Happy Summer Everyone,

It has been a busy season, but several things are coming together. First, I would like to come out and visit you all to talk about NMLA and what we can do to serve you better. If you would like me to come for a visit, please email me at president@nmla.org. I can’t promise to visit everyone, but I’ll try to make it to at least every region. You will also be able to join us virtually via GoToMeeting. Those events will be announced soon.

Second, planning for the Annual Conference (October 31 – November 2) is moving at pace and I’m sure more information appears elsewhere in this issue. Our Keynote Speaker is Jim Neal, Past-president of the American Library Association. We are still finalizing the speaker for the author luncheon, but will announcement that as soon as we know.

Third, I’m looking for volunteers to join me on the Strategic Planning Committee. If you are interested, please drop me a line at president@nmla.org. I would like to have a good mix of people on the committee, including, professionals, para-professionals, and any other stakeholders who are passionate about libraries, NMLA, and strategic planning. The only requirement is that they need to be a member of NMLA.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who have renewed your memberships. I encourage everyone else to renew as soon as you can. Your support helps us to support you.

Hospital Outreach: Taking the Library to Medical Providers, Patients, and Their Families

Submitted by Kathy Campbell, kcampbell@rrnm.gov

In Rio Rancho, the local medical centers are treated to visits from a couple of experienced and knowledgeable librarians on a regular basis. Dawn Hite and Kathy Campbell showcase the resources of the Rio Rancho Public Library to the staff and visitors at the two Rio Rancho hospitals.
NMLA Preliminary Conference Schedule Available

By Bradley Carrington, NMLA Program Chair

We have the preliminary list of program sessions and conference events:
https://tinyurl.com/nmla2018

Presenters, please find and study your listing. Confirm your time and description in an email to programs@nmla.org. SIG chairs, please confirm your time and send us any info about presentations that you might feature during your SIG meetings.

And! There's room for many more posters. Please use the program submission form to submit proposals for posters. We will feature the posters Wednesday evening (Halloween!) during our opening reception. Submit poster proposals:
https://goo.gl/forms/w3y7s6BFyhweMH132

Thank you to all who are presenting! We look forward to learning much and growing well when we participate in your sessions. And thank you to the Program Committee: Tiffany Shirmer, NMSU; Kelli Murphy, ABC Libraries; John Sandstrom, NMLA Vice-President and Bradley Carrington, Program Committee Chair.

Tribal Connect

By Martin Heinrich, United States Senator for New Mexico, originally published in Martin’s Blog on April 18, 2018 at https://www.heinrich.senate.gov/newsroom/blog/tribal-connect

When 80 percent of New Mexicans who live in rural tribal lands still lack access to high-speed internet, it's clear that we need to invest more in rural broadband infrastructure. During National Library Week, I hosted a Tribal Broadband Panel at the Capitol with the American Library Association to address the urgent need to improve internet access in Indian Country.

The discussion featured tribal librarians and rural telecom experts and focused on how broadband connectivity and telecommunications infrastructure in tribal and rural regions advances education, provides economic opportunity and can close the digital divide. I hope you can take a moment to watch and share the video of my remarks.

I was proud the panel included voices from New Mexico, including Cynthia Aguilar, a librarian from Santo Domingo Pueblo. Santo Domingo is part of an unprecedented tribal consortium-the Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Tribal Consortium, a partnership of four Pueblos in New Mexico-that teamed up to secure the largest ever federal investment in broadband deployment in Indian Country. The Pueblos secured nearly $4 million of federal funding to build a new fiber-optic network at their libraries through the Federal Communication Commissions’ (FCC) Schools and Libraries Program-also known as the E-Rate Program.

I've teamed up with Republican Senator Dean Heller of Nevada to
ALA/APA 2018 Council Report

Submitted by Lynette Schurdevin, NMLA ALA/APA Councilor, July 9, 2018

The Annual ALA Council meeting covered three Council meetings. Each meeting addressed various topics. Here is an overview of the meetings:

Council I
ALA President, Jim Neal, stated his areas of critical priority for FY 18 were the recruitment of a new ALA executive director, federal funding for libraries, support extended to the Clovis-Carver Public Library in response to the tragic shooting of library staff members, natural disasters in Texas and Puerto Rico, DACA, School libraries, and four strategic directions: advocacy, information policy, professional and leadership development, and equity, diversity, and inclusion.

New Business involved a discussion on questions presented by Maureen Sullivan to bring ideas forward for Council to discuss on Organizational Effectiveness. Points given will be reviewed by Ms. Sullivan and brought forward for additional discussion at the Winter Council board meeting. The intent of the discussion is to review the organization of the ALA Council.

Council II
Freedom to Read Foundation continues to review and write briefs as needed in support of the Freedom To Read. The FTRF continues to financially support the annual Banned Books Week.

