Message from the President

Marian Royal, NMLA President, marianroyal13@gmail.com

As this issue of our newsletter is published, I’m beginning my year as President of NMLA and feeling honored to be trusted to lead our organization over the coming months. My two primary goals are to continue the work of strengthening support for all New Mexico librarians and libraries and to get more of you involved in the work of our vital association.

At this time, we are poised to have another General Obligation Bond bill approved for the November 2018 ballot. Many thanks to our Legislative Committee Co-chairs Joe Sabatini and Cynthia Shetter for their work on bringing our request for this bill to Linda Kehoe, Principal Analyst for the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) and to Joe Sabatini for presenting, very quickly, to the LFC at their October 26 meeting.

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Photos from the NMLA Awards Banquet

Submitted by Mildred Walters
Message from the President (continued from page 1)

If we are successful in getting the Bond on the ballot, and I feel certain we will, it will be up to each of us to raise awareness in our communities about the importance of passing the Bond. We all know how vital these funds are and we need to be sure the voters know that too.

NMLA continues to support the Libraries Transform New Mexico initiative. The LTNM Steering Committee and Task Forces held a follow-up conference on October 17 and next steps from that meeting will be published shortly. The work of this group is on behalf of all types of libraries in our state and the Steering Committee welcomes input and participation from all of you.

Speaking of participation, I’m eager to get more of you actively participating in our association. Right now I’m in need of committee chairs for both the Conference Site Selection Committee and the Intellectual Freedom Committee. And we need members for almost all of our committees. So, if you’re ready to jump in and give back to NMLA, please contact me directly at marian.royal@aps.edu. For a listing of all NMLA committees, please visit our website at nmla.org. We sincerely need many more you to do the hard work that makes us all stronger.

Finally, please mark your calendars for January 26, 2018, which will be Library Legislative Day in Santa Fe. We need to pack the Roundhouse on that day to show our Senators and Representatives that we’re a strong, unified body with a clear voice. Libraries and library professionals matter now more than ever before and it’s our mission to deliver that message again and again to all of our stakeholders. I hope to see you in Santa Fe!

MPLA Booth at NMLA

Submitted by Bradley Carrington, MPLA Representative

At the MPLA booth we had a drawing for a free 1-year membership in MPLA. Here are the winners!

- Heather Christensen, Portales High School
- Stephanie Akau, University of New Mexico
- Toni Lynn Hart, Albuquerque Public Library
- Zachary McNellis, Carnegie Public Library, Las Vegas
- Jackie Dean, Retired School Librarian
- Johnson Bordy, Octavia Fellin Public Library, Gallup
- Kim Gianfrancesco, University of New Mexico
- Laura Smith, Santa Fe Community College
- Liz Nations, Hurley Elementary
- Markos Chavez, Octavia Fellin Public Library, Gallup

MPLA serves librarians in a 12-state region, including New Mexico. MPLA will have its joint conference with us in 2019! MPLA bases its success on an active, enthusiastic, sharing membership. Where our people are so few and distances are so great, each librarian, staff member and library is a vital resource.
Photos from the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums Award Ceremony

Submitted by Joe Sabatini

Updates from the New Mexico Library Foundation

Submitted by Olivia Baca, NMLF Grants Administrator

The New Mexico Library Foundation is now accepting grant applications for the STEM Innovation Grants cycle. The deadline for applications is November 30th. Applications for the STEM Innovation Grants cycle will not be accepted after this date.

Information about the STEM Innovation Grants and a link to the application can be found here.

Please read carefully through the Grant Guidelines before submitting an application. The New Mexico Library Foundation’s grant process is competitive.

If you have questions, please contact the Foundation at grants@nm-lf.org.

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**UNM University Libraries News**

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

**Jim & Mary Lois Hulsman Undergraduate Library Research Award**

UNM has many ways that it recognizes scholarship on campus but very few programs specifically recognize outstanding research efforts of undergraduate students from all disciplines. Recently, with financial support from long-time library supporters Jim and Mary Lois Hulsman, a working group of library staff developed a new award program designed to recognize excellence in undergraduate research that incorporates use of University Libraries resources and demonstrates sophisticated information literacy skills. The program launched in October. Students have until February 2018 to submit their research projects. Projects will be judged by panel of UNM faculty and prizes will be awarded during a celebration in April.

The Hulsman’s generosity has also extended to funding a program to recognize the outstanding work of our valuable student employees. We would not be able to keep our libraries staffed and open without these hard-working and extraordinary young scholars.

**Welcome New Faculty**

Glenn Koelling joined University Libraries in October as a Learning Services Librarian. Glenn graduated with her MLIS from the University of Denver in 2017. She also has experience teaching English composition, both in person and online, and she has an MA in English Literature from Portland State University. As a Learning Services Librarian she will work with the Learning Services group to provide library instruction in the first year program, instruction support for our subject liaisons, and further develop the library instruction program.

Mary Wise joined University Libraries as the new Digital Humanities Librarian. Mary comes to UNM from the University of Iowa where she completed a Master of Arts degree in History and Digital Humanities in 2016. Mary also has a MLIS from the University of Madison Wisconsin, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Ohio University. At the University of Iowa Mary, served as the History Corps Coordinator and History Writing Program Coordinator. She was also the librarian for the American Indian Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin Madison.
Legislative Committee Update

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

Save the Date. Library Legislative Day will be Friday, January 26th.

