2015 NMLA Mini-Conference

To the NMLA Membership,

Hope you all are well!

We just wrapped up a successful NMLA Mini-Conference in April at Laguna Pueblo. There were over 100 people registered and over 15 vendors! The opening reception featured Max Early from Laguna who read some of his poetry about Laguna and his experiences. We also had some delicious food from Grandma Joe’s Bakery and mouthwatering pies made by Kayla Kowemy. On Friday morning, Governor Virgil Siow opened with a blessing and a story about how he used to be a library aide at the Laguna – Acoma High School many years ago. Acting State librarian, Michael Delello talked about the incoming state librarian and the delegation of New Mexico librarians headed to Washington, DC for National Library Legislative Day. Brainfuse also gave a great presentation and hopes many NM communities will continue to utilize their services. There were a lot of great programs and we are hoping to make some available online on the NMLA website.

I would like to thank the Members at Large (Stephanie Wilson, Steven Thomas, Lynette Schurdevin, and Jackie Dean) and the program committee (Kat Gullahorn and Marian Royal-Vigil) for putting on a great conference with great programs! Also to the local arrangements committee (Laguna Public Library, NMSU-Grants Library, and Acoma Learning Center) for all your work in making sure things ran smoothly and people got to the right place! It was a pleasure to host you all and we welcome you to come back and visit us in Laguna. Our next big feast day is September 19th.

Up next will be the 2015 Annual Conference in Albuquerque, October 21-23, 2015 at the Marriott Pyramid. Please make plans to join us!

Summer Reading is upon us! Please make sure to send your pictures and stories to Robyn Gleasner (rgleasner@yahoo.com) for the NMLA Newsletter! Please think about presenting what you did this summer at the annual conference. Remember Every Hero Has A Story!

Thanks for all that you do in your communities!

Janice Kowemy
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center - Library and Archives

By Diana Walters, ANA Intern, IPCC - Library and Archives

Located in Albuquerque on federal land held in trust, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC) opened in 1976 with the mission to preserve and perpetuate Pueblo culture and to advance understanding by presenting with dignity and respect, the accomplishments and evolving history of the Pueblo people of New Mexico. The Institute for Pueblo Indian Studies (IPIS)—Library and Archives (LA) is a part of IPCC and founded by Dr. Joe S. Sando and Dr. Ted Sturm in 1983 and it plays a vital role in meeting this goal. As the recipient of two Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grants, a grant from the New Mexico Historic Records Advisory Board Grant Initiative, and an additional grant from the New Mexico Library Foundation, IPIS—LA has made great strides toward making the IPIS vision a reality.

Under the dedicated direction of Dr. Rose Diaz, the IPIS—LA has been transformed from a crowded two-room office/storage space run by a volunteer staff to a greatly expanded operation consisting of three distinct areas—a library/reading room, an archival processing room, a large cataloguing room—and office and storage areas. The IPIS—LA has expanded its collection to over 5,000 items. Its collections include archives and manuscripts; audio/visual materials; books, monographs and reports; historical and government documents; microfilmed documents; maps; newspaper clippings and periodical articles; and photographs, slides, and negatives, a handful dating back to the 1800s. Some of the collections/materials, however, are still undergoing review and evaluation and remain closed for use at this time. Along with Dr. Diaz, IPIS—LA is staffed with two paid Native American interns, two graduate student volunteer interns, an administrative aid, and over thirty volunteers who alone logged over 8,000 volunteer hours last year.

I am Diana Walters, a Laguna/Navajo originally from Farmington. In 2013, I was hired as one of the Native American interns at IPIS—LA. I received a BA in Political Science and a minor in American Studies with a Southwest concentration from the University of New Mexico and completed three semesters in graduate study there, as well. When the chance to work with my people and explore my roots arose, I did not hesitate to seize this opportunity. From my first day to the present, each day has brought challenges, the acquisition of new skills, and opportunities to connect with my people and culture through working with the collections and by attending workshops, conferences, and professional meetings like the New Mexico Library Association (NMLA) and the Native American Librarian Special Interest Group (NALSIG). Being raised entirely away from the reservation environment and not having grandparents, who traditionally pass on language and cultural knowledge, working with and learning more about my people at IPIS—LA has become a very rewarding experience.

I am currently processing the Maurine Grammer collection, one of numerous collections donated to IPCC. Mrs. Grammer was a well-respected educator, art appraiser and author. She spent a large part of her life gaining the trust of and developing life-long friendships with many of New Mexico’s Native American artists such as the famed painter Pop Chalee and equally renowned potter, Maria Martinez. While there are many interesting aspects to the collection, I am especially enthusiastic about the Maria Martinez family history found within it. I have come to view this family with as much affection as though they were my own family!

