Message from the President

Lynette Schurdevin, NMLA President, lschurdevin@rrnm.gov

On behalf of the New Mexico Library Association Board and Association members we extend our sympathies in the shooting death of two librarians and four injured persons at the Clovis-Carver Public Library. This public library works diligently to continually offer many free services and support to all who enter the library. This violent attack is incomprehensible, but I ask that the NM Librarians stand strong for our fellow librarians in Clovis, families of the victims, and the community of Clovis.

Please consider making a donation to the Clovis-Carver Library. Donations will be forwarded to the Clovis-Carver Library on behalf of donors via the NM Library Association. Online donations can be made at the NMLA Store: http://www.nmlastore.org/shopsite/page9.html

Checks can be mailed to our P.O. Box with a memo “Clovis-Carver Library”

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Words taken from the many statements of concern and condolences sent by our community of libraries
No Right Answer For What Happened in Clovis

By Betty Williamson, pepnm@hotmail.com

When grief or anger or despair creeps in, I turn to baking. So it was that I arose at dawn on Tuesday and laid upon my kitchen counter four sticks of butter, three eggs, and a bag of chocolate chips.

Like most of us in eastern New Mexico, my head was still reeling with the news from the Monday evening, snippets of information that arrived via text messages, phone calls, and Facebook posts after a young gunman tore apart a space many of us hold sacred: a public library.

By nighttime the worst had been confirmed. Two librarians had lost their lives in this unspeakable awfulness, another was in surgery, and three patrons had been airlifted with serious wounds.

I know it is wrong to make broad sweeping generalizations, but I'm going to. I've never met a librarian I didn't like, or been in a library where I didn't want to linger. So this really hurts.

Aside from my home, I've spent more hours in libraries than in any other buildings. Libraries are islands of sanity in a crazy world. They are a public space open to all. There are no admission fees. No purchases are necessary. Aside from the occasional used book, there is nothing even for sale. They are cool in the summer, and warm in the winter. They are raucous with laughter during children’s events, and they are also places of peace and calm and hushed voices. They are spaces where babies play, parents read to toddlers, teenagers flirt, job-seekers surf the internet, and old men nap over newspapers.

They are treasure troves of wonder filled with books and periodicals and music and movies and history and language and civilization — collections gathered and nurtured by librarians, a profession that seems to attract the kindest and gentlest of souls.

Librarians (especially children’s librarians) are often the first adults outside of our immediate families that we know and love. It’s a bond that lasts a lifetime, one that ranks right up there with aunties, uncles, and grandparents.

In a world overflowing with information, librarians are our guides. “Google can bring you back 100,000 answers,” writer Neil Gaiman said. “A librarian can bring you back the right one.”

Except this time.

There will never be a right answer to what happened in Clovis-Carver Public Library on Monday afternoon. While I try to wrap my mind around the unthinkable, I mix things I can understand: flour and sugar, butter and eggs.

Because, at the very least, I can bake chocolate chip cookies and take them to my library. And I can give my librarians a hug.

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Updates from the New Mexico Library Foundation

Submitted by David Hurley, New Mexico Library Foundation Chair, david.hurley@nmlibraries.org and Poppy Johnson-Renval, New Mexico Library Foundation, pjohnsonrenval@cnm.edu

The New Mexico Library Foundation, along with the library community in New Mexico and around the country, stand with Clovis. NMLF has offered the Clovis-Carver Public Library a $1000 grant to help the library and the community as it recovers.

The Foundation is accepting applications for the development grants of up to $1000 through September 30th. More information and application forms are available on our website, http://www.nm-lf.org/grants-development-grants

We’re celebrating 25 years! The New Mexico Library Foundation has been awarding grants in support of New Mexico’s Libraries since 1992. Come celebrate with us at our 25th anniversary reception on November 2nd, during the NMLA Annual Conference at the Pyramid Marriott North, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.

Our work wouldn’t be possible without generous donations from library supporters like you. Help us help libraries for another 25 years by making a donation online at http://www.nm-lf.org/make-a-donation or send your donation by mail to: New Mexico Library Foundation, P.O. Box 3057, Albuquerque, NM 87190-0572

Bernalillo Public Library Opening

Submitted by Joe Sabatini, jsabatini423@gmail.com

On July 22nd, the Town of Bernalillo celebrated the re-opening of the Martha Liebert Public Library with a ribbon cutting ceremonies attended by community members and library founders and staff. The library was moved into a renovated 1935 W.P.A.-built Roosevelt School adobe building which had served as the town's elementary school until around 2010. The Library will have 15,000 sq. ft. of space on two floors, including a community multi-purpose room, a teen room and computer rooms for adults and for children.

