The New Mexico Library Association is seeking proposals for sessions at its annual conference, which will be held November 1-3, 2017 in Albuquerque, NM. Please send your submissions that share innovative ideas and insights and that will inspire and encourage us to transform and refresh New Mexico’s library programs, services and collections. We especially encourage first-time presenters to submit their proposals. A new feature this year will be poster sessions, presented during the opening reception Wednesday evening.

Here are some important things to know:

Proposals must be submitted by May 15, 2017.

Include as much detail as possible on the proposal form.

Programs will be selected based upon adherence to the conference theme, timeliness of topic, and availability of space.

If you would like to present more than one session, please submit a separate form for each session.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the status of applications by June 30, 2017.

Send in your proposal using this form, or copy this address into your browser address bar: https://goo.gl/forms/rRFSUulx2PFTnBDy2

Questions? Please contact Lea Briggs, Conference Program Chair, at Programs@NMLA.org or by calling 505-400-7309.

**National Library Legislative Day a Success for New Mexico!**

*By Kathleen Peiffer, NM State Librarian, KathleenPeiffer@state.nm.us*

The American Library Association Washington Office hosts a legislative day in Washington DC annually. With the proposed elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services in the FY18 federal budget this year was especially crucial for library supporters to attend.

The New Mexico delegation consisted of:

Lynette Schurdevin, Director of Rio Rancho Library and current NMLA President
Val Nye, Director, Institute of American Indian Arts
Lea Briggs, Administrative and Operations Coordinator, University of New Mexico Libraries
Eileen Sullivan, Director, Silver City Library
Joshua Finnell, Scholarly Communications Librarian at Los Alamos National Laboratory
Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer, State Librarian

Our group delivered informational packets from...
National Library Legislative Day a Success (continued from page 1)

both the American Library Association and New Mexico libraries to all five of our congressional offices. While in most cases you discuss the issues with congressional aides, we were fortunate to have both Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham and Ben Ray Lujan take time out of their schedule to meet with us personally. In addition, Senator Udall held a reception for New Mexico constituents the day following NLLD which Val Nye and I attended and we had an opportunity to speak with the Senator personally on the importance of libraries in our state.

If you would like to be a part of this very effective awareness program mark your calendars for May 7-8, 2018!

Temporary Housing for ENMU Library

Submitted by Susan Asplund, Susan.Asplund.enmu.edu

It all began with the goal of making better services available to everyone who came to the library. We wanted to have more electrical plugs for students to plug in their devices, more space for studying in a group or alone, handicap accessible bathrooms throughout the building, and updated facilities that did not include orange carpet. The general obligation bonds and the University contribution made this all possible.

During the summer of 2016, using student and staff labor from Plant Services and the Library, the contents of the library were moved to our temporary home in the retired dormitory: Bernalillo Hall. Through our combined efforts, we made what was a home-away-from home for many students into the library home. The library closed to the public from the end of the spring session to the beginning of the summer session. This gave us a month to get all of the departments and the staff moved and to set up the public areas for use. During this month, and continuing for the rest of the summer, the physical collections moved into a warehouse and the basement of a nearby building.

There were challenges along the way that needed solutions during the move and those that continue to crop up. How do we live the University mission; “Student Success-That’s What It’s All About?” How do we get the materials student need to them in a reasonable amount of time when most of the stacks are in another building? How do we provide enough seating for everyone to use while in the library while it did not fit where we thought it would? How do we reorganize to fit it in? What about that unused building smell? What about the temperature in the building?

We were able work out a solution for most of these questions during the summer sessions. The library continued to provide all of the services that were available in the permanent building through careful space planning. A printed and an electronic book form were created, procedures for book retrieval were tested, dorm rooms on two floors were made into study rooms, and all the staff and all the stuff found a place. The combination of cleaning, opening the outside doors and having people in the building got rid of most of the odor. What is left has become a part of the unique scent buildings take on over time. The temperature continues to be a challenge but students have found ways to be comfortable while using the facilities.

It has been almost a year since we opened the doors in our temporary home. The students, staff and faculty have adjusted to the new norm. The services continue in a timely and efficient manner. Alumni and current students tell stories of when they lived in this dorm and point to the room that was theirs. The past connects to our present.

