### New Mexico Library Association Mini-Conference 2017

**Libraries Transform New Mexico!**

*Las Vegas, NM*  
*April 6-7, 2017*

**Submitted by: Stephanie Wilson, NMLA Member at Large**

Make plans to visit Las Vegas on April 6 & 7 for the NMLA Mini-Conference! Our conference site is New Mexico Highlands University. This year’s theme, “Libraries Transform New Mexico!” continues the conversation that started with the 2016 assessment of our state’s libraries. Informative programs will explore how librarians in New Mexico are working to transform the landscape within their communities. This conference provides a forum to discover the creative ways in which diverse libraries are meeting the shared challenge of serving our communities throughout New Mexico.

Preconference activities on Thursday begin with a FREE morning program "Project Outcome: Outcome Measurements Made Easy!" presented by Emily Plagman, the American Library Association, and Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer, New Mexico State Library. Project Outcome is a FREE toolkit designed to help public libraries understand and share the true impact of essential library services and programs by providing simple surveys and an easy-to-use process for measuring and analyzing outcomes. Project Outcome also provides libraries with the resources and training support needed to apply their results and confidently advocate for their library’s future.

Thursday afternoon includes a guided tour of 2 historic Harvey Hotels in Las Vegas. The price of $20 includes visits to Montezuma Castle, built in 1886 and now the home of the United World College, and the Castenada Hotel, built in 1898. This special tour is capped at 45 people, so reserve your space now!

Thursday afternoon’s schedule also includes the NMLA Board meeting and the NMCAL Board meeting.

### Message from the President

The month of March is filled with a few important dates that many of us are familiar with including Dr. Seuss’ birthday; daylight saving time; St Patrick’s Day, the Ides of March, and many others. We also are being kept current on what is happening in the 2017 New Mexico Legislation with Joe Sabatini submitting regular Library Legislative Bulletins. For a list of current bulletins please check out the NMLA website.

This month also allows us to begin registering for the NMLA mini conference, which will be held April 6-7, 2017 in Las Vegas, NM. Please see [http://nmla.org/mini-conference/](http://nmla.org/mini-conference/) for information.

Finally, we have a call for nominees for the 2017-18 year for the following open positions:

- Vice-President/president elect
- Treasurer
- Member-at-Large

I am looking forward to seeing you in Las Vegas, NM where we will continue the Libraries Transform conversation!

*Lynette Schurdevin, NMLA President*
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meeting, and the start of Exhibitor setup. The evening Opening Reception will be at the NMHU Student Union Ballroom and includes a special Chocolate Tasting and Silent Auction. Learn how to taste chocolate and sample 12-15 different kinds of chocolate, with a chocolate bar auction to follow. Auction proceeds will go to the Thomas C. Donnelly Library’s NMHU Foundation Account to be used to provide services and special material for NMHU students and faculty. Come enjoy the evening with friends, food, and chocolate!

Friday’s conference starts with a continental breakfast and opportunities to join a variety of Special Interest Group meetings. The Mini-Conference officially kicks off with a welcome by NMLA President Lynette Schurdevin. The Keynote Presentation “Tooting Your Librarian Horn: Increasing Awareness and Perception in Your Stakeholders” by Deborah B. Ford, Director of Outreach at Junior Library Guild, promises four easy strategies for better communication of your message.

The Keynote will be followed by a variety of programs that include booktalking, community programming, consumer health, Common Core, YA literature, Emotional Intelligence, professional development, technology demos and training, and much more. Registration includes lunch and features an update by the New Mexico Libraries Transform Steering Group, along with plenty of time to visit with exhibitors and catch up with colleagues.

Check the NMLA Mini-Conference website for the preliminary program, registration form and hotel information @ http://nmla.org/mini-conference/.

Register and pay online @ http://www.nmlastore.org/shopsite/page7.html.

New Mexico Library Foundation Grants

Submitted by David Hurley, David.Hurley@nmlibraries.org

The New Mexico Library Foundation is pleased to announce several grants it has recently awarded. Beth Nieman of the Carlsbad Public Library was awarded a Brooke E. Sheldon Professional Development grant to help pay for summer session tuition at the University of North Texas where she is pursuing a Master’s degree in Library Science.

The foundation also awarded STEM Innovation Grants to Embudo Valley Library and Community Center and the library at the Institute of American Indian Arts. The STEM Innovation Grants provide between $3000 and $5000 for innovative library services specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) and the environment.

