding for their desperately needed building projects? A library system operating eighteen buildings of varying ages has many physical plant needs. There is a Facilities Plan which identifies these issues to guide City and County scheduling and funding. As is probably true in any local government entity (including school districts, academic institutions and tribal governments), maintenance is underfunded, and libraries are in competition with every other activity performed by their parent institution. So local government entities are usually amenable to supplemental state capital outlay funding to address their needs. These entities will often communicate with their legislative delegation about their capital project priorities. Obviously, individual library directors cannot go around their senior management to ask a legislator to put in a capital outlay request. But individual legislators have their own priorities, and they respond to citizen advocates requesting help for every possible type of project. Albuquerque’s Library Advisory Board has fulfilled this advocacy role in a major way, by systematically identifying urgent needs, preparing Capital Outlay Request Forms and sending them to legislators. Individual board members personally send forms relating specific branch projects to the legislators in their part of town. Each project is already identified as necessary in the City’s Facilities Plan, with a cost estimate. The Board selects projects after consulting with the library administration about critical needs and “shovel ready-ness.” The request forms and letters to individual legislators are sent out at least a month in advance of an upcoming session. There is follow-up, and board members use NMLA’s Library Legislative Day as an opportunity to visit with every member of the Bernalillo County delegation about current capital outlay requests. Continued on page 5
Approved courses for ALA-APA Library Support Staff Certification Program

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!

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. 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

Onate High Garners $40,000 Dollar General Donation


LAS CRUCES >> Company representatives from Dollar General surprised staff and students at Oñate High School Thursday afternoon with a $40,000 contribution to the school's literacy program, according to a news release.

The chain's regional director Phillip Ortega presented school leaders with a yellow-and-black box, which was opened in front of a classroom of curious students.

"Dollar General is very passionate about its mission of serving others, and we are all excited to surprise Oñate High School with a donation to further their reading and literacy programs," said Ortega. "We hope this donation will help equip the school with the tools and resources it needs to improve the learning experience for students."

The donation is part of Dollar General's new Reading Revolution program, which aims to provide schools with additional resources to purchase books, computers and other educational supplies to enhance their reading and literacy programs, according to a release issued by the company.

Oñate High was chosen for the donation because of the strong community contributions to the Dollar General Literacy Foundation through the Cash Cube program available in stores, particularly at store No. 13442 located at Mesa Grande Drive and Calle Bella Avenue, the news release stated. Dollar General plans to make donations to additional schools through its Reading Revolution program in various locations where it has a strong presence.

"By supporting Oñate High School with this gift, we hope to help students become better readers, more successful students and lifelong learners," Denine Torr, Dollar General's director of community initiatives, said in the news release.

**Note from Tina Glatz: The presentation was actually held in the library. Also, the money has all been earmarked for use in the library not the school in general.

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In the last three years, these efforts have been increasingly successful. Most of the submitted projects get into legislator's Capital Outlay Requests, with twenty two of our twenty five projects getting into the final bill. Using the Legislature's website, we know which legislators submitted our requests. We know that two Senators and two Representatives sponsored the $55,000 project to re-do the stucco at the Juan Tabo Library. We know that four Senators and nine Representatives sponsored a $135,000 appropriation towards the purchase of land for a far Northwest Mesa branch. We are able to appreciate and publicly acknowledge these supporters as the opportunity presents itself, such as at the dedication of the Unser & Central Library in June.
Highlights from the ALA Annual Conference 2015

By Val Nye, ALA-APA Councilor, vnye@iaia.edu

Over 22,600 librarians and vendors attended the 2015 ALA Annual Conference in downtown San Francisco. Among the attendees were at least 15 New Mexico Librarians. Keynote speaker highlights included: feminist activist and writer, Gloria Steinem; Maria from Sesame Street, Sonia Manzano; and the closing session with musician, Robbie Robertson and children's book author, David Shannon.

