Message from the NMLA President
Submitted by Sharon Jenkins, NMLA President, djenkins@nmsu.edu

We're posting some pics from the mini-conference in Las Cruces. It was a fun and exciting event as you can tell from these images! Our members at large and the local arrangements committee worked very hard to bring you a memorable educational experience - and it showed. I hope you were as impressed as I was with the knowledge available to us through conference presentations, networking opportunities and vendor selections. New Mexico libraries have wonderful resources in its staff, we just have to make sure and give them an opportunity to shine! Thank you to everyone who attended and to our organizers for working so hard to make this NMLA conference such a success. Your next opportunity is coming soon, so watch for the call for programs for our annual conference being held November 2-4.

President Sharon Jenkins
Welcoming Attendees

Jackie Dean Describing the New Mexico Library Assessment Survey

Kim Barany leads tour of new Las Cruces High School Library

NALSIG Meeting
REFORMA Children in Crisis Project:
A Book is a Friend to One in Need

Submitted by Carla Felsted and Flo Trujillo

NMLA members Flo Trujillo of Farmington and Carla Felsted of Albuquerque have been working with the library organization REFORMA to provide books and school supplies to children and adolescents who have fled the chaos and danger of Central America to find refuge in the United States. Many of the estimated 700,000 refugees were apprehended after entering the United States and before they could be reunited with family in this country. Then they were placed into confinement until legal hearings to determine their status; some families have been reunited but many children continued to be detained and some were sent to group homes.

The organization REFORMA, founded as an affiliate of ALA in 1971 to advocate the collection of materials and development of services to meet the services of the U.S. Latino population, has responded to this situation with its Children in Crisis Project. Through private donations and a grant, chapters around the country have delivered books to detention centers and group homes to these youngsters. Over 700 books were also received from donations made during the ALA Annual Conference and distributed around the country.

In New Mexico mothers and children were confined in Artesia for several months in 2005. Flo Trujillo was able to provide them with books through the assistance of Catholic Charities. She and Carla Felsted attempted earlier this year to bring books to children and teens who were being temporarily housed at Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo. They contacted the base librarian soon after hearing this news but the bureaucracy and short period of time involved meant they could not get materials to these kids before they were relocated within weeks to Homestead, Florida (where REFORMA continues the effort).

To prepare for what is projected to be another influx of Central Americans this summer, Flo and Carla have started networking with other organizations around the state, notably Catholic Charities and Lutheran Social Services, and were recently invited to the Quarterly Refugee Coordination Meeting in April, where they met with representatives of those two organizations. Since then Carla has visited two additional organizations, the Immigrant and Refugee Resource Village and Encuentro, both in Albuquerque. In each case she brought a sampling of materials to show the teachers to get their input and determine their needs. In both cases picture dictionaries were the most desired item, preferably at beginning and intermediate levels of English.

Check out http://reformanm.blogspot.com or on Facebook you can get more information regarding the national efforts via REFORMA’S Children in Crisis Task Force.
CHILDREN IN CRISIS

Books for Unaccompanied Refugee Children

A Project by

The arrival of thousands of children from Central America seeking refugee status here in the United States has created a humanitarian crisis that compels REFORMA, and others to act.

Our goal is to 1) get books into the hands of these children, 2) create access to story time materials, and 3) to make recent arrivals aware of library resources available to them.

HELP US BRING JOY TO EVERY CHILD ONE BOOK AT A TIME!

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Thank You! Gracias!
UNT Offers Master’s of Science in Library Science to New Mexico Cohort

Submitted by Michele A.L. Villagran, Co-Director, New Mexico Cohort, Department of Library and Information Sciences, University of North Texas, 626-241-2050, michele.villagran@unt.edu

In collaboration with the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center, the University of North Texas Department of Library and Information Sciences is offering a Master's of Science in Library Science (LS) or Information Science (IS) to a cohort of students in New Mexico. On-site instruction includes 3 two-day institutes for the core courses taught at UNM with the remainder of the instruction delivered online. Virtual information sessions will take place throughout May and June.

You may register for a session to learn more about the NM cohort at


For additional details, visit http://lis.unt.edu/new-mexico-cohort

or contact Co-Directors, Dr. Michele A. L. Villagran (michele.villagran@unt.edu) or Dr. Ana D. Cleveland (ana.cleveland@unt.edu).