Embudo Valley Library and Community Center is taking advantage of a partnership with the Northern New Mexico College (NNMC) STEM Mentor Collective to pilot NMLF-funded makerspace programming series for elementary and middle school-aged children.

The Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) is using NMLF funding to support a new course, Desert Ecology. As in all courses at IAIA, student in the new desert ecology course will use an indigenous perspective to understand the desert plant community and its adaptations to the climate, topography and competition. Grant funding will be used to purchase collections related to desert ecology as well as equipment such as a portable weather station, microscope and field press.

The Foundation’s Spring grant cycle runs March 15 through April 30, with applications for Development Grants being accepted during that period. Development grants are up to $1000 for projects to build and maintain collections, update information access technology, and enhance library programs. For more information about all our grants, visit www.nm-lf.org
**State Library Joins Library of Congress Program**

*Submitted by Aubrey Iglesias, Documents Cataloger, New Mexico State Library, Aubrey.Iglesias@state.nm.us*

The New Mexico State Library is now a full LC PCC (Program for Cooperative Cataloging) NACO (Name Authority Cooperative Program) partner. NMSL catalogers recently took three weeks of intensive NACO training. Until they become independent contributors their work is being reviewed by Larisa Walsh of the University of Chicago's Regenstein Library. Only two other NACO partners are in the state: the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University.

**What is NACO and why is it important?** NACO member institutions contribute authority records “for personal, corporate, and jurisdictional names; uniform titles; and series headings to the LC/NACO Authority File. [...] NACO partners are global leaders in uniquely identifying authorized names in international databases” ([http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/naco/index.html](http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/naco/index.html)). “Participants agree to follow a common set of standards and guidelines when creating or changing authority records in order to maintain the integrity of a large shared authority file. This results in a consistent and predictable file that will reduce the efforts of the global library community and maximize communal resources” ([http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/naco/about.html](http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/naco/about.html)).

To put the importance of the NACO program in perspective, the Library of Congress added approximately 1/3 of the newly-created authority records to the LC authority file in fiscal year 2016 while the remaining 2/3 were created by other member institutions. NACO libraries follow the new cataloging standard RDA (Resource Description and Access); with RDA, authority records have many more descriptive attributes about entities, which will play well in the new linked data environment.

**Collections at the State Library include** state and federal documents, Southwest resources, and materials of special interest to other libraries, state agencies, and the general public. As the caretaker of New Mexico’s state government documents, the State Library is well positioned to uniquely describe state government agencies and add agency history to the authority file, making this information accessible worldwide.

**Authority… what?** Basically, through the creation of authority records, headings are standardized and provide cross references for increased access. See Joan M. Reitz's ODLIS: Online Dictionary for Library and Information Science for definitions of related terminology such as authority control, authority file, authority record, and authority work online at [http://www.abc-clio.com/ODLIS/odlis_a.aspx](http://www.abc-clio.com/ODLIS/odlis_a.aspx).

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**Attend the MLA/SCC Meeting in Albuquerque October 13-17**

*Submitted by Gale Hannigan*

You are invited to attend the Medical Library Association’s South Central Chapter (SCC) annual meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 13–17, 2017. SCC meetings are always interesting and fun and include health sciences librarians from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Our theme is “Go West: The sky's the limit!”

We are excited about our guest speakers for this event:

**Patricia Flatley Brennan**, RN, PhD, Director of the National Library of Medicine

**Siobhan A. Reardon**, MA, MLS, President and Director, Free Library of Philadelphia

The Local Arrangements Committee is planning to host two optional field trips to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta: one evening trip to see a Balloon Glow and one early-morning trip to see a Mass Ascension. Space is limited and will require a separate registration and small fee. We will send out more information when registration opens.
Items of interest brought to Council at ALA:

- The 3rd National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color will be held in Albuquerque in 2018.
- A resolution was proposed that the educational qualifications for the ALA Executive Director be changed from having a MLS, MLIS, or CAEP-accredited Master’s Degree with a specialty in school library media required to strongly preferred. This resolution failed – I voted against the change.
- The ALA Strategic Plan was amended by the addition of a new strategic direction. Prior to the amendment, the strategic directions were Advocacy, Information Policy, and Professional and Leadership Development. Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion was added. It was resolved that Family/Caregiver status is a protected class in ALA volunteer work.
- ALA is looking at remodeling Annual Conference. The committee objectives include creating a more manageable and easily navigable conference, reducing the campus size and reducing schedule conflict between sessions on the same topic. Juries that review program submissions will use a common rubric, a common timetable, and a common assessment framework. Decisions will be made at the 2017 Annual Conference and will go into effect in 2018.
- The Intellectual Freedom Committee reported that they are now tracking hate crimes. These include vandalism to library property and materials. Nine reports have been filed.
- A draft of the new Library Bill of Rights will be posted on ALA Connect. Comments are encouraged. Decisions will be made in Chicago.

