2015 NMLA Mini-Conference

Make plans to visit Laguna on April 9 & 10 for the NMLA Mini-Conference! Laguna Pueblo’s K’awaika Center is our conference site for events, programs and exhibits. This year’s theme focuses on how information professionals can emphasize our common mission, goals, passions, and other similarities in the work that we do for our communities. This conference is an opportunity to showcase initiatives, software, programs, and services -- all of the creative ways in which different libraries are meeting the shared challenge of serving our communities throughout New Mexico. The Mini-Conference traditionally provides an opportunity for us to travel to smaller communities within the state and collaborate with libraries and library staff in those areas.

Pre-conference activities on Thursday include a half-day tour of Acoma Pueblo’s Sky City Cultural Center & Haak’u Museum. The price of $35 includes: Pueblo Tour, Haak’u Museum admission and a camera permit. Lunch is also included, with your choice of 3 wraps, each with pasta salad, cookie, and drink. A minimum of 15 people are needed to hold this price! Details @ http://nmla.org/mini-conference/preconference-activities/

Thursday afternoon’s schedule includes the NMLA Board meeting and the NMCAL meeting, and the start of Exhibitor setup. The evening Opening Reception will be at the K’awaika Center and includes a special appearance by author Max Early, of Laguna Pueblo, who will read a selection of poetry from his new book, “Ears of Corn: Listen.” Come enjoy the evening with friends, poetry, tapas, and entertainment!

Friday’s conference starts with a welcome by Laguna Governor Virgil Siow and NMLA President Janice Kowemy and a report by Acting State Librarian Michael Delello. The Keynote Presentation on ‘Brainfuse’ will be followed by a variety of programs that include researching law on the Internet, literacy initiatives, STEM, digital collections, grants, library instruction, cataloging, and much more. Special Interest Group meetings and roundtables are scheduled throughout the day. Registration includes lunch, with plenty of time to mingle with exhibitors and catch up with colleagues. See http://nmla.org/mini-conference/ for more information.

President’s Message

We are getting ready for the 2015 NMLA Mini-Conference in Laguna Pueblo, NM and I would like to invite you to attend! The conference will be held April 10th at the Laguna K’awaika Center. I am very excited that we (Laguna, Acoma, and Grants) will be hosting you at the conference. If you have ever been interested in learning about two of the 19 Pueblos this is your opportunity! We are offering a tour to Sky City that includes lunch on April 9th. Each tour has a local tribal member as a tour guide and each have their own unique stories. You will want to come back for another tour!

Our Members at Large and Program committee have been working hard to put together an exciting conference and line-up of programs! The opening reception will feature a poetry reading from Max Early from his first book of poems Ears of Corn: Listen. Visit www.nmla.org for more information or to register for the conference. Hotel room blocks
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are at Route 66 Casino Hotel and Sky City Casino Hotel.

Sharon Jenkins and the NMLA Annual Conference Committee have also been working hard on the 2015 Annual Conference in Albuquerque, October 21-23, 2015 at the Marriott Pyramid. Please make plans to join us!

The NMLA Legislation Committee has also been working hard during this legislative session attending committee hearings and testifying on behalf of NM Libraries for a statewide library conference in 2016. For current information please keep an eye out from Joe Sabatini as he updates us through the Legislative Bulletin.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with conference duties. Let’s make this one of the best mini-conferences yet! See you in Laguna!

Janice Kowemy
NMLA President

Find Yourself in a Book: Students Create Book that Changes Lives

By Val Nye

Several weeks ago IAIA student, Roseanna Andrade, came into my office with a folder in her hands. She set the folder gently on the table in my office and carefully opened it to reveal the colorful hand-drawn cover of a book with a yarn-tied binding: *Letters from Luis: Las Cartas de Luis*. As I was to learn through my conversation with Roseanna, it was a book she wrote and worked to illustrate with her friend and fellow student, Frosley Fowler. The children’s book (for people of all ages) holds a powerful message of change and hope. Their book is already changing the lives of young people in Santa Fe.