Dr. Ana D. Cleveland and Dr. Michele A. L. Villagran at NMLA Mini Conference, April 2016.

Photo taken by Dr. Sharon Jenkins
Update on the 2016 New Mexico Libraries Assessment

After soliciting proposals through a competitive RFP process earlier this year, the New Mexico Library Foundation (NMLF) hired Penny Hummel Consulting of Portland, Oregon to conduct our planned New Mexico Libraries Assessment. The goal of the project is to identify the current state of the New Mexico school, public, tribal, academic and special library sectors. This assessment offers an extraordinary opportunity for New Mexico’s libraries to provide comprehensive input about their current and future needs.

In addition to an online survey that was distributed to library directors in early May (which closes May 24), researcher Penny Hummel also conducted focus groups for library directors and conversations with members of the library-using communities in Las Cruces, Albuquerque and Farmington May 9 – 12. Our thanks go to the many librarians across the state who have filled out the survey or who hosted, attended or helped publicize the focus groups and community conversations. Your input is essential!

Data from the assessment will be used to inform a statewide conference, Libraries Transform New Mexico, which will gather 100 New Mexico stakeholders including legislators, policy-makers, community leaders, librarians, library supporters/patrons and members of the general public to share in a day-long conference. Scheduled for November 1, 2016, the statewide conference will inspire engaging dialog, leading to meaningful impact for libraries and, in turn, for their communities. It will be an exciting and critical opportunity to showcase the accomplishments of New Mexico libraries and to identify ways libraries can further expand as collaborative partners with educational institutions, cultural organizations, government services and private enterprise.

Watch the NMLF website for regular updates on progress of the assessment including reporting of results and availability of the final report publication expected in late August/early September 2016.

Our thanks to the statewide 15-member New Mexico Libraries Assessment Task Force for their involvement in planning and transfusing the assessment throughout the state:

- Carol Hoover, Los Alamos National Laboratory Research Library; New Mexico Library Foundation, Chair, Board of Trustees – Task Force Co-Chair
- Mike Delello, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs – Task Force Co-Chair
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- Chris Schipper, Director of Library Services, San Juan College
- Cynthia Shetter, Library Director, Los Lunas Public Library; Chair, Legislative Committee of the New Mexico Library Association
- Questions about the assessment? Contact Carol Hoover, NMLF Chair, at foundation@nm-lf.org or Penny Hummel at penny@pennyhummel.com.
Prison Legal News Settles New Mexico Jail Suite for $235,000

By Derek Gilna, originally printed in Prison Legal News at www.prisonlegalnews.org

As many of our readers know, Prison Legal News is a strong proponent of breaking down barriers that restrict prisoners' First Amendment rights. Jail officials at the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) in Bernalillo County, New Mexico found that out the hard way after PLN filed suit in federal court accusing them of unconstitutionally prohibiting the “delivery of books ... to pre-trial detainees and other prisoners at MDC.” Rather than go to trial the county agreed to settle the case, paying $235,000 and modifying its unduly restrictive mail policy at the jail. According to its complaint, filed in February 2015, "PLN engages in core protected speech and expressive conduct on matters of public concern, and its books cover topics such as the operation of prison facilities, prison conditions, prisoner health and safety, and prisoner rights. Plaintiff's books ... contain political speech and social commentary, which are entitled to the highest protection afforded by the U.S. Constitution."

PLN alleged that when censoring and rejecting books sent to prisoners at MDC, jail officials "failed to provide due process notice to PLN of the reason for rejecting PLN materials by, among other inadequacies, failing to explain the penological justification for their censorship..."

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decisions, failing to identify the specific mail policy they relied on, stating different reasons for censoring identical items of mail, and otherwise failing to give meaningful notice of the censorship.... At no time did Defendants provide an opportunity for PLN to appeal the rejection of its mail."

This, PLN argued, had a "chilling effect" on the First Amendment rights of the prisoners confined at MDC, and also violated PLN's right to communicate with prisoners at the facility. Pursuant to the terms of the November 2015 settlement, jail officials will "deliver soft cover books sent through the mail directly to individual prisoners at MDC as long as the books are sent from publishers and other book distributors," and will provide notice to both the sender and intended recipient when any books are censored, as well as an appeal process. The county also agreed to pay $235,000 to PLN in damages, attorneys' fees and costs.