Julie Todaro’s Initiatives include:

- A plan to provide content to assist librarians with providing assistance to Veterans and in the area of economic development.
- Going beyond “Libraries Transform” to include “Expert In …” statements.
- Developing Book Club Central (BCC). Information will be on the ALA website soon.
NMLA 2017 Nominations and Elections

Election time for our Association with be here before you know it. So to get the ball rolling, the Nominations and Elections Committee (N&EC), acting in accordance with Article XII in the NMLA Bylaws, is asking you to submit suggestions of likely candidates for office. Please review Section 2 of the Procedures Manual for specific duties of each board officer. [http://nmla.org/bylaws-procedural-manual/](http://nmla.org/bylaws-procedural-manual/) (The timeline for the elections process is currently being revised, but the actual process remains fundamentally the same) I have included a partial list of general duties with this announcement. You may suggest either yourself or someone else. This year we are soliciting suggestions for the following board positions:

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Vice-president/president elect
1. The Vice-President shall serve for one year and shall become President the following year. (Bylaws, Article V, Section 2)
2. The Vice-President shall act for the President in the President’s absence. (Article V, Section 2)
3. The Vice-President shall be the Program Chair for the annual conference that coincides with his/her vice-presidency. (Article V, Section 2)
4. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President/President-Elect shall serve as President for the remainder of the unexpired term, and may continue in office for the full succeeding term for which he/she was elected. (Article XII, Section 4)
5. The Vice-President shall maintain the assigned copy of the Procedural Handbook in good order, consulting the chair of the Bylaws & Procedures Committee about anything in it that may seem to be insufficient, inconsistent or incorrect. The Handbook should be correct and up-to-date when passed on to the succeeding Vice-President.

Treasurer
1. The Treasurer shall serve for two years with the term beginning January 1 following the election of officers. (Bylaws, Article V, Section 4)
2. The fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30. (Article V, Section 4)
3. The Treasurer shall be bonded annually. (Executive Board, 10-7-77, p. 2)
4. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and keep all accounts and fiscal documents. (Article V, Section 4)
5. The Treasurer shall present the Association’s annual budget to the Executive Board (Article V, Section 4) Budget requests from the Association units are requested in advance of the summer Executive Board meeting, and these requests may be reviewed and revised before they are submitted to the Board. (Executive Board, 10-2-76, p. 2)

Member-at-Large
1. Members at Large shall serve for two years. (Article X, Section 3)
2. Members at Large shall attend and vote at meetings of the Executive Board. (Article X, Section 3)
3. Members at Large shall perform such duties as may be required in preparation for the miniconference(s) that coincides with his/her year term.
4. The Members at Large shall be the liaison contacts for special interest groups. (Article XV, Section 3)
5. The Members at Large shall be prepared to undertake any special task that the President may assign, and be especially active in membership promotion.
6. The Members at Large shall be the Program Chairs for the mini-conference(s).
7. The Members at Large may plan educational activities.

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You will have until March 31st to submit potential candidate names to the committee. We will then choose from among the suggestions, validate the nominees and construct the ballot for the NMLA board to review at its June board meeting. The election will be held in August with the results announced in the subsequent NMLA Newsletter and at the business meeting during our Annual Conference. Please contact any N&EC member with your suggestions for candidates.

Sharon Jenkins (djenkins@nmsu.edu) N&EC chair
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UNM University Libraries News

Submitted by Patricia Campbell, Marketing Manager, College of University Libraries & Learning Services, University of New Mexico, pcamp@unm.edu

Centennial Library Opens New Virtual Reality Workspace

The system is currently running a variety of demonstration applications – among other things, you can walk through downtown London using Google Earth, protect your space ship from attacking robots in an immersive video game or play virtual fetch with a futuristic robot dog. But those demonstration apps will be phased out as faculty, staff and students suggest new ones and create their own bigger and better programs to bring into the lab. View the full story.