I had the honor of talking to Roseanna and Frosley about their experience with the book thus far. It is a story of inspiration, collaboration, creativity, and activism.

Roseanna was inspired to write the text of the book after interviewing two women for an assignment in her Oral History class last fall. She interviewed Mara Taub and Demetria Martínez, the women who founded the Biblioteca Amigos Library at the Santa Fe County Youth Development Center. During the interview Roseanna learned about the library’s founding in 2014 and a poetry workshop the women started as programming for the library. As part of her research, Roseanna read the poetry written by incarcerated youth living at the youth detention center.

Roseanna was so inspired by the work of Taub, Martinez, and a poem written by a teenager named Luiz, that she felt compelled to write a story. Roseanna’s story is about nine-year-old Ernesto, a boy whose older brother, Luis, is incarcerated the detention center in Santa Fe. In the story Luis visits the library at the Youth Development Center, a place that inspires an idea for Luis that will allow the brothers to stay in contact. He writes to his brother, Erenesto, explaining that Ernesto can visit the public library and check out the same books he is reading in the detention center library. They can read the same books while they are apart. Luis also learns to write poetry and shares his poems with Ernesto in the letters they exchange. The poems in Roseanna’s books are actual poems written by incarcerated teens in Santa Fe.

When Roseanna was considering illustrations for her story, she turned to her friend and collaborator, Frosley. The pair have developed a shared artistic partnership and understanding that some people search for their entire lives. Interviewing them together, it was clear they share a creative energy. Roseanna said as they were working on the book she would describe the scene she had in her mind as she wrote the book, and Frosley would create illustrations that perfectly reflected her vision. Frosley, a Cinematic Arts and Technology major, explained that he used the skills he has learned for storyboarding films and creating perspective to illustrate the book from a child’s viewpoint. This is the first book Frosley has illustrated, but he says he has been creating coloring books for his younger brothers and sisters for most of his life. Frosley’s drawings were inspired by Native American illustrators Shonto Begay and Bahe Whithorne Sr.

Both Roseanna and Frosley are interested in using books and art as a catalyst for change in their
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communities. Roseanna is now an intern at the Biblioteca Amigos Library where she sees first-hand how books can change the lives of teenagers. As part of her job, Roseanna welcomes teens into the library and encourages them to have conversations with her about books. When a patron says that they don’t read books, she asks them if they would be interested in reading a book she has written. This question piques their curiosity, and they frequently sit down to read Letters from Luis. The readers literally see themselves in her book. Luis wears the detention center uniform and sits in a library illustrated to depict the library as it actually exists at the detention center. The book has become a conversation piece that has led patrons to search for other books in the library that reflect their lives. Roseanna also works to understand readers’ interest and is quickly becoming familiar with young adult books so that she can help teens find books that fit their interests. She also recently learned that her book has inspired at least one incarcerated teen to write her own life story; to write her own book.

Reflecting back at the creation of the book, her new internship at the library, and the lives she and Frosley have already touched with this book Roseanna shares, “This was just a class project, but it goes way beyond that.” The two have future plans to expand the book’s influence. They would like to explore publishing options and distribute the volume to children and families who have incarcerated family members. Their goal is to place their book in prison libraries, youth detention centers, and elementary schools around the country. Through their experiences with this project, Roseanna and Frosley have recognized that children are deeply affected by incarcerated family members. Talking about family members who are imprisoned is not a common topic of conversation. People who are incarcerated often become invisible family members, especially to children. The authors’ hope is that their book will create avenues for children to talk about their family members and that there will be less of a stigma associated with families of the incarcerated.

For more information contact Roseanna Andrade at: randrade@iaia.edu

Making Friends Conference

The Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library and co-sponsors, The State Library/Department of Cultural Affairs, will host a statewide conference — Making Friends — on April 8, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque. This conference has been made possible with support from the Brindle Foundation.