New Mexico librarian activities included: John Sandstrom's recognition at ALA Council for his service as he finished his current term as ALA Councilor at Large, Paulita Aguilar's election to the American Indian Library Association as President, Akilah Nosakhere's session Resources for the Study of the African in New Mexico, Mariano Ulibarri's poster session Making it with Rural Libraries: The New Mexico Makerstate Initiative, and Kathy Barco and Valerie Nye's Meet the Authors session at the ALA Bookstore for True Stories of Censorship Battles in America's Libraries.

Some of the resolution highlights include resolutions:

- against mass surveillance
- denouncing systematic racism that motivated the South Carolina shootings
- on the importance of sustainable libraries
- to improve access to Spanish, and bilingual books for children in detention centers

A budget ceiling of $67,087,027 was approved for ALA's 2015/2016 fiscal year.

The 9th edition of the Intellectual Freedom Handbook was published this spring and is now available for purchase.

The Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights was updated and interpretations were changed for internet filtering, labeling systems, and rating systems.

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The title of this article is irreverent for a reason. Albuquerque’s relative success in getting these projects goes beyond the fact that Bernalillo County has 31.7% of the state’s population. Both the public library and the public school libraries have found appropriate ways regularly to highlight their achievements and their needs to public officials and to the community. Legislators “like” libraries; and part of their job is to achieve funding for projects that have an impact in their districts. (Our champion legislator and longtime chair of the House Capital Outlay Subcommittee, former Rep. Ed Sandoval, says, “Don’t call it pork; it’s economic development.”) State Senator Bill Payne of Albuquerque received NMLA’s 2008 Legislator of the Year Award for regularly sponsoring capital outlay funding for the Eldorado Cluster in the Albuquerque Public Schools. But it isn’t just Bernalillo County that actively seeks capital outlay projects. This year’s bill also funded a new $50,000 heating/cooling plant for the A.W. Thompson Library in Clayton and $75,000 “to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish improvements to the library building in Virden in Hidalgo County.” Jemez Pueblo just reopened its expanded library thanks in part to a $100,000 capital outlay appropriation from 2014. How? They asked.

The process is open to any citizen. All it takes to remedy an identified need is for a library supporter to fill out the form and ask a legislator to sponsor it. It is essential diplomatically to get the active or tacit support from your local government entity for a project. But state capital outlay funding is a resource that is worth accessing when you have urgent needs that cannot be funded locally. Take the following guidance that Governor Martinez provided in Senate Executive Message No. 2 when she signed Special Session SB 1:

“In deciding whether to sign or veto projects, I balanced various features of each project (given the information to which I had access) against a set of criteria that should guide the use of capital outlay funds. Let me be clear; every project in this legislation likely has merit. A line-item veto does not indicate my feelings toward the worth or value of the project.

However, though less than in previous years, there were still some local projects that faced serious deficiencies. In some cases, the project was not shovel ready, or it was so badly underfunded that the money could not be spent. There

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Updates from NMSU Library

Submitted by Cassie McClure, Communications Specialist, New Mexico State University Library

The Robert E. and Evelyn McKee Foundation has awarded the New Mexico State University Library the 2015 McKee Foundation grant of $15,000. The award allows the NMSU Library to purchase the entire contents of ENGnetBASE, which consists of over 3,000 e-book titles covering civil, electrical, industrial, mechanical and mining engineering subject areas.

The Clyde W. Tombaugh Collection has started to be digitized for online access at the NMSU Library. Tombaugh, best known for his discovery of Pluto, spent the majority of his career in New Mexico and helped establish the astronomy program at NMSU. The digitization project, supported by a generous NMSU Library donor, will be done in three phases – personal and professional papers, oversize materials (including maps and charts), and photographs. This summer NMSU Library’s Ingrid Schneider, Meta Data Librarian, and Nathan Brown, Digital Projects Librarian will start by tackling the personal and professional papers which will highlight Tombaugh’s observation notes, writings, and global correspondence.