Love your Data Week

Data Librarian Jon Wheeler created a series of blog articles during Love Your Data Week (Valentines Week!). His posts covered a range of data questions and issues:

- Don’t Leave Us Wondering!
  Document, Define, and Describe Your Data
- Give Your Data the Love it Deserves
- Where the Data Are
- Rescuing Unloved Data

Find out more about Love Your Data Week and view the posts on the University Libraries blog. You can contact Jon Wheeler at jwheel01@unm.edu.

Library Event Calendar
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NMSU Library News

Submitted by Elizabeth Titus, Dean of the Library, NMSU Libraries

NMSU’s Executive VP and Provost and all the academic deans have just identified what are considered to be “Signature Programs” for the university. These programs already have a presence on campus and are postured for future investment and growth. They include Data Analytics, Sustainable Agriculture, Emerging Infectious Diseases, Cybersecurity, STEM Education, Energy, Health Disparities, Water Resources and Research, Information Literacy, Economic Development and Entrepreneurship, Critical Infrastructure and Space Science. Dr. Elizabeth Titus, the Dean of the College of NMSU Library will be coordinating campus-wide meetings on the Information Literacy Signature Program and exploring with others interdisciplinary ways in which this signature program can developed.

Within the next few weeks, a new café will be opened located in Zuhl Library. A campus-wide student contest was held and the name of the café will be “Zuhl Fuel”. This is the first time in the library’s history that a café will be located in the Library! Both counter service and “grab and go” service will be available.

New Digital Collection available: Over sixty years of the New Mexico State University Graduate Catalog is now searchable electronically on the NMSU Library’s website. Choose Collections and then click on Digital Collections. The NMSU Undergraduate Catalogs is also available from 1890 to date.
2017 Library Legislative Day

By Joe Sabatini, NMLA Legislation Committee Co-Chair, jsabatini423@gmail.com

Even with the difficult budget circumstances which prevented many from attending, there was a sizeable turnout of librarians and library supporters from around the state for Library Legislative Day on January 27th. Librarians and library board members visited their legislators and watched the introductions from the gallery. NMLA had a capitol rotunda information table, staffed by David Giltrow. Cynthia Shetter prepared a summary of concerns about the state grants-in-aid programs for distribution to legislators, and Alana McGrattan provided handouts about the State Library’s Brainfuse program and the El Portal database. The New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries provided a standing banner and “Support Library” buttons.

In opening ceremonies in the House, Representative Deborah Armstrong read a statement and then introduced the library delegation in the House; Marian Royal, Albuquerque Public Schools, Vice President of the New Mexico Library Association; Carrie Castro, Ohkay Owingeh Library; Don Padilla, Socorro Public Library; Jackie Dean, Mesa Middle School, Las Cruces and Christopher Schipper, San Juan College Library.

In the Senate, Senator William Soules introduced the library delegation; Lynette Schurdevin – Rio Rancho Public Library and 

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President of the New Mexico Library Association; Kyla
Johnson, Farmington High School Library; Teresa
Naranjo, Santa Clara Pueblo Library; Richard Clement,
Dean of the University of New Mexico Libraries and Eileen
Sullivan, Silver City Public Library.

After an eloquent reading of our introductory statement,
Senator Soules invited his colleagues to share their
thoughts. Senators Ingle noted doing library research
on the state’s capital outlay program for a book being
written by Senator Campos. Senator Martinez noted the
assistance he had provided to rural community libraries in
Rio Arriba County. Senator Morales expressed concern
about the impact of state and municipal budget reductions
on local libraries. Senator Rue acknowledged that he had
been educated about the continuing importance of
libraries in the age of technology by two members of the
Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library Advisory Board,
Ciel Van Berkel and Eloise Gift. He described the
beneficial impact of small capital outlay projects,
specifically citing the installation of blinds for the large
picture window at Taylor Ranch Library.
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Calendar

Nominations for 2017 NMLA Election due March 31, 2017

NMLA Mini Conference: April 6 - 7, 2017, Las Vegas, NM

NMLA Scholarship Applications due May 1, 2017

SCC/MLA Annual Meeting at the UNM Health Sciences Library: October 13-17, 2017