Our second ANA grant provides archival training for interns, volunteers, and as an outreach effort to Pueblo and other Native communities in New Mexico. This grant affords the opportunity for workshops and travel to the various tribal libraries to pass on the training to their staff so that they may acquire the skills to preserve and protect their own archival materials. Most importantly, they will gain the ability to make decisions that allows for control and maintenance of their documents and community knowledge. Ultimately, it is the goal of this ANA Grant (2014-2017) is the development of an Archives Policies and Procedures Manual for Pueblo Archives that would also provide a model for other tribal entities.

Recently, IPIS—LA hosted the first of several workshops for tribal librarians and archivists, administrators and records managers. The workshop was quite successful and engaged the participants in a brainstorm-
ing session to discuss their challenges, needs, and goals. They were also presented with resources and networking opportunities with the New Mexico University Press/Museum of New Mexico Press, the New Mexico Humanities Council, and afforded the option to secure grant writing assistance through the New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board. Meeting evaluations only confirmed that these are valuable training and networking opportunities.

Not only does IPIS—LA seek to serve the members of the nineteen Pueblo nations and other New Mexico tribal entities, but also to also engage, inform, and share Pueblo knowledge and culture with students of all ages, the general public, and scholars. Through a very supportive governing board and administration, the staff, interns and dedicated volunteers, I can only see great things to come for IPIS—LA and the nineteen Pueblos of New Mexico that the IPCC represents, as well as our sister Native American communities in the state.

ANA Workshop I - February 27, 2015. Participants with UNM Press representative discussing vendor networking.
NMLA Addresses Censorship at MDC

It has come to the attention of the New Mexico Library Association (NMLA) that Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center has a policy that does not allow prisoners to receive books that are not religious in nature and has systematically refused to deliver books sent to prisoners incarcerated at MDC.

The NMLA endorses the American Library Association’s (ALA) Prisoners Right to Read statement, and therefore is opposed to the policies and practices regarding providing books to prisoners at MDC. The ALA statement includes these beliefs:

- Information and ideas available outside the prison are essential to prisoners for a successful transition to freedom.
- Learning to be free requires access to a wide range of knowledge.
- Even those individuals that a lawful society chooses to imprison permanently deserve access to information, to literature, and to a window on the world.

These beliefs stem from Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall’s opinion in *Procunier v. Martinez* [416 US 428 (1974)].

NMLA believes incarcerated people in New Mexico prisons should have the right to read, and the right to choose what they read. The denial of individuals to read, write, and think - even to those who are incarcerated - is damaging to our democratic society, and does not allow for people to exit prison with the proper preparation needed for living in society.

The New Mexico Library Association demands that the Bernalillo County MDC change its policy regarding inmates’ access to books and immediately end the practice of censoring books sent to inmates incarcerated at MDC.
Volunteer for NMLA!

The NMLA board is looking for two volunteers to assist our Association in taking care of some administrative tasks. As a thank you for volunteering, the association is offering two lucky individuals:

1. Paid NMLA membership
2. Conference registration (mini or annual)
3. Three nights stay paid at the conference hotel for annual or Two nights stay paid at the conference hotel for the mini-conference

Please send a one page letter of interest that includes your qualifications, to me - by May 25th - using the contact information below.

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Administrative Assistant

Qualifications:

- Familiarity with general office procedures either through formal training or equivalent experience.
- Previous work experience in a library preferred but not necessary.
- Familiarity with QuickBooks an asset
- Computer literate, with knowledge of word processing and spreadsheet programs.
- Must possess good organizational skills, good interpersonal skills and maintain a high degree of confidentiality.

Reports to: NMLA executive Board

Hours: 10 hours per week, up to 20 hours during annual conference

Responsibilities:

- Maintain communication between those within NMLA as well as between NMLA and others through the creation and management of telecommunication services (including FAX) and listings in the White and Yellow pages, other appropriate directories and appropriate social media outlets and maintaining an e-mail address through an on-line account.
- Employ voice messaging and paging to approximate real time response during business hours. A separate phone line will be answered “New Mexico Library Association”. \
- Route communication promptly to appropriate persons within NMLA.
- Assist treasurer and committee chairs with board approved tasks.
- Attend Executive Board meetings to be knowledgeable about NMLA business.
- Perform registration for mini-conference, workshops and other events.
- Assist conference chairs with duties and tasks associated with the conferences; e.g., pre-conference registration, exhibitor relations, collection and deposit of booth fees into NMLA accounts, forwarding paperwork to proper individuals, ensuring exhibitor’s legal requirements and logistical needs are met.
- Conference on-site management services include liaison with venue operator, exhibitors, and the NMLA officers, members, and attendees.
**WHEELS Museum**

*By Susan Sheldon*

"The WHEELS Museum, Inc. was established in 1996 with the goal of saving and redeveloping the steam locomotive repair shops in downtown Albuquerque."

Mission Statement: 'The goal, as part of the City's plan to renovate and rehabilitate the rail yards, is to create an interactive museum, devoted to the history of transportation, as well as activities and collections reflecting current modes of travel and visionary plans for vehicular transport in the future.' (from Museum brochure)

The City of Albuquerque purchased 27.3 acres of the site. WHEELS Museum, a non-profit, all volunteer organization, is located in the oldest building on the site. Plans call for major exhibits, a library, a gift shop, café and offices.

