Message from the President

Marian Royal, NMLA President, president@nmla.org

As I sit at my desk and write this, we’re already in the middle of March. When did that happen? It seems like only yesterday we were all in Santa Fe for Library Legislative Day. We were very successful in our legislative work this year and I want to thank everyone who contributed in any way; either by working with the Legislation Committee or reaching out to your district’s Senators and Representatives. The legislation passed will be helpful to libraries all across the state and it takes all of us working together to keep this kind of good stuff coming. If you’re interested in getting more involved with legislation and advocacy, reach out to me at president@nmla.org and I will be more than happy to get you on our Legislation Committee.

As most of you know by now, we are not having our spring mini-conference this year. At this time, the NMLA Board is considering how we will proceed on the mini. Several members from around the state have shared that attending two conferences a year is too much of a financial burden for their organizations. We are studying how we might redesign the mini to make it less expensive or to make it more regional, with perhaps an option to attend some sessions virtually. We’ll keep working on that between now and Annual Conference, at which time we’ll make a formal announcement. If you would like to share your thoughts on the mini, we would love to hear your suggestions. Feel free to share with me, or any other Board member.

Register a New Mexico Event for Dia

Submitted by REFORMA de Nuevo Mexico

Register a New Mexico event for Dia. The national registry provides you with free program downloads, and if you register early, a free poster and bookmarks for your event.

Every day is Children’s Day/Book Day so register any program, book display, author visit, etc., during the month of April. If possible, make it a multicultural celebration linking children and their families to diverse books, languages and cultures. Dia is a nationally recognized initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for all children from all backgrounds.

Consider opening early summer reading registration on April 30.
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Finally, it’s with some sadness that I announce that I won’t be able to complete my term as President of NMLA. I have accepted a new position with the Seattle Public Schools and will be taking on my new duties in late April. When I ran for office in 2016, I had no idea how many unexpected life changes I would experience over these last two years. I certainly never saw myself moving to Seattle, but that just goes to show how poor my vision can be! This is an exciting opportunity for me, but I’m sad to be leaving before I finish my work here with you. Our Vice-President, John Sandstrom, will be taking over my duties gradually through the Spring, with the expert assistance of immediate Past-President, Lynette Schurdevin and our other Board members.

Thank you so much for placing your trust in me to lead and for being the best members any association could have. We get things done in New Mexico and have received national attention for that in the last two weeks. If you missed the article on school libraries in the Santa Fe New Mexican and the ALA Libraries Transform article on our own Libraries Transform New Mexico initiative, try to find links to those and read them. It lifts my spirit to leave on such a happy note for libraries. Keep up your good work and know that a part of my heart will always be here in our beautiful Land of Enchantment.

MPLA News

Submitted by Bradley Carrington, NMLA MPLA Representative

Congratulations to Kathleen Dull and to Christopher Shipper -- they were appointed fellows to the 2018 Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Leadership Institute! The MPLA Leadership Institute will be held at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO April 29 – May 4. Over 40 fellow applications were received for 30 slots at the 2018 Institute. Fellows were selected based on commitment to libraries in the region, geographic diversity, and leadership potential and experience.

Kathleen Dull is the Adult Services Manager at the main library in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. She works with her department to develop print and digital collections, field reference questions, and deliver engaging programs. Kathleen champions telling the stories of our libraries through marketing, social media and community partnerships. Kathleen believes the joy of discovery is just the beginning and strives to ensure exceptional library experiences for all patrons. Kathleen holds an MLIS and a Certificate of Rare Books and Special Collections from the University of Illinois as well as a Bachelor's degree from Macalester College. She is the chair of the Membership Committee for the New Mexico Library Association. Kathleen prefers non-fiction and audiobooks. She rarely finishes her book club books on time.

Originally from the Midwest, Christopher Shipper moved to New Mexico in early 2006 with his partner Richard and their cat Emma to work at San Juan College as a reference librarian. The move came after completing his MLIS at the University of Iowa, but also after years of working in libraries. In 2010, Christopher became the library director; in addition to his direct responsibilities, he is active at the state level with various organizations, including the NM Library Foundation, where he serves as Treasurer. His professional passion is issues related to the Digital Divide. In 2016, his efforts to help SJC students with internet access earned him recognition as the NM Academic Librarian of the Year. Personal interests and hobbies include

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Within ALA there are a variety of dues options for everyone.

