Message from the President

Marian Royal, NMLA President, president@nmla.org

Happy New Year! Now that the holiday season is past, the NMLA Board, the ASL SIG and the Libraries Transform New Mexico Steering Committee have all been busily working to make sure all of our legislative initiatives are ready for the upcoming short session.

Friday, January 26 is Library Legislative Day at the New Mexico Legislature. As usual, we will have groups of librarians being introduced in both the Senate and the House, and it’s important that we also fill the galleries in each of those chambers. When the call goes out for all the librarians present to stand, it makes an impact on the legislators if we’ve filled a large number of seats. Remember, when a legislator hears from one constituent, they multiply that by seven, so it’s important that we all try to show up.

Since we’re asking for a new General Obligation Bond issue to be on the ballot in November, it’s vital that our...
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Senators and Representatives know that we’re paying attention. So if you’re available on the morning of January 26, please come to Santa Fe and stand with us for New Mexico libraries.

On the evening before, the Advocacy for School Libraries Special Interest Group (ASL SIG) will be hosting a reception for legislators at the Gonzales Community School in Santa Fe. Our goal is to share with a few lawmakers some of the wonderful things about our school libraries. Any librarians willing to come and sing the praises of school librarians and libraries is encouraged to attend. In this legislative session, Senator Bill Soules, of Dona Ana County, will be carrying a Memorial asking for a study of the status of school libraries and school librarians in the state. We want to bring awareness to the underfunding of our school libraries and the loss of school librarians all over New Mexico, but more importantly, to the positive role strong school library programs play in student academic achievement. Please join us from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm that Thursday evening, if you can.

The Libraries Transform New Mexico Steering Committee continues to work on behalf of all libraries in the state: public, school, academic, tribal and special. As I write this article, Representative Candie Sweetser of Grant, Hidalgo, & Luna Counties, has agreed to carry an Appropriations bill to ask for funding related to increasing access to eRate funding and broadband across the state and the Department of Cultural Affairs is asking for $75,000 for the New Mexico State Library to retain a consultant to assist public libraries in applying for eRate funds. By the time you read this newsletter, we should know if we were successful with these bills. I do hope many of you responded to our call to contact your Senators and Representatives to ask them to support these Appropriations.

Libraries Support Access to Justice

Submitted by Stephanie Wilson, New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library

The New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library joined the Volunteer Attorney Program, the First Judicial District’s Access to Justice Committee, and New Mexico Legal Aid to work at the Santa Fe Legal Fair. On Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the Mary Esther Gonzalez Senior Center, approximately 65 people consulted lawyers free of charge about their legal concerns. Attorneys were available in person to provide free consultations on a first-come, first-served basis in a variety of subject areas. Librarians Michael Poulson and David Vermooten from the Supreme Court Law Library took along their laptops and printers to help the attorneys with research needs.

On January 8, 2018, Librarians Michael Poulson and Stephanie Wilson joined the First Judicial District Court for its monthly Access to Justice Committee meeting. Plans are in the works for two legal fairs this year, one each in Espanola and Santa Fe, and the Committee will provide six free legal clinics during 2018.

Learn more about the Law Library @ https://lawlibrary.nmcourts.gov
Administrative Assistant for New Mexico Library Association

The New Mexico Library Association Board is seeking an Administrative Assistant to manage the administrative affairs of the Association. Please send a one page cover letter of interest, resume and references by email to:

Marian Royal, President
New Mexico Library Association
president@nmla.org

Qualifications:

- Familiarity with general office practices and procedures, either through formal training or equivalent experience.
- Familiarity with QuickBooks and/or other financial/bookkeeping software preferred.
- Computer literate, with demonstrated proficiency with word processing and spreadsheet programs.
- Strong customer service skills required.
- Must possess good organizational skills, good interpersonal skills and maintain a high degree of confidentiality.
- Previous work experience in a library preferred but not required.
- Applicant must be bondable.
- This position is for an independent contractor who must use their own equipment and supplies to carry out the duties of the position.

Reports to: NMLA executive Board
Hours: 10 hours per week, up to 20 hours during annual conference
Salary: $5000 annually

Responsibilities:

1. Maintain communication between those within NMLA as well as between NMLA and others through the creation and management of telecommunication services (including FAX) and listings in the White and Yellow pages, other appropriate directories and appropriate social media outlets and maintaining an e-mail address through an on-line account.
2. Employ voice messaging and paging to approximate real time response during business hours. A separate phone line will be answered “New Mexico Library Association”.
3. Route communication promptly to appropriate persons within NMLA.
4. Assist treasurer and committee chairs with board approved tasks.
5. Attend Executive Board meetings to be knowledgeable about NMLA business.
6. Perform registration for mini-conference, workshops and other events.
7. Maintain a current list of active and potential library-related vendors and their contact information. Communicate with vendors and solicit vendor registrations and support prior to conferences.
8. Assist conference chairs with duties and tasks associated with the conferences; e.g., pre-conference registration, exhibitor relations, collection and deposit of booth fees into NMLA accounts, forwarding paperwork to proper individuals, ensuring exhibitor’s legal requirements and logistical needs are met.
9. Conference on-site management services include liaison with venue operator, exhibitors, and the NMLA officers, members, and attendees.
UNM University Libraries News