The district court will retain jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing the settlement agreement. PLN was ably represented by attorneys Laura S. Ives with Kennedy Kennedy & Ives, LLC in Albuquerque; Bruce E. H. Johnson and Angela Galloway with Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in Seattle, Washington; plus HRDC general counsel Lance Weber and staff attorney Sab Neelakanta. See: Prison Legal News v. County of Bernalillo, U.S.D.C. (D. NM), Case No. 1:15-cv-00107-JAP-WPL.
GPO Director Names Lori Thornton to the Depository Library Council

Lori Thonton has been chose as one of the five new Depository Library Council members and will serve from Jun 1, 2016—May 31, 2019. Thornton serves as the Depository Coordinator and the Public Services Bureau Chief for the New Mexico State Library’s Department of Cultural Affairs. Thornton brings more than three decades of experience in Government documents to the Council. She is active in the American Library Association’s Government Documents Round Table and Map & Geospatial Information Round Table. Thornton earned her Bachelor of Arts in English from Western Washington University and her Master of Librarianship from the University of Washington.

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UNM Shared Knowledge Conference
Research Data Services Director, Karl Benedict, worked on the planning team for the annual UNM Shared Knowledge Conference. University Libraries faculty offered up multiple sessions for the “Research Strategies and Tools” track during the week-long event. Sessions highlighted the skills library professionals bring to the research process.

Mary Alice Tsosie Honored for Kiva Club Service
During the Spring 2016 Native American Studies convocation, Mary Alice Tsosie received recognition for her years of support to the UNM Kiva Club as their advisor, for documenting the history of the Kiva Club and for her support of the Native Studies department, among other accomplishments. She is dedicated to helping students and making UNM a welcoming place for our Native American/Indigenous students. Mary Alice Tsosie is a program manager in the Center for Southwest Research and Special Collections currently working on recording oral histories of Native Americans in New Mexico.

NMSU Libraries News

CERES Grant Awarded
The NMSU Library has been awarded a $7,000 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, “Digitization of Cotton, Dairy, Plant Disease, and other Selected Serials from the NMSU Agricultural Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station.” This is the fourth award in four years that the NMSU Library has received from USAIN, in collaboration with Agriculture Network Information Collaborative and the Center of Research Libraries. The project directors are Nathan Brown, Digital Projects Librarian, and Cindy Watkins, Agricultural & Environmental Science Librarian (PI).

Scholarship Awarded
The Elizabeth McKenney Titus NMSU Library Student Employee Scholarship Fund has awarded its first two recipients, Elizabeth Butler and Nicah Montoya. Each recipient will receive $500 to be used toward tuition, books or other needs. The scholarship was designed for student employees of the NMSU Library who are a sophomore level or higher, a GPA of 2.75 or above, and must be employed in good standing for at least two semesters prior to the award. Elizabeth Butler, from Albuquerque, NM, has worked in the library for one year in the Technical Services Department assisting with discharging books, checking in journals and labeling. Nicah Montoya, who is from Magdalena, NM, is a junior studying elementary education. She has worked for two years in the Access Services Department.
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Use your Membership Benefits: Continuing Education Grants Available

In addition to connecting with colleagues across the state and staying engaged with the library profession, a benefit of your membership is the opportunity to apply for the Continuing Education grant. The CE program has funds for New Mexico library employees to attend workshops, conferences and other professional development activities. Awards of up to $200 are made on the basis of financial need. To apply for funds in advance of the event, go to the NMLA website and under the Scholarships and Grants tabs download the application. There is no deadline for applications, but funds are limited and are distributed in the order that applications are received. For more information please contact Kevin Comerford.

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Successful Stress Buster

The NMSU Library offered students and patrons to get a chance to snuggle with some dogs as a stress busting activity. Over 230 people, of all ages, came in a two hour period to pet the therapy dogs. The library once again offered the Keep Calm and Color station at the Zuhl Library. Patrons were able to take a moment of meditative Zen with crayons and sheets of paper with coloring designs printed on them. Those who snapped a picture of their drawing and tagged it with #NMSULibrary and #KeepCalmAndColor were entered in a contest to win a Pistol Pete USB stick. Our winner this year was @lena_eunice, pictured.
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