The library staff and the Eastern New Mexico University community have proven that it is not the building that makes the library great but the people who work there, the materials, and the human ability to adjust to change. So what is next? We will be in temporary housing for another year and then the moving process begins again. The departments, people, and the materials will all move back into the renovated building. We will again face the challenge of where to put everything and getting it ready in time for the return of the students and faculty to our permanent facility. New challenges and old will provide the opportunity for us to flex our mental muscles and create solutions. Familiar and new faces will pass through our doors. People with tell stories about how it use to be in the pre-renovation building and the temporary home in Bernalillo Hall. Time will pass and new stories will be told.
2017 ACRL Highlights

By Alyssa Russo, University of New Mexico, arusso@unm.edu

I attended the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) conference, held on March 22-25, 2017, in Baltimore, Maryland. ACRL is the profession’s leading organization that defines the profession’s core values. Librarians have standards, advocacy groups, and the Library Bill of Rights to help articulate the profession’s core values. The myth of the neutral library exemplifies one such core value that situates the library as a place where all ideas and opinions must be made equally available; where selection of materials must not favor any side. Of course there is no such library as neutrality’s inherent indifference favors existing power structures. My big takeaway was a call to action for librarians operating in the post-truth era. Practicing resistance is not neutral and cannot be done from a comfortable distance. Awkward Q and A sessions throughout the conference made it obvious that many librarians are unsure what resistance might look like within their daily routines. There isn’t a tidy guidebook to solve untidy problems, but ACRL provided some concrete examples and provoked reflection.

To begin, librarians from across New Mexico attended and presented at the conference. Valerie Nye, Library Director at the Institute of American Indian Arts, and Samantha Rich, Assessment and Data Management Librarian, at New Mexico State University presented on a panel titled, “What’s your story, sailor? Using storytelling to collect qualitative data for assessment.” In the exhibition hall UNM librarians Susanne Clement, Director of Collections, Amy Jankowski, Life Sciences Librarian, and Laura Kohl, Principal Cataloger, presented a poster titled, “Don’t Look a Gift Horse in the Mouth: Using Gift Procedures to Solve Problems from Inventory Projects.” My first roundtable discussion was candidly titled, “Confessions of a Teaching Librarian: Teaching Anxiety, Growth Mindset, and Resilience for Library Instructors.” As a typical introverted librarian, I was surprised to find this was one of the most useful sessions I attended. As our “confessions” flowed, the topic of fake news came up. No doubt fueled by recent headlines featuring librarians’ information literacy efforts, fake news was a popular topic throughout the conference. However, sitting at this roundtable I was encouraged listening to my new acquaintances’ approaches to teaching as it relates to fake news. Moving away from oversimplified checklists that supposedly evaluate information, these librarians shared more nuanced activities that help students cross over information literacy thresholds. Andrea Wilcox Brooks’ contributed paper, “Shifting the Discourse: Information Literacy as an Opportunity to Address Intellectual Virtues”, introduced me to nine intellectual virtues ranging from curiosity to intellectual courage. Intellectual virtues focus on the domain of affective learning by building up personal traits that foster inquiry, thinking, and knowledge. Embedding a virtue into class may be as simple as a one-minute paper asking students, “How curious would you rate yourself on a scale from 1-5 and why?” It is worth highlighting Brooks’ efforts to support student learning through intellectual virtues amongst a prevailing condescension that some librarians have towards students which was unearthed in the Twitter backchannel with the hashtag #acrl2017. Verna Myers, a former lawyer turned diversity consultant, presented on acknowledging biases, expanding comfort zones, and interrupting the behavior that manifests from unconscious bias. Myers be-

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gan by defining unconscious bias, or those automatic associations we have about groups of people that are different from us. She also addressed the rampant denial people cling to when confronted with the idea that they possess biases. She referred to Harvard’s Project Implicit, a test that measures implicit preferences for racial groups, as an example that demonstrates unconscious bias. We need not look far to see who is part of our in-group, and therefore, who is not. It’s not that anyone is necessarily wrong about the merits of those they favor in their in-group, but they’re missing out on the merits of people who are outside of that in-group. Myers also made it clear that no one is the diversity police. Do not try to change a person, but do interrupt the behavior that comes from unconscious bias. It can be as simple as asking, “What do you mean?” after someone steps in it. Myers has a TED Talk for those interested in learning more.