They applaud the Executive Board for embracing this opportunity to be the change the world needs today and to build on the momentum of the sustainability movement in our profession.

Council III
Memorials and tributes were presented to the Council
Herb Biblo
Heather Lanier
John Byrum
Mary Lynette Larsgaard
Krista McKenzie
Stephanie Squicciarini
Lois Ann Gregory Wood
Pat May
Don Wood

Council Committee on Committees elections were completed and the new members will be Latrice Booker, Dora T Ho, Jack Martin, Jr., Louis Munoz, Jr.

Planning and Budget elected representatives
Chapter Councilors
Councilors at large
Andrew Wertheimer, Micki Dietrich
Nicolas (Nick) H Buron, Larry P. Neal, Dorcas Hand

Thank you to NMLA and NMLF for the opportunity to attend the ALA Annual Conference Council meetings. They were interesting, informative, and relevant.

KLA/MPLA Conference

MPLA and Kansas Library Association Joint Conference
October 24-26,2018

http://kslibassoc.org/2018conf/
CLIR Post-Doc Fellow Arrives
Margie Montanez, Ph.D. joined University Libraries as our Council on Library and Information Resources postdoctoral fellow (CLIR) in Data Curation and Latin American, Chicano and Caribbean Studies. Montanez will work with the Digital Initiatives and Scholarly Communication (DISC) department, Research and Data Services (RDS), and in the Center for Southwest Research and Special on a number of digital projects for the next two years. She has worked for University Libraries Center for Southwest Research previously so is well-informed on the scope of our collections. Her dissertation, completed in 2017, develops a trope of an ethnographic aesthetic to dissect the cultural production of Jovita González, Américo Paredes, and more recent works by Alicia Gaspar de Alba and Lourdes Portillo.

CLIR is an independent, non-profit organization that forges strategies to enhance research, teaching, and learning environments in collaboration with libraries, cultural institutions, and communities of higher learning.

Akau Awarded Spectrum Scholarship
We are delighted to share the news that Stephanie Akau, library information specialist, has been named one of the American Library Association’s 2018-2019 Spectrum Scholars.

Since 1997, ALA has awarded over 1,000 Spectrum Scholarships to exceptional students who are pursuing graduate degrees in library and information studies. Scholars are selected based on their commitment to equity and inclusion, their demonstrated community outreach, and their commitment to the library profession, academic achievements and leadership potential.

Akau is pursuing her MLIS at the San Jose State University School of Information and anticipates attaining her degree in 2019. She holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts in clarinet performance/music education cognate from the University of Cincinnati, a Master of Music in clarinet performance from Michigan State University, and a Bachelor of Music Education (Summa Cum Laude) from UNM. Stephanie also has rich work experience with positions in libraries, archives, education, museums, and fine arts organizations.

Unfortunately, we can’t celebrate this with Stephanie in person—at least not yet—as she is currently in Washington, D.C., where she is participating in the Junior Fellows Summer Internship Program at the Library of Congress (Music Division). This is yet another highly competitive program for which she has been selected.
Hospital Outreach (continued from page 1)

In May 2017, Dawn and Kathy began doing outreach at the Presbyterian Rust Medical Center cafeteria. They go every second Tuesday from 11:30-1:00, during the cafeteria’s busiest time. Their major goal is to let the public know about the resources and services the library has to offer, in particular the eProducts that people can utilize from home. Over the months, they have polished their efforts into a finely tuned process. Within their portable trolley, they carry their RRPL tablecloth, a laptop to issue library cards, library program calendars for adults and children, paperback books to give away, and SWAG such as water bottles, pens, and bookmarks. They keep their outreach supplies stocked and can be ready to go at the drop of a hat. Once at the site they can set up their table within minutes.

Dawn and Kathy regularly hear such positive comments as, “I have a library card with you guys and I use it all the time,” “I love the programs at the library,” and “You guys do such a good job.” Occasionally they also get suggestions as to how the library could be improved, and those comments are valuable too.

Recently on an outreach to Rust, a Farmington resident stopped by for a chat and to pick up a free paperback. She shared that her mother had been brought in by helicopter and she didn’t know how long she might be there. In the course of the conversation Dawn was able to sign her up for a Rio Rancho library card and show her how to download books using OverDrive’s Libby. She was very grateful that she would now be able to download and read books while her mother was in the hospital.

In March the two Librarians added the UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center to the rotation and will now visit each facility every other month. Kathy says, “I feel like we are providing a valuable service to the community by reminding them that we are available, easy to use, and responsive to their needs.”
Library Clerk Named Employee of the Year

Submitted by Val Nye

Roseanna Andrade, a recent graduate from the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) and a new member of NMLA, was named Non-Custody Employee of the Year for her work as Library Clerk at the Penitentiary of New Mexico (PNM). She received the award in May. Andrade has held her position at PNM for less than two years and has already made a significant difference in the lives of her patrons. She recently celebrated National Library Week by creating a tree in the library space, and asking patrons to fill the tree with leaves. The leaves that patrons placed on the tree were the titles of their favorite books.