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

Major Shift Project Completed at the End of 2017 in Zimmerman Library

Over the course of the Fall Semester 2017 University Libraries completed a major shifting project in Zimmerman Library. Every single book on the 3rd floor, approximately 360,000 items were moved. The project took around 600 hours of student employee labor. If the students didn’t get their hands dirty moving books, they helped by working at service desks so that others could. Zimmerman access services staff also helped cover service desks and lent their expertise to the project so that students or staff could participate in the shift process. We are very appreciative of everyone who contributed to this project.

Mark your Calendar for lectures and workshops being given by Sarah Polkinghorne in early March

Registration for the workshops will open at the end of January. Please check the library event calendar on the University Libraries home page library.unm.edu for more information.

Thursday, March 1
Lecture: Bodies of knowledge: what studying embodiment can teach us about teaching
Workshop: Research fundamentals: Crafting questions, choosing methods

Friday, March 2
Workshop: Research in practice: making it happen

Sarah Polkinghorne is a librarian at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada and a doctoral candidate at Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, Australia. Her doctoral research explores the role of information in people’s everyday food lives, how people come to feel informed about food, and how information and knowledge are embodied. Sarah also has a longstanding interest in librarians’ teaching work, and she has published on this subject in venues such as the Critical Library Pedagogy Handbook, the journals In the Library with a Lead Pipe and the Canadian
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Journal of Information and Library Science, and the proceedings of the Canadian Association for Information Science. Sarah’s role as a librarian sees her supporting students and faculty members working to find and use information, manage research data, and publish their work. Sarah has been recognized with local, national, and international awards, and she has been delighted to twice serve as a Peer Mentor at the Librarians’ Research Institute, an initiative of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries. Sarah can be found at @sarahpolk and at sarahpolkinghorne.ca.

University Libraries seeks applicants for CLIR Fellow

The University of New Mexico seeks applications for a two-year CLIR Postdoctoral Fellowship in Data Curation and Latin American, Chicano and Caribbean Studies. The fellow will help bridge gaps in the North/South information divide as part of the faculty in the College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences (CULLS), with an affiliated status at the Latin American and Iberian Institute (LAII). In the libraries, the successful fellow will collaborate with Research Data Services (RDS), Digital Initiatives and Scholarly Communication (DISC), and Latin American Collections to enhance and build upon existing custodial and post-custodial collections projects that bridge the North/South information gap in historical and contemporary contexts. Well-developed United States/Latin America partnerships in all affiliated programs offer a firm foundation for the successful fellow to develop new initiatives that enhance collections and scholarship while implementing equitable and culturally sensitive Latin American and Caribbean projects in data curation and digital humanities. This fellowship offers a distinctive opportunity to work across geographic boundaries and academic disciplines at a historically and culturally diverse, flagship university, which is a National Resource Center for Latin America (Title VI NRC) as well as a Carnegie Classified “Highest Research Activity” and Hispanic-Serving Institution.

For more info see: https://www.clir.org/fellowships/postdoc/applicants/university-new-mexico/

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Libraries Transform Broadband and Funding Initiatives Top 2018 Legislative Agenda

Submitted by Joe Sabatini, Co-chair NMLA Legislation Committee


Come to the State Capitol and make our presence known. Visit with your local legislators in support local and statewide library legislation. The 30 day session begins Tuesday, January 15 at Noon. The Legislation Committee has been working with legislators to address the funding and broadband issues identified as priorities in the Libraries Transform New Mexico Report.

Our first priority is a 2018 Library Bond Issue on the November 2018 ballot. Senator Carlos Cisneros will sponsor the General Obligation Bond Bill, including the library portion, as developed by the interim Legislative Finance Committee (LFC). This summer, we met with the LFC Capital Programs staff to advocate adequate funding with language adjustments to allow public and tribal libraries to do collaborative projects. We made a brief presentation to the full committee at the LFC hearing on October 26. The LFC has now posted their recommendations for five 2018 general obligation bond issues, including Library Bonds funded at a $9.5 million level. This is a reduction of $500,000 from the 2016 amount. Library supporters should urge their local legislators to work for an increase in this amount.

Our second priority is implementation of the Libraries Transform agenda on robust broadband access, including funding technical support for schools and libraries applying for funding through the e-rate program. Rep. Candie Sweetser will sponsor an appropriations bill for $100,000 for matching state funds to provide consulting/educational services for libraries, school districts, and municipalities in regard to the federal E-Rate application and administration process. Also to be included in the bill is funding for continued data collection and reporting by the Department of Information Technology (DoIT), which would administer the funding. DoIT would contract a consultant to apply for and administer E-rate grants for public and school libraries in the state and administer funding to match the required E-rate Grant Funding.