It goes without saying that bestselling author Roxane Gay was a top highlight of the conference. She embodied a recurring theme at the conference: a call to become comfortable being uncomfortable. Gay spent the bulk of her address unapologetically discussing national politics, language, and the power of reading. Reflecting on how carelessly we use language in our slogans and catchphrases she said, “Language becomes an empty container for whatever people want to fill it with.” This is related to the problem she has with allies. She doesn’t have time for allies who stay at a comfortable distance, who are privileged enough to be able to be indifferent to others’ adversities. The collective mentality of so-called “allies” who remain comfortably removed got us to the current political landscape. At my home institution this manifested when Milo Yiannopoulos’ right to free speech trumped the library’s operations and forced us to close our doors and services early as a safety measure. Gay advised us to engage in small acts of resistance. For example, librarians shouldn’t buy Milo’s book. Finally, empathy came up several times alongside the acknowledgement that empathy comes from reading exhaustively. It’s time to do more reading. It’s also time to remember that neutrality is a myth and the ally card is just another way to say you are neutral.

Dr. Carla Hayden, the Librarian of Congress, delivered the conference’s closing keynote address. The anticipation leading up to the address was palpable as the final sessions wrapped up. Hayden’s decision to keep the Enoch Pratt Free Library open to the community during the unrest in Baltimore following the death of Freddie Gray garners the utmost respect and admiration. Her actions serve as an example of the ways librarians must become comfortable being uncomfortable, of doing the work. At the conference, Hayden’s optimism and dedication to service were immediately demonstrated when I arrived early to the auditorium and spotted her out in the audience shaking hands and taking pictures with conference attendants. “Who does that?” I wondered. The Librarian of Congress does. Hayden spoke about her goal to make the library accessible to everyone, she acknowledged how representation matters, and offered advice about staying grounded and not losing hope by building a strong community of support. She used a personal example of her mother, who helped her get through the nerves during the confirmation vote for the nomination of Librarian of Congress. Hayden is making history, and she proposed that we celebrate this moment of cultural relevance that librarians are having. In response to those who do not recognize the value of this profession, she joked, “I’m a librarian, I’m in it for the glory.” Thanks to Dr. Hayden I left ACRL 2017 feeling a sense of hope that has been missing from much of 2017.
2017 NMLA Nominations and Elections Preliminary Slate of Candidates

Below is the preliminary slate of candidates for board offices. Please submit a Petition for Candidacy to include another candidate for a specific office. The petition will need signatures from 20 members in good standing. This petition must be received by the Nominations and Elections Committee before June 2, 2017. After the petitions are submitted, the committee will determine the specific eligibility of both candidates and petition signers. The complete and final slate will be published in the summer newsletter and our general election will be held in August. Thank you very much for your cooperation and participation.

Respectfully submitted, Nominations and Elections Committee:
Sharon Jenkins, Chair
Paulita Aguilar
Kathleen Dull

Vice-President/President-elect candidate – (choose 1)
John Sandstrom
"A lifelong library user, John Sandstrom began using libraries in 1966 at the Carnegie Library in Lawton, Oklahoma and working in them in 1983 at the University of Tulsa. He received his MLIS from the University of Oklahoma in 1987 and has continued working in the library industry ever since. His library jobs include academic and public libraries, as well as special projects consulting with school, government, and special libraries. He is active in the New Mexico Library Association, where he served on the local arrangements, site selection, and program committees; The Border Regional Library Association, where he is a past-President and current board member; REFORMA; American Indian Library Association; the American Library Association, where he has served in a wide variety of positions including a total of nine years as a Councilor; and is a volunteer on the local arrangements committee for the 2018 Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, which will be held in Albuquerque.

I am running for Vice-President/President Elect of the New Mexico Library Association because I have seen firsthand the importance of an active state-wide library association. This becomes especially important in times of fiscal and political transition, such as we find ourselves in at this time. With my broad background in libraries, including Academic, Public, School, and Special libraries, I believe that I am well suited to representing the variety and importance of libraries in the State of New Mexico. My goals as Vice-President/President Elect are to expand the awareness of all types of libraries, to broaden the programmatic bonds between both various types of libraries as well as between libraries in general and our allied institutions such as museums, schools, and businesses; and to represent a united profession to the people and government of New Mexico."