Cutting the ribbon are Mayor Jack Torres, Councilor Dale Prairie, library founders Martha Liebert and Socorro Romero, and Councilor Marian Jaramillo.

Librarian. Kathy Banks
2017 NMLA Election Results

Submitted by Sharon Jenkins, NMLA Nominations and Elections Committee Chair, djenkins@nmsu.edu

There were 101 votes cast out of a total eligible membership of 342 or about 30%. The results were quite close. Which, in my opinion, speaks to the highly qualified nature of all our member/candidates! The following persons have been elected to these offices:

John Sandstrom, Vice President-President-elect
Michael Gutierrez, Treasurer
Cordelia Hooee, Member at Large
Katherine Skinner, Member at Large

The nominations and elections committee wish to thank all of our candidates for being willing to take on the responsibilities of governing our association. Our committee was able to seamlessly and painlessly discharge its duties because you were so cooperative. No volunteer organization such as ours functions without a membership body that is willing and able to serve. Speaking as a past president and former committee chair, I encourage everyone to seek an active role in our Association. Your participation enhances and enriches not only your membership experience, it likewise benefits librarianship in our state. Our new board members will assume their offices during the business meeting at our annual conference in November. Thank you again to everyone for participating, with a special acknowledgement to my committee members Paulita Aguilar and Kathleen Dull.

State Librarian Resigns

After over two years serving as the New Mexico’s State Librarian, Kathleen Peiffer submitted her letter of resignation to the Secretary of the Department of Cultural Affairs. Her last day of work will be September 22. The Secretary will be developing an interim plan to share with the New Mexico State Library staff and library groups as soon as possible. Kathleen will be returning to the New Jersey State Library as their Deputy State Librarian for Library Support Services effective October 16.
Legislative Committee Update

Submitted by Joe Sabatini, jsabatini423@gmail.com

The NMLA Legislation Committee met on August 28 in Bernalillo to prepare for a presentation to the Legislative Finance Committee on October 26th in support of a Library General Obligation Bond Issue on the 2018 General Election ballot. Attending were Cynthia Shetter, David Giltrow, Ruben Aragon, Janice Kowemy, Omar Durant, Marian Royal, Lynette Schurdevin, Cynthia Aguilar and Joe Sabatini. The Committee has submitted a draft bill requesting a total amount of $17,500,000, of which $1 million would go to tribal libraries and $5.5 million each would go to public, academic and public school libraries. This was the amount we requested in 2016; the final bill allocated $10 million.

There was discussion of using bond funds to leverage e-rate funding to get enhanced broadband to public and tribal libraries. There was language in the 2016 bond bill authorizing this. Two groups of Pueblo libraries will be using some of their 2014 funds to extend broadband from Bernalillo to Cochiti Pueblo and to Jemez Pueblo. The group also reviewed issues about the procedural obstacles to expending bond funds in a timely manner. Legislators notice if grantees do not spend bond money in a timely manner, which jeopardizes their support for future bonds.

Members of the library community are encouraged to attend the October 26th LFC hearing, which will be at the State Capitol. Additional information will be posted in the NMLA Legislative Bulletin.
Lights, Camera, Action! Moving from Plan to Reality: NMLA Conference is on the Way

By Marian Royal, VP/Pres-elect & Conference Chair, marianroyal13@gmail.com

It’s almost time for our 2017 Annual Conference and registration is open! Our conference theme this year is "Lights, Camera, Action! Moving from Plan to Reality". Last year, we assessed and discussed and now it’s time to take those next steps in implementing successful library change and growth. We’ve got an excellent program lined up, including a keynote address by Peggy Cadigan, Deputy State Librarian for Innovation & Strategic Partnerships at the New Jersey State Library.

Ms. Cadigan explores ways to enhance NJSL’s services to New Jersey's libraries and residents of the state by engaging in innovative partnerships and seeking development opportunities. She gives presentations on the future of libraries both in-state and out of state and addresses varied audiences of library professionals and other interested parties to present information about programs and projects that offer models to keep libraries viable.

One of Ms. Cadigan’s most successful ventures was the Futures Conference, held at the Borgata Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City, NJ. This collaborative venture among ten state libraries included presentations on: hacking and privacy in the age of Big Brother and Big Data; the future of technology, science, innovation and media; a forward look at economic, demographic, and real estate studies that will impact the future; innovative architectural design challenges; the future of social media, branding, and strategic communications.

The Youth Literature Luncheon this year will feature Dana Simpson, the author/illustrator of the Phoebe and Her Unicorn series. She is also well known for her internet comic strip “Ozy and Millie, which she ran from 1998 – 2008. Ms. Simpson will deliver the luncheon address on Friday at 11:30.