“As with any digitization project, this opens up a whole other world of options for researchers,” said Brown. “Now anyone will be able to access selected portions of this collection from a computer anywhere in the world, whereas before researchers had to come here to use it.” The digitization project happily coincidences with the NASA flyby of Pluto in July, which has shown a worldwide rekindling of interest in what Tombaugh formerly dubbed as “Planet X.” Brown continued, “Not only do the papers offer a glimpse into his life, but also into his astronomical work as a whole, and shows that there’s much more to Tombaugh than Pluto.”

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Updates from NMSU Library (Continued from page 7)

Whether you've grown up and love the Las Cruces treasure of the Organ Mountains, or want to share the unique vista with those in different corners of the world, the NMSU Library now offers a set of 13 note cards highlighting various Organ Mountain images. For $9, enjoy thirteen photo note cards of the Organ Mountains. Photos range from historic shots from various NMSU Library Archive Collections and contemporary color photos from University Communications and Marketing Services. Photo descriptions are on the back of the cards, with the inside left blank for your messages. Celebrate the natural beauty that surrounds Las Cruces and a lasting monument in our community.

The NMSU Library has been awarded a $3,322 grant from the United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN) Digital Libraries & Preservation Committee, as a part of Project Ceres. The NMSU Library’s project title is, “Selected Poultry, Fruits and Vegetables, Cotton, and Livestock Serial Publications of the NMSU Agricultural Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station.” This is the third award in three years that the NMSU Library has received from USAIN, in collaboration with Agriculture Network Information Collaborative and the Center of Research Libraries.

Rio Rancho Public Libraries (Continued from page 1)

On June 23, Loma Colorado Main Library was taken over by the farm animals of Galloping Grace Youth Ranch. This all-ages program was an opportunity for families to learn about (and pet) cows, llamas, pigs, goats, chickens, and rabbits. Families were also given the opportunity to watch a cow being milked at the mobile milking parlor from Southwest Dairy Farmers. To finish off the (hot) day, NM Ag in the Classroom made ice cream in a bag!

In addition to traditional programming, we have offered weekly experience zones such as stations to test your strength (with the assistance of ropes and pulleys), observe how things fly, and vote for your favorite superhero. The experience zones have been a huge hit and enable families to drop in and participate at times convenient to them.

The Libraries also held a Who Is Your Hero? essay contest for adults at both the Loma Colorado and Esther Bone Libraries. Amber Anderson, first place winner, wrote about her adopted son from China who has a rare genetic disorder and must have blood transfusions every two weeks. The winners received gift cards for Hot Tamales Restaurant, funded by the Friends of the Library.

Our special treat for the community is an ice cream social at the end of the summer. All the community had to do was fill up experience jars with pom poms, and they did, overwhelmingly!

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were also some projects that sought to use bonds to pay off debts, which is an inappropriate use of this funding. In some other cases, some projects aimed to use 10-year bonds for items that will not serve a public use for that amount of time. As I have in the past, I have objected to the use of infrastructure bonds for things like musical instruments and dance mats. There were also projects that, when asked, the community officials or other entities in charge of spending the dollars, said they did not need or could not use the money.”

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NMLA Education Committee Update

By Kevin Comerford, NMLA Education Committee Chair, kevco@unm.edu

Join the NMLA Education Committee
The NMLA Education Committee is looking for a few good members to help award scholarships and continuing education grants to the NMLA community. Committee members work together to evaluate scholarship applications during the May-June scholarship season each year. They also evaluate and approve continuing education grants for NMLA members to attend conferences and professional development activities several times a year. Scholarship and grant awards are some of the most important benefits that NMLA provides to the state library community, so please consider serving on the Education Committee. Email Kevin Comerford (kevco@unm.edu), NMLA Education Committee Chair for more details or to volunteer!

$50-$100 Continuing Education Grants Available
The NMLA education committee still has some Continuing Education Grant funds available this year. CE grants may be used to attend workshops, conferences, and related professional development activities. Small awards of $50-$100 are currently available. Please apply in advance of the event for which you are seeking funds – No reimbursements for events already attended will be issued. There is no deadline for Continuing Education Grant applications; however, funds available are limited and are distributed in the order that applications are received. Please visit http://nmla.org/scholarships-grants/ to download a copy of the CE grant application form and instructions.
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