In addition to Rep. Sweetser’s bill, a $75,000 special appropriation for the State Library to provide E-Rate service and support to public libraries statewide has been included in the Governor’s Department of Cultural Affairs budget recommendation for fiscal year 2019. This special appropriation request is not included in the LFC’s Legislative Budget recommendation, so library supporters should reach out to their legislators, and let them know the impact these funds will have on growing the economy and communities through robust broadband in all parts of the state.

A third priority will be to pass memorials requesting that a study be conducted to assess the status of New Mexico school libraries and school librarians. Senator William Soules will be sponsoring the memorial in the Senate, and we are seeking a Representative to sponsor it in the House. Our objective is to collect information about the state of libraries and of librarians in New Mexico public and charter schools. This would be similar to the previous New Mexico survey done by national consultant Keith Lance. We need to determine how many schools have certified teacher librarians, and to demonstrate the positive impact effective library programs have on educational outcomes.

There are two bills affecting libraries that have been pre-filed by legislators:

State Library Foundation
Representative Deborah Armstrong has introduced HB 117, Librarian and Historic Preservation Funds, which adds language to the State Library and Historic Preservation Division statues “to solicit and receive funds or property, including federal funds and public and private grants, for programs and activities....” This legislation is promoted by the Continued on page 7
NMSU Library News

Submitted by Dr. Elizabeth Titus, NMSU Library

“ALMA/PRIMO is LIVE”

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of the NMSU Library’s Implementation Team, the Library staff, and campus ICT project staff on December 14, 2017, the NMSU Library’s new integrated library system (ILS), Elsevier Alma/Primo “went live”. Over the 2018 Spring semester, library users will be able to discover some of the exciting features this amazing search tool provides them to optimize their access to information. Workshops, library instruction, specialized LibGuides, individualized learning opportunities, and presentations to groups by library faculty and staff are just some of the ways our library users will be able to learn to explore and navigate our new ILS.

Library Student Employee Scholarships Benefit from Generosity of Donors on Giving Tuesday.

The Frances Williams Endowed Scholarship has been created due to the generosity of Frances Williams, a longtime NMSU Library supporter. This new endowed scholarship provides library student employees with scholarships to support funding their education at NMSU.

The Elizabeth McKenney Titus Endowment Scholarship thanks to donor contributions on Giving Tuesday will increase the number of student library employees to four students who can receive scholarships to support funding their education at NMSU.

Two Library Faculty Searches Begin

Professor Ellen Bosman and Department Head for Technical Services will be chairing a library search committee for a cataloging librarian. The search committee is in the progress of being established. Michael Gutierrez, Associate Professor and Department Head for Reference and Research Services will be chairing a library search for a Library Instruction Coordinator. The search committee is in the

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Department of Cultural Affairs to give legal recognition to support activities by the recent establishment of a State Library Foundation and a similar foundation for historic preservation.

Supreme Court Law Library
Representatives Jimmie Hall and Damon Ely have introduced HB 61, which changes the governance and funding of the Supreme Court Law Library. The bill title reads: "Amending the composition of the Supreme Court Building Commission; transferring authority for the Supreme Court Law Library and appointment authority for the Supreme Court Law Librarian to the Supreme Court.

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Membership Committee Updates

Submitted by Kathleen Dull, NMLA Membership Committee Chair, membership@nmla.org.

Happy New Year from the Membership Committee!

All of us are new to the committee this year and are excited to work on extolling the benefits of joining or renewing in 2018. Our committee is a trio consisting of Kathleen Dull at Rio Rancho Public, Sarah Obenauf a recent graduate with a focus on Technical Services, and Bradley Carrington at the State Library. One of the groups we’d like to focus on is School Librarians, but so far don’t have a school librarian on the committee. If you are one, or know one who might be interested in joining the team, please email us at: membership@nmla.org.

If you haven’t been receiving emails from NMLA, or need to update your contact information, please email us at the address above.
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# New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library Fall Displays

Submitted by Stephanie Wilson, New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library

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Court; consolidating provisions pertaining to the Supreme Court Law Librarian; providing for a consolidated appropriation."

What is now the Supreme Court Law Library was the first government-funded library in the Territory of New Mexico. This library’s saga is told in the first chapter of “One Book at a Time,” the 1998 history of libraries in New Mexico. When the public library extension functions were separated to create the State Library in 1929, the remaining legal library was attached to the Supreme Court. It retained a separate line item in the state's budget, with the Supreme Court justices constituted as a library board of trustees. The dual budgets and governance structures would be consolidated into one.

Capital Outlay Requests.
With the state’s fiscal condition showing modest improvement, there may be more funds available for local library project capital outlay requests. These and other developments will be reported in the Legislative Bulletins.
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