A library is being setup in the existing space, so all the donated books and other media can be cataloged and made accessible to the public. Local help is needed, so if you are interested in volunteering, contact Leba Freed, President of WHEELS Museum.

If you have materials to donate, please contact Leba to let her know before bringing anything to the site.

Hopefully, NMLA will schedule tours, but it is open for viewing now. Check out the website, [http://www.wheelsmuseum.org/](http://www.wheelsmuseum.org/) for more details.

One way to help, and have fun doing it, is to *[Take A Ride on the Rail Runner with Buffet Dinner, Prizes, Entertainment]*. Board the Rail Runner at 12:12 pm on June 13, at the Downtown Albuquerque Rail Runner Station, arriving in Belen at 12:52.

There will be a short walk from the Belen Station to the Harvey House Museum, built in 1910. There, enjoy a buffet dinner, plus a search for ghosts, display of art by the Belen Art League, a visit to the Doodlebug engine, chainsaw carving demonstration and a play by The Mansion Players. A No-Host bar will also be available. Return trip on the Rail Runner. Tickets are $100 each. *All aboard!*

**ASL-SIG News**

*By Lori Mitchell, Vice Chair of NMLA ASL-SIG, lorie.mitchell@carlsbad.k12.nm.us*

In February, the Advocacy for School Libraries Special Interest Group (ASL-SIG) applied for an $1,800 ABC-CLIO grant provided through the American Association of School Libraries (AASL). In April, AASL announced that the ASL-SIG was awarded the grant. With this grant, the ASL-SIG will be creating five districts in the state of New Mexico for training and mentoring purposes. Five to ten individuals in those five districts will create a list of school librarians in their area and will create a mentoring program in their area. ASL-SIG will also be creating a state-wide mentoring and training program by purchasing an electronic meeting room through Go to Meeting where we can meet and have monthly webinars. The five districts will also have access to that room for their own meetings and mentoring sessions. For too many years our school librarians have been performing their jobs on their own island without mentoring opportunities or state-funded webinars specifically designed for school libraries. We are very excited about this new program and are looking for volunteers to help us get this off the ground this summer. The money will be awarded to us in June at the ALA Annual Conference, where Marian Royal-Vigil will accept it on behalf of the ASL-SIG.
Updates from NMSU Library

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

Clyde Tombaugh Digitization Project Begins
The New Mexico State University Library Archives and Special Collections Department is now digitizing the personal papers of Clyde Tombaugh, the discoverer of Pluto. The personal papers include Tombaugh’s correspondence, notes and sketches related to astronomy and telescopes, observations and writings, and personal notes, among other items.

Service to Expand Power Outlet Usage for Students
In an effort to better serve our students during the hectic finals, the NMSU Library is now offering towered, mobile power outlets for patron use in Zuhl Library.

New Mexico State University Board of Regents Minutes
NMSU Library’s Board of Regents Minutes Digital Collection contains the NMSU Board of Regents minutes from April 1889 to present. The information contained in this collection documents and provides scholars and researchers with background on key historical events as the university grew and matured.

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Greetings from the 2015 Conference Chair

The 2015 New Mexico Library Association’s Annual Conference will be held October 21\textsuperscript{st} -23\textsuperscript{rd} at the Marriott Albuquerque Pyramid North.

Our conference theme this year is “\textit{Create Connect Transform}”; and it’s shaping up to be an awesome event that you won’t want to miss. Our conference logo was designed by Carlos Vargas, a talented student at the Southwest University of Visual Arts.

We will feature a full slate of engaging and informative presentations, special interest group meetings, opportunities to interact with vendors, and chances to network with your colleagues. Online registration for the conference and the official call for program proposals will be opening up soon so check back in a few weeks. You will have access to all application forms at \url{http://nmla.org/annual-conference}.

All program submissions must be postmarked or date-stamped by August 24, 2015 for consideration. Generally, programs are accepted on a first-come, first served basis – to the maximum number allowed by the space constraints of the conference venue. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Sharon D. Jenkins
NMLA Vice-President/President-elect

Hotel Information

Marriott Albuquerque Pyramid North

5151 San Francisco Road NE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

Single Rate – $104*
Double Rate – $104*

*Excludes applicable taxes, currently at 13%.
Rate is good until September 25, 2015

Group block is under New Mexico Library Association
Call 1 (877)622-3056 or 1 (575) 821-3333 for reservations

\url{http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/abqmc-albuquerque-marriott-pyramid-north/}
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Opening Ceremony for Patrick J. Baca Unser Central Library

Submitted by Joe Sabatini

There were several hundred people attending the opening ceremony. Mayor Richard Berry is at the podium just before the ribbon-cutting ceremony. City councilors, state legislators, neighborhood association leaders, County Commissioner Art de la Cruz, the family of former City Councilor Pat Baca and others participated in the ceremony.
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