Designed to support Friends of the Library organizations at all stages of development, the daylong event will feature three tracks of workshops geared toward New Friends (Friends groups that are just getting started), Growing Friends (Friends groups that are building), and Old Friends (Friends groups that continue to expand).

Topics will include: Recruiting and Board Building, To c(3) or Not To c(3), Social Media, IRS 990: Management and Marketing Tool, Enterprising Operations, Branding and Marketing, The Art of the Business Ask, Fundraising Strategies, Public Relations, Teamwork: The Public/Private Partnership.

An optional VIP tour of the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science will be offered from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Registration is $25 and includes lunch. Visit www.santafelibraryfriends.org/MakingFriends for presenters and registration information. Questions? Contact Moira Gehring (moira@santafelibraryfriends.org) or Lucinda Surber (lucinda@santafelibraryfriends.org).

WLA/MPLA Conference Call for Papers/Programs

Wednesday, September 23rd - Friday, September 25th 2015 @ The Little America Resort in Cheyenne, Wyoming

WLA/MPLA are calling for programming/papers for the 2015 joint conference to be held at Little America in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The due date for program proposals is the end of business, May 1, 2015. We look forward to receiving program proposals that support the conference theme - Changing Libraries in the New West.

The URL to the conference submission site follows. https://survey.uwyo.edu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=82K1lm73H
**State Librarian Appointment**

*By Mary Kaminski, Marketing Specialist, New Mexico State Library, mary.kaminski@state.nm.us*

We are pleased to announce that Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer has been appointed by Secretary of Cultural Affairs Veronica Gonzales to lead the New Mexico State Library. Ms. Moeller-Peiffer will commence her duties as State Library Director beginning in early June. The Governor-approved appointment is the result of a national search conducted by an appointed search committee. The Committee recommended top finalists to Secretary Gonzales and Governor Susana Martinez for their consideration.

Ms. Moeller-Peiffer brings 37 years of experience in Library and Information Science, most recently serving as New Jersey's Deputy State Librarian for Lifelong Learning. She has spent the past 11 years at the New Jersey State Library in programming, management, administration, and budgeting for 300 public libraries.

Ms. Moeller-Peiffer oversees the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant and serves generally as grants manager for New Jersey's State Library. In this capacity she oversees a substantial budget, which includes the administration of a $4 million LSTA allocation. Ms. Moeller-Peiffer has served within the New Jersey State Library system as a supervisor of project specialists, working in the areas of small business outreach, technology, youth and older adult services, e-government, diversity, literacy, rural and urban libraries. In addition, she has written several successful grant and award nominations on behalf of the State Library and the Talking Book and Braille Center.

"After a long and thorough search and the unanimous recommendation of the search committee, Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer brings a wealth of experience and expertise in library management and programs," said Secretary Gonzales. "From planning to strategy to implementation, Ms. Moeller-Peiffer has collaborated with all of New Jersey's libraries, administering complex services. She has forged working relationships with key statewide organizations, who in turn, have successfully advocated for the needs of the New Jersey State Library. We are thrilled to have her join our team and look forward to her leadership of the State Library."

Secretary Gonzales also acknowledged the hard work and dedication of Deputy Cabinet Secretary Michael Deelello, who has served as the interim Director of the State Library Division for the past year. Deputy Deelello raised the importance of rural services, and especially the Bookmobile program. He also conducted extensive statewide outreach to the public libraries and worked closely with the New Mexico Library Association.

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“I am eager to assume the role of director of the New Mexico State Library,” Moeller-Peiffer said. “I understand the complexity of a State Library administrative agency and look forward to making the very best library services available to the residents of New Mexico. My hope for the immediate future is to meet with library associations, organizations, and individual library leaders throughout New Mexico to understand both the successes and challenges of delivering library service in our state. I also want the New Mexico State Library to be in a leadership role for public libraries in terms of ‘best practices’ in library and information services,” Moeller-Peiffer said.

Ms. Moeller-Peiffer has a Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science from Florida State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Carolina.