Andrade was noticed by the Albuquerque Journal North less than six months into her work at the Penitentiary when she celebrated National Poetry Month. She worked with IAIA faculty member and poet, James Thom- as Stevens, to post poems written by inmates on a nature trail that encircles the IAIA campus (search for the Journal North article on June 30, 2017). To mirror the outdoor nature trail, Andrade created a “trail” inside the prison library where inmates could walk through the library and read the poetry written by fellow inmates.

Andrade has had a passion for books her entire life, and worked for the IAIA library while she was a student for four years.

Andrade and her work should serve as creative inspiration for all of us. Her work is confined by extraordinary circumstances, restrictions, and rules, yet she searches for and finds ways to enrich the lives of her patrons. Andrade’s award recognizes her as an exceptional librarian in her mission of celebrating books, literature, and libraries in the community she serves.

Congratulations Roseanna! Welcome to NMLA!
Greetings from the Membership Committee,

Our new membership platform is up and running. Some of you may have received emails inviting you to renew. Others may have received an email and not recognized the address, so decided not to renew. In case you receive any emails from nmla@wildapricot.org they come from the new platform and are not spam.

We'll be using this system to send out information about upcoming conference and event registrations, as well as membership renewal information. We would not want you to miss out on important information or fun events because the email was re-routed. Adding the address to your address book, contact list, safe list or marking as Not Junk should ensure that you receive messages in the future.

If you'd like to check your membership status for yourself, you can check and renew easily and quickly online using the login button in the top right corner (https://nmla.wildapricot.org/Join-us). If you have any questions about your membership, don't hesitate to send us an email: membership@nmla.org, or call us at (505)400-7309.

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

MPLA Leadership Institute

Submitted by Kathleen Dull & Christopher Schipper

The Mountain Plains Library Association’s Leadership Institute is a biennial event that draws library professionals from the twelve member states. It meets at the beautiful YMCA of the Rockies outside of Estes Park, Colorado at the beginning of May. The Institute runs for a week and brings together 30 individuals from all levels and types of libraries, along with four mentors and facilitator Maureen Sullivan. This year, Chris Schipper, Library Director at San Juan College in Farmington, NM, and Kathleen Dull, Adult Services Manager at Rio Rancho Public Library, were selected to represent New Mexico.

There are a variety of subjects covered, including communication, leading change and transitions, teamwork and project management. There are also topics focused on the individual, including assessing work and leadership styles, determining personal values, visions & missions and guidelines for leadership development. All of these fall under the topic of leadership, which is addressed in a number of ways and from a variety of perspectives.

Prior to the Institute, there is a recommended reading list from Ms. Sullivan. Complementing this is an extensive list of resources generated during the sessions. Fellows, mentors and Ms. Sullivan contribute to the list, making for a rich bibliography that can be used long after the Institute has concluded. In addition to the print and electronic resources, there is a Facebook page for each year's
MPLA Leadership Institute (continued from page 7)

cohort, so participants can stay in touch and share information, providing a community that spans vast geographic distances.

Kathleen would like to thank the New Mexico Library Association and New Mexico Library Foundation for the professional development grants which made attendance possible. There are also grants and reduced Institute rates available from the Mountain Plains Library Association, but eligibility is contingent on two years of membership, so join today.

Tribal Connect (continued from page 2)

introduce the bipartisan Tribal Connect Act to make sure funding and resources from the $4 billion E-Rate program benefit our tribal communities. The Tribal Connect Act will enable more tribal libraries like Santo Domingo's to apply for E-Rate support to spur development of new networks. It will also establish a new pilot program at the FCC that will allow tribes who don't have tribal libraries to provide broadband connectivity at another facility like a chapter house or community center.

We must provide the necessary resources to close the digital divide in Indian Country so all of our children, no matter where they live or go to school, can learn the skills they need to succeed in the 21st century. I will keep working with all of my colleagues to stress the urgency of this issue and build momentum toward passing the Tribal Connect Act into law.

Bonds for Libraries

Submitted by Joe Sabatini, Omar Durant, Bonds for Libraries, nmbondsforlibraries@gmail.com

The Library General Obligation Bond Issue will be presented to the public as G.O. Bond B on the November 6 General Election ballot.

The amount on the ballot is $12,876,000. This includes $4 million each for academic, school and public libraries, $750,000 for tribal libraries and $126,000 for bonding costs.

Since 2002, New Mexico voters have passed eight statewide bond issues totaling $90,583,110, helping school, public, academic and tribal libraries to meet increasing demands for materials and electronic services.

NMLA's Bonds for Libraries Special Interest Group has updated its website to provide details for local libraries to inform citizens about the 2018 bond issue.

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