We have over 50 presentations by your colleagues scheduled and our vendor hall is filling fast. Many thanks to Lea Briggs, Program Committee Chair and Kelli Murphy, Local Arrangements Chair and their committee members for working hard to make that happen.

Join us Wednesday, November 1 through Friday, November 3, 2017 at the Marriott Pyramid North in Albuquerque for what promises to be an informative and inspiring three days of learning and professional growth. The preliminary program and registration information can be found at http://nmla.org/annual-conference/. I hope to see you there!

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Use #NMLA17 to discuss the 2017 NMLA Annual Conference
SCC/MLA Annual Meeting in Albuquerque

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

The annual SCC meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 13–17 is going to be great! The cut-off date for discounted hotel reservations is Friday, September 22nd. After the 22nd, Hotel Albuquerque will release the remaining rooms in our block into their general inventory and can charge their normal rate for the room. If you haven’t made your travel plans yet, we hope you’ll do so soon.

Register Today

About the Program
We are planning a green meeting; print programs will not be distributed. All the program info will be available in the app, see below for details. Also, it’s a BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag) event so pull out those well-loved bags from previous meetings.

Consider attending the Outreach Track Sunday from 8-3:30. This includes sessions on top consumer health websites, information for healthy aging, the American Indian Health Information Resource, plus the opportunity to interact with others active in outreach and consumer health efforts. You needn’t attend all day but please register for this track so we have an accurate count for handouts.

Meeting App Update
Details about the meeting can be found on the main registration site but we encourage you to load the meeting app at http://my.yapp.us/SCCMLA. It is your mobile place to find information before and during the conference. What can you do with the app? Find out who will be presenting posters, papers, round tables and what they’re about (as final program decisions are made). Scout out the great list of ABQ restaurants that are being considered for Dine Aroun ds. Look up Things to Do in ABQ when you have some free time. Play with the interactive Google map of ABQ Places. Check out the sponsors and exhibitors who have signed up so far. Start making your personalized schedule.

The Sky’s the Limit for this year’s SCC event; we look forward to seeing you in October!

NMLA Business & Board Meeting Minutes

Before attending the NMLA Annual Conference, review the 2016 Business Meeting Minutes at http://www.nmla.org/docs/minutes/business_meeting_2016.pdf.

You can also view past NMLA Board Meeting Minutes at https://nmla.org/board-business-meetings/
**NMLA Awards**

Submitted by Sarah Kostelecky, & Mildred Waters, NMLA Awards Committee Co-Chairs

NMLA has been giving awards since 1957 to honor those who have made an important contribution on behalf of New Mexico Libraries. NMLA presents these five awards each year at the NMLA Conference. The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) may also give awards at the Conference. They need to coordinate with the Awards Chair prior to September 30 to make sure information is included in the awards program and ceremony. Please consider nominating a colleague for any of the following awards:

- **Community Achievement Award** – this award is given to librarians (those certified or with a degree) for outstanding library service or achievement at the local level. Also may be given as NMLA’s recognition of an award from another source that has enhanced the library, and to the entire library community; thus to a local, school, or academic librarian who has received a community, regional, or national honor.

- **Honorary Life Membership Award** – NMLA’s highest award is given to individuals for outstanding contributions to the purposes of NMLA, for constructive accomplishment rather than longevity, not limited to librarians, may be given to anyone for helping NMLA and/or libraries in New Mexico. Criteria: Significant contribution to NMLA and its activities throughout the library career. Scope of activity beyond own work location; achievements and contributions to NMLA growth are known within the library community, as well as being recognized by other persons or entities in New Mexico.

- **Legislator of the Year Award** – given to a New Mexico state legislator who has demonstrated leadership in the advancement of libraries throughout the state. Criteria: Notable legislative contribution to library funding, the issues of intellectual freedom, and/or access to library services.
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- **New Mexico Library Amigo Award** – given to an individual (friend, volunteer, trustee, board member, other citizen, or other non-certified personnel) whose work on behalf of the local library has resulted in significant progress and/or achievement for that library; or in recognition of work in the promotion of library service within the state.

- **New Mexico Library Leadership Award** – given to librarians who have rendered outstanding service beyond the local community. Criteria: Notable contribution to the advancement of libraries within the state, known and recognized in more than one community. Contributions of a nature that bring recognition and/or enhance the image of libraries in general within New Mexico. Activities and efforts that have helped other librarians to improve their service capabilities.

Complete and submit the attached Nomination Form via email to mildred.walters@gmail.com or fax to 505-771-5058 OR fill out the Google form online at https://goo.gl/forms/tfYnlgHvYioXrFl3

In Memoriam

In memory of Kristina “Krissie” Carter, Youth Services Librarian, and Wanda Walters, Circulation Assistant, who worked at the Clovis-Carver Public Library.
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