2015 NMLA Election Results

Submitted by Mary Ellen Pellington

Vice President / President-Elect – Lynette Schurdevin
Treasurer - Lisa Pate
Member-at-Large (2) - Lillian Chavez
- Stephanie Wilson

The Nominations & Election Committee would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our new officers and thank all candidates who agreed to run and for their support of the Association.

Tech Services SIG to Discuss RDA

By Bradley Carrington, New Mexico State Library

At our Laguna Pueblo mini-conference drop in and visit with the Technical Services SIG. At 3:30 we’ll discuss "Common Cataloging using an Uncommon Standard." We can talk about our new standard, RDA, and how it makes our records richer. We all have almost two years of copy cataloging out there to use and some of you might now be writing original records using RDA. Our meeting won’t be a training session (we hope to have that for the main conference in October), but a sharing session on how the records are looking in our OPACs. We can chat about the improvements from our patrons’ point of view. Bring your questions and ideas! See you soon.

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Statewide Library Memorial Approved in Legislature

The NMLA Legislation Committee gave its highest priority to the passage of House and Senate memorials asking for a statewide assessment of library needs and the holding of a Statewide Library Conference in 2016. House Memorial 48, sponsored by Rep. Deborah Armstrong, was given a “do pass” recommendation in the House Education Committee on a 12-0 vote on February 19. Michael Delello, Joy Poole, Larry Horan, Maureen Wilks (NM Tech Senior Geologist of Archives and Collections) and Cynthia Shetter gave testimony to the Committee in support of the memorial. On February 23, HM 48 was passed by the House of Representatives on a unanimous vote of 70-0.

Senator Michael Sanchez introduced a companion memorial, SM 61, with the same language as HM 48. Senate Memorial 61 was heard in the Senate Rules Committee on March 4, receiving a “do pass” recommendation by a vote of 9-0. As of this writing, it was scheduled to be heard in the Senate Public Affairs Committee on March 10.

A memorial affecting tribal libraries was passed by the House on March 10. This is House Memorial 106, sponsored by Rep. Roger Madalena. It calls on the New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs to work with tribal leaders and the Tribal Infrastructure Board to include libraries in projects funded by the Tribal Infrastructure Fund. This received a “do pass” recommendation by the House Education Committee on a 9-0 vote, and was passed unanimously by the House of Representatives on March 10.

There are 71 distinct capital outlay requests relating to various library projects around the state. Some of these will be included in a comprehensive bill which has not yet been introduced.

Here is the text of House Memorial 48.

INTRODUCED BY Deborah A. Armstrong

A MEMORIAL REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LIBRARY TO SUPPORT A NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF NEW MEXICO LIBRARIES AND TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST WITH A STATEWIDE CONFERENCE TO IDENTIFY POLICIES AND GOALS FOR IMPROVED LIBRARY SERVICES.