The Committee concentrated on placing a Library General Obligation Bond Issue on the 2018 General Election Ballot. We drafted legislative language requesting $17.5 million, with $5.5 million each for public, academic and public school libraries and $1 million for tribal libraries. Our draft legislation adds the word "collaborative library resources and information technology projects" to the public and tribal library sections. Our request addressed the needs identified in the Libraries Transform Conference and its Task Forces' priorities. Among those priorities is the enhancement of broadband access across the state. On October 26, Joe presented our bond request to the Legislative Finance Committee. Around twenty librarians and library supporters were in the audience.

On October 24, Joe Sabatini, Marian Royal and Lynette Schurdevin attended a hearing of the Legislative Education Study Committee concerning HM 49, placing media literacy into the public school curriculum. This is being promoted nationally by a group called Media Literacy Now. This was a half-hour general presentation of the policy and technical issues involved. We did not testify, but did meet with advocate Pamela Pereyra and legislative sponsor Rep. Antonio Maestas. We stated that certified teacher-librarians had been teaching media literacy and "digital citizenship" since the advent of the internet, and that school librarians expected to be included in future discussions.

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Submitted by Val Nye

*Milo and the Dragon Cross: A Novel* was recently published by Robert Upton. Many of you may remember Robert from his 25 years of work at the New Mexico State Library. The book is available through Amazon, Ingram, and can be ordered from your favorite local bookstore. It is a young adult (YA) fantasy novel told from the perspective of a 15 year old boy who embarks on a journey that becomes a magical scavenger hunt.

Robert held multiple positions during his tenure at the New Mexico State Library. He worked in interlibrary loan and got to know people throughout the state by working on ILL requests. He quickly became editor of the State Library’s newsletter: *Hitchhiker* a position that allowed him to take advantage of his developing statewide library connections. Robert worked as *Hitchhiker* editor for over 20 years. New Mexico librarians also fondly remember Robert for his empathetic conversations and weekly Tai Chi sessions for stressed-out library staff members. He retired in 2010 from the State Library’s Marketing Department.

Robert says he never intended to write a YA book because he always considered children’s books the most difficult to write because books for young adults must, “resonate with a special audience.” As Robert reflected on his favorite children’s books, however, he came to realize that good YA novels have an ageless readership. The idea for writing the book came to him while he was working at the State Library and Robert shared that dreaming was an essential part of writing the book. The characters in his novel became like actors and told him where the story would go.

As librarians, we know more than anyone that books are judged by their covers every day. Robert searched for an artist to design the cover of his book, but when he didn’t find the right person he decided to design the cover himself. The images on the cover are paper cut-outs, and when you look closely at the cover you can see the layers of paper. Bori, the talking cat that graces the cover, is the cat the main character, Milo, meets on his journey and is the replica of the cat Milo draws in chapter one of the book.

The book includes a 33 question readers’ guide in the back of the book. Robert is looking forward to talking to readers about the questions he poses in the guide because he believes readers will see different angles and have different insights into the book; things he cannot see as the book’s author.

Robert is looking forward to working with librarians in his new role of Book Author. He is interested in setting up library readings, speaking to authors about his writing process, and leading discussion groups for *Milo and the Dragon Cross*. To arrange a library visit with Robert, contact him at: milomailru@gmail.com
November 6, 2017

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Dear NMLA:

Please accept our sincere thanks for your most generous gift of $3,660 in memory of our fellow librarians and dear friends Wanda Walters and Krissie Carter. This overwhelming and thoughtful gesture from New Mexico’s librarians is not taken lightly, and you can rest assured we will use the donation in a way that honors their memories.

As you can imagine, the library staff and the entire Clovis community continue to deeply grieve the loss of these two precious ladies. Your reminder that generosity and compassion are still alive and well brings us priceless comfort as we continue to serve this great city.

With deepest appreciation,

Margaret Hinchee  
Library Director

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New Mexico Library Foundation’s 25th Anniversary Reception a Success!

Submitted by Poppy Johnson-Renvall

Thank you to everyone who attended the New Mexico Library Foundation’s 25th Anniversary Reception at the Pyramid Marriott, held during the New Mexico Library Association conference on the evening of November 2nd. It was a chance to catch up with old friends and chat with colleagues as well as an opportunity to support some great projects and programs happening around the state of New Mexico that are funded by the New Mexico Library Foundation grants. The NMLF raised over $3000 to help support the creative vision of libraries and the communities they serve. Since its inception, 25 years ago, the New Mexico Library Foundation has funded 149 grants totaling approximately $175,000. As Foundation member Olivia Baca put it “In a time of flat budgets, inflation, and budget cuts, it was great to see the library community come together to have a good time and raise some money for a good cause.”

Most recently grants were awarded to support Burrell College of Medicine’s Harry Potter’s World: Renaissance,
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NMLF’s 25th Anniversary Reception a Success! (continued from page 8)

Science, Magic, and Medicine; Glenwood Library’s need to enhance their junior and preschool collections; The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center’s project to preserve a culturally significant photo collection; Portales High School’s efforts to support expectant teens and teen parents through the purchase of materials including picture books; and our newest grant awardee, Pueblo of San Felipe Community Library who will receive grant monies to purchase a collection of graphic novels for their new teen reading space. Without your support, projects like these may not happen.

Please consider helping the New Mexico Library Foundation fund exciting new projects and programs by signing up for an automatic monthly donation on our website http://www.nm-lf.org/make-a-donation. Let’s keep this momentum going for another 25 years!
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NMLA Library Legislative Day: January 26, 2018

National Library Legislative Day: May 7-8, 2018