Treasurer - (choose 1)
Michael Gutiérrez
Michael Gutiérrez is currently Department Head, Reference & Research Services at New Mexico State University. His most recent position was as Librarian in the Reference & Instructional Services Department at the University of Delaware. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of New Mexico, a master’s degree in information and library science from the University of Arizona, and a doctoral degree in education leadership from the University of Delaware.

Dr. Gutiérrez has been active in national and local library associations. He has served on several ALA and ACRL committees and elected three times to serve as Treasurer for the Delaware Library Association.

I recently became a member of the New Mexico Library Association and I believe serving as Treasurer would be an optimal way to contribute to the association. As the Treasurer for the Delaware Library Association, I directed the finances and investments of the organization, which included authorizing payments, disbursements, and investments of funds relating to its budgets. In addition, I prepared financial reports and developed policies and procedures for managing organization’s accounts.

As NMLA Treasurer, my goal will be to learn more about the association, its membership, and their mission and value to libraries and librarianship throughout out the state. More importantly, my aim will be to ensure the financial strength of the organization.

Bridget O’Leary-Storer
After ten years as a librarian and manager at Central New Mexico Community College (CNM), I am energized for public service. I enjoy collaborating with people from diverse organizations and
UNM University Libraries News

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

UNM library faculty and staff were able to participate in CNI (Coalition for Networked Information) at the Spring Meeting in Albuquerque. Kevin Comerford and Amy Winter participated in a roundtable on Institutional Repositories. Jonathan Wheeler joined Kenning Arlitsch (Montana State) in presenting "Polluted Leftovers: Repository Metrics from the Perspective of a Most Downloaded Item." This presentation focused on trying to differentiate between machines and humans as they accessed data in LoboVault. Kevin Comerford, Karl Benedict and Antonio Guillermo Martínez Largo (Libnova) presented "Building Digital Preservation Infrastructure: Partners, Tools and Services," which describes our digital preservation efforts here at UNM. Karl Benedict and Jonathan Wheeler also presented "Leveraging IR Collections as Distributed Service Layers." They described the development of a spatially enabled discovery service that interacts dynamically with a Digital Commons-hosted collection of documents pertaining to Native American Water Rights Settlements (NAWRS). If you have questions about any of the sessions feel free to contact the presenters.

Events and Exhibits
UL Faculty, Staff, and Student Employees have collaborated a new exhibition in Zimmerman Library titled, “A New Deal at UNM: federal funding transformation of the 1930s.” This exhibition, curated by Audra Bellmore, focuses on UNM’s involvement in New Deal programming, as a recipient of funds and as a location for New Deal related offices and programs. A number of images and paintings are featured. Various buildings that were funded by the New Deal program, including Zimmerman Library, are highlighted. Two related lectures are planned in May. Find out more on the library calendar of events.

The spring Willard Lecture given by noted researcher David Marler is titled “UFOs at UNM: a skeptical believer presents his research.” The lecture along with a book-signing and display of Marler’s research materials will be held on May 31 at 6:30 pm in Zimmerman Library.

SCC/MLA Save the Date

Submitted by Gale Hannigan, ghannigan@salud.unm.edu

You are invited to Albuquerque for the annual Medical Library Association/South Central Chapter meeting, October 13–17! Consider coordinating your trip to Albuquerque with Balloon Fiesta – but remember hotel rooms and airfares are tight that time of year. There will be two activities related to Balloon Fiesta (for a small additional fee). Registration details to follow.

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IAIA Receives Will Eisner Grant

Submitted by Val Nye, vnye@iaia.edu

The Institute of American Indian Arts Library in Santa Fe is a recipient of the 2017 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries. IAIA librarian, Jessica Mlotkowski, authored the grant. She collaborated with students and faculty to create innovative programming that will serve IAIA’s students. The grant will also provide an extensive collection of graphic novels for the library’s collection.

As an award winner, the library will receive the Will Eisner Library (a graphic novel collection of Will Eisner’s work and biographies about the acclaimed writer and artist) and copies of the graphic novels nominated for this year’s Will Eisner Award.

The library will receive $4000 in funding. A portion of the funding will support a graphic novel event in which students will learn techniques for creating graphic novels and will enter their own graphic novels in a campus-wide contest. Winners of the contest will win a booth at an upcoming Indigenous Comic Con. Grant funding will also be used to purchase graphic novels for the library from Diamond Book Distributors and will pay a stipend for Mlotkowski to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago where she will receive the grant at an award ceremony.

The Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grant for Libraries is funded by the Will and Ann Eisner Family Foundation and administered by ALA’s Games and Gaming Round Table and the Graphic Novels & Comics in Libraries Member Initiative Group. The Eisner Family Foundation fosters innovation and creativity in graphic literature, sequential art and comics.

NLA—MPLA Joint Conference Call for Proposals

It’s time to turn up the volume on innovation!

* Delivering new models of information literacy and lifelong education

* Engaging with listeners, learners, and makers of all ages and backgrounds

* Advocating the impact of libraries and intellectual freedom

Be Part of the Conversation — Submit a Presentation Proposal!

Deadline: Tuesday, May 31st, 2017
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contributing to a shared vision. Working on ALA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee, acquiring and administering the NEH Muslim Journeys grants, and my current pursuit of a $100,000 grant with the CNM Business Office, environmental science faculty, and the Physical Plant, demonstrate my commitment to the community.

I am conscientious about my fiduciary duties to the college and any organization that entrusts me with their funds, and I would be honored to serve NMLA.

Member-at-Large - (choose 2)

Cordelia Hooe

Cordelia Hooe, an enrolled member of the Zuni Tribe, is the Archivist/Librarian for the Pueblo of Zuni Governor’s Office. Cordelia has 25 years of experience working in libraries, the majority as the librarian for the Pueblo of Zuni’s Public Library. She received her MLIS from the University of Arizona, School of Information (Knowledge River Scholar, Cohort 13). She previously served on the NMLA’s Education Committee and as chairperson for the Native American Libraries Special Interest Group.

Now more than ever, advocacy is critical for sustaining all of New Mexico’s libraries and by running for the position of Member-at-Large, Cordelia hopes to add her voice in conveying the importance of libraries and librarianship.

Kyla Johnson

Librarian Teacher at Farmington High School. I moved here in 1999 and can now say that this is the longest I have lived anywhere in my life. I love to read and travel, preferably at the same time. I was fortunate enough to receive a Fulbright grant to study school libraries in Sheffield, England and am trying to plan my next course of study abroad! In the mean time I take trips in the US and to France with our French teacher. I have been working in schools for over 30 years and as a librarian for over 20.

I enjoy serving the entire school through the library and see serving my profession the same way. Currently I have been throwing my passion into supporting more teachers achieve National Board Certification and serving on committees for the American Library Association. I look forward to this opportunity to serve NMLA.
NMLA Membership

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Alyssa Russo
Alyssa Russo is a Learning Services Librarian at the University of New Mexico, where she teaches information literacy to first year students. She is a native New Mexican and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from UNM in 2010. She later earned a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2014, where she was involved with the Community of Scholars program and the Inclusive Illinois initiative. Alyssa started working in libraries at the Central New Mexico Community College in 2013, where she first attended an NMLA mini-conference. Since then she has served as the webmaster for the Bonds for Libraries special interest group during the 2014 election cycle. As the Collections and Instruction Librarian at the Santa Fe Community College from 2015-2016, she presented at NMLA Annual Conferences about her experience collaborating with the community and incorporating technology to improve the college’s information literacy program.

As an early career librarian having appreciated the opportunities provided by NMLA, Alyssa would like to serve the association as a Member At-Large by preparing and organizing conferences, liaising with special interest groups, and promoting membership in order to support libraries in New Mexico.

Katherine Skinner
My main motivation would be to serve and give back to my profession, especially to dedicate energy to the cause of librarianship in New Mexico. My professional librarian career to date has spanned several continents and an island archipelago (Hawaii), mostly in public libraries, with a special focus on rural areas and library service to indigenous populations, though I did spend around a decade in User Services of an academic library in the 1990's.

I am currently the Library Director of Aztec Public Library in San Juan County in far northwestern New Mexico. I am in a strong position to be a voice for public libraries especially those smaller libraries, which serve remote/rural communities.

Besides the obvious ALA membership, in the past, I have been an active member of the smaller regional library associations where I have been employed in the USA: for example the Pacific Northwest Library Association, the Washington Library Association, the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (continue to be a member). I am a founding member of the Association for Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums.
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