WHEREAS, with the dawn of the digital age, libraries in New Mexico and across the United States are no longer only repositories of books; and
WHEREAS, like the rest of American society, the library’s role in the community has been transformed by the digital age; and
WHEREAS, libraries have become service centers for many New Mexicans who need free access to computer and internet services, including residents in rural and underserved populations in New Mexico; and
WHEREAS, according to a study completed by the University of New Mexico’s bureau of business and economic research, New Mexico’s public libraries provided public access to one thousand four hundred thirty-five computers in fiscal year 2011, with each library branch averaging twelve public-access computers; and
WHEREAS, online access has become increasingly important for multiple purposes; and
WHEREAS, more businesses require applicants to apply for a job online, while employment with the state of New Mexico is only conducted through online applications; and most job notices today are posted online exclusively; and
WHEREAS, the American Library Association reports that for the third consecutive year, services for job seekers remain the top-rated internet service that libraries provide; and
WHEREAS, libraries are being called upon to provide technology training, assistance with job applications and support for accessing electronic government and social services; and
WHEREAS, students at all levels require access to internet and computer-based resources for educational purposes, and more people are using computers and the internet to keep in touch with families and colleagues; and
WHEREAS, libraries provide educational programming and services for Native American and Spanish language users; and
WHEREAS, funding for libraries was cut in New Mexico and across the nation as a result of the economic recession, and New Mexico libraries are challenged to meet these real and increasing demands; and
WHEREAS, there are one hundred four public libraries, including branch libraries, in New Mexico; and
WHEREAS, there are twenty-nine school districts with eight hundred twenty-one school libraries in New Mexico; and
WHEREAS, there are twenty-seven academic research, comprehensive, branch and community college libraries and nineteen tribal libraries in New Mexico; and
WHEREAS, there is a need for libraries and policymakers to assess the expanded role of libraries and to identify the necessary resources needed to properly fulfill this role; and
WHEREAS, there is a need for libraries and policymakers to develop policies to provide future services to New Mexico residents to achieve the goals of improved quality of life and the enhanced economic well-being of its residents;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico state library, which serves as the support agency for all libraries, be requested to support a needs assessment of New Mexico libraries; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico state library be requested to support and assist library organizations in New Mexico to convene a statewide library conference to develop and adopt policies to achieve goals for improved library services; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the state librarian of the library division of the cultural affairs department and to the president of the New Mexico library association.
New State Law Librarian at the Supreme Court

By Stephanie Wilson, Supreme Court Law Library & NMLA Member at Large

The New Mexico Supreme Court has appointed Lynne Rhys as the new State Law Librarian and Director of the Supreme Court Law Library. She began her new position on February 16. During her 25-year career as a lawyer, Lynne has developed a wealth of experience and valuable skills that will serve her well in her new role as the head of the Supreme Court Law Library. Lynne is returning to New Mexico after working in Georgia for several years. Lynne most recently served as a policy analyst and legislative liaison for the Georgia Department of Transportation. Prior to that, Lynne was the Head of Library Public Services at John Marshall Law School.

Before moving to Georgia, Lynne was a resident of New Mexico. She received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New Mexico, a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School, and a Master of Science in Information Studies from Florida State University. Immediately after graduating from law school, Lynne served as a law clerk in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals for Chief Judge William Holloway. After her clerkship, Lynne practiced with the law firm of Meyer, Hendricks, Victor, Osborne & Maledon in Phoenix, Arizona. She later moved to Window Rock to serve as the Law Librarian and Litigation Support Attorney for DNA-People's Legal Services, where she managed an eight-branch legal aid law library on the Navajo Nation.

Star Wars Fest at Rio Rancho Public Libraries

By Jenna Wells, Teen Librarian, Loma Colorado Main Library

Star Wars Fest 3 at Rio Rancho Public Libraries was a huge success this year. Over 1,100 Star Wars fans came out to attend the event. This year we had our much loved Lego display and pool noodle light sabers, plus some new things like the Cantina and creating Star Wars movies on iPads. Our Facebook page (Rio Rancho Public Libraries) has a Star Wars album of all the pictures from the day. The day was made even more special because the 501st and Rebel Legions showed up with Chewbacca and the Wampa. Many people as they were leaving kept saying they could not wait till Star Wars Fest 4!
NMLA 2015 Scholarship Opportunities

The New Mexico Library Association will once again offer the Marion Dorroh and College Scholarship programs for 2015. Program descriptions and application procedures are described below. Application forms are available on the NMLA Website. If you have questions, please contact Kevin Comerford, Education Committee chair at kevco@unm.edu.

Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship
The Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship Fund is intended to promote the librarianship profession in the state of New Mexico. Scholarship awards are given to support studies toward advanced degrees in Library and Information Science at an ALA-accredited college or university. This scholarship is available to both full-time and part-time students alike.

To Apply:
- Submit your completed application by the May 1, 2015 deadline.
- Complete the Marion Dorroh Scholarship Application Form (The form can be obtained from http://nmla.org/scholarships-grants/).
- Include the following documents with your application:
  - Your current Résumé
  - A one page statement of your professional goals
  - Transcripts from all your post-high school work (unofficial copies are acceptable)
  - Three letters of reference, at least one of which is from a librarian
  - A copy of your acceptance letter or the name and phone number of an official at the library school you will be attending who can provide confirmation of your acceptance
  - Email or send the completed application to the NMLA Education Committee Chair (address below).

College Scholarship Fund
The NMLA College Scholarship Fund supports New Mexico library workers who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in Library Technology or school library certification. It can also be used for graduate study toward a teacher-librarian endorsement.

To Apply:
- Submit your completed application by the May 1, 2015 deadline.
- Complete the NMLA College Scholarship Application Form (The form can be obtained from http://nmla.org/scholarships-grants/).
- Include a one page statement of your professional needs, goals and intent to serve New Mexico’s libraries with your application.
- Email or send the completed application to the NMLA Education Committee Chair (address below).

For more information about any of the NMLA Grant or Scholarship Programs, contact:
Keven Comerford kevco@unm.edu

Embudo Valley Library Finalist for National Medal

The National Medal for Museum and Library Service is the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries by the Institute of Museum and Library Services in recognition of exceptional service to the community and for making a difference in the lives of individuals, families, and communities. Embudo Valley Library and Community Center has been named as a finalist for the 2015 National Medal award.

This year’s finalists include individual public libraries, special and research libraries, a zoo, science museums, botanical gardens, and many other types of institutions that exemplify the great diversity of libraries and museums across the country.

This honor recognizes the contributions of the library and literacy programs to the villages of Dixon and Embudo and the broader service region. Embudo Valley Library is honored to be recognized as a 2015 finalist.

“Museums and libraries are the lifeblood of our communities, serving as trusted providers of critical resources, educational training, skills development, and civic and cultural enrichment,” said Maura Marx, acting director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. “We salute Embudo Valley Library for exemplary leadership in promoting lifelong learning while engaging and inspiring the public.”

The National Medal winners will be named later this spring, and representatives from winning institutions will travel to Washington, D.C., to be honored at the National Medal award ceremony. Winning institutions also receive a visit from StoryCorps, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to recording, preserving, and sharing the stories of Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs.
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In Memorium: Ann Massmann
Ann Massmann, associate professor of librarianship in the Center for Southwest Research and Special Collections, University of New Mexico College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences died Feb. 24, 2015 after a long illness.

She joined the Center for Southwest Research in 1995 eventually becoming head of public services for the Anderson Reading Room. She was very active in the Society of American Archivists and was a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists. She was actively involved with outreach to the Native American archival community by membership on the Society of American Archivists Native Americans Roundtable. She also took an active part in establishing the historic Route 66 collections and served as a member of the National Park Service Route 66 Archives and Research Collaborative. She served as the preservation officer for University Libraries and was deeply involved in the recovery process after the Zimmerman Library fire in 2006.

She loved working for the CSWR and was dedicated to serving patrons and researchers. Her passing is a great loss to her colleagues. A memorial service will be held in April. For information about the service contact Claire-Lise Benaud at clbenaud@unm.edu.

Capitan Public Library News

Capitan Public Library created the 1st Friday Adult Lecture series in 2001, with author, Steven Havill kicking off the series. Over the years we have had a broad variety of speakers, artists, artisans and authors. Refreshments are served after each event.

In March, David L. Currey, author of Chasing the Santa Fe Ring: Power and Privilege in Territorial New Mexico, will speak. Caffey’s presentation at the Capitan Public Library will focus on the varied political and business activities of men commonly associated with the Santa Fe Ring, including involvement of alleged Ring members in the Lincoln County War.

In April, we are featuring Gary Cozzens, author of The Nogal Mesa: A History of Kivas and Ranchers in Lincoln County and Capitan, New Mexico: From the Coalora Coal Mines to Smokey Bear, published by The History Press. Cozzens is currently the Manager of the Lincoln Historic Site in Lincoln. His most recent book, Tres Ritos, A History of Three Rivers, New Mexico, will be the topic of the April 3rd event.
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