See [http://www.ala.org/membership/ala-personal-membership](http://www.ala.org/membership/ala-personal-membership) for more information.

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reading, gardening, hiking, and photography. He and Richard still live in Farmington, but they now have four cats.


Many thanks to the Selection Committee for the NM fellows: Lea Briggs (UNM), Lynette Schurdevin (Rio Rancho) and Val Nye (IAIA) -- all former fellows!

And! Watch MPLA’s Facebook page for its March Madness Leadership Institute fundraising auction! From all across the 12-state MPLA region you can bid on items as varied as jewelry, scarves, beer, coffee, olive oil, bread, homemade jelly and prickly pear balsamic reduction! The auction will run from March 18-24.
University Libraries’ Assistant Professor Glenn Koelling was accepted to the Institute for Research Design in Librarianship.

The IRDL is a competitive program designed to assist librarians in developing the skills necessary to complete a research project of their design, as well as construct a personal network of possible collaborators for future research projects.

Glenn’s research explores how ENGL 120 TAs’ dual roles of graduate student and instructor inform how they approach research and information literacy in the classroom. The results will help Learning Services tailor the research clinics as well as provide a better understanding of the challenges TAs at UNM face. The institute will be held in June 2018 at Loyola Marymount University.

UNM Press joins College of University Libraries & Learning Services

The University of New Mexico Press has a long and distinguished record of service to the University and the State, but changes in the way consumers buy and read books has created some challenges for its continued success. The Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic affairs has, over the last year, been exploring options that will provide a sustainable business model for the Press, enabling it to flourish and continue its important publishing role for the local and statewide community. The beginning of a carefully formulated plan is to shift the Press reporting line to Richard Clement, Dean of the College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences.

“My hope is that we will guide the Press to deficit-free sustainability ensuring the important role it plays in academia and for New Mexico continues.” Said Richard Clement, dean of the College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences.

At the center of this plan is the adoption of a distribution service to cover fulfillment, storage, customer service and royalty management. In making this move, the Press will join over 80% of its peers who have already done so. The savings for the Press will be significant and make an important contribution to balancing its budget.

In turn, the University Libraries can offer significant support in the
areas of information technology, human resources, digitization expertise and, most significantly, support from a development officer. The University Libraries director of development will take on a major fundraising effort to create a significant endowment to benefit the Press. The libraries will also benefit from the merger by acquiring some space to be used as an off-site storage facility for its collections. Currently, the library system is struggling to balance the need for collection space with the need for student-centered study and collaboration spaces.

UNM Press Interim Director, Richard Schuetz said, “The Press plays a vital role in preserving the cultures, languages, and histories of New Mexico and the Southwest. With 50 new titles published annually, the Press is the largest book publisher in the state of New Mexico and can truly be described as the State’s press. It’s clear that the leadership at UNM has recognized how important it is to maintain the Press and are taking steps to keep us in business.”

A national faculty search for Director of the Press will be launched immediately with the intention of the Director beginning in July 2018. The University will make the Press a legislative priority for 2019-2020 (and subsequent years as needed) for new Research and Public Services Projects funding from the NM Legislature. University Libraries, working closely with the UNM Office of Government & Community Relations and the Press, will coordinate a concerted effort of interested individuals to convince key legislators of the importance of the Press to the State.

In addition, the Press and the Library’s department of Digital Initiatives & Scholarly Communication are expected to collaborate in exploring the possibilities for new digital formats. The Library is assisting in digitizing the entire backlist of Press books. The Press brings deep editorial experience and knowledge that will be of great assistance as University Libraries helps to coordinate University efforts to create open textbooks, which will save students significant sums of money; and to begin a coordinated effort across campus to align various publishing efforts to create synergies and partnerships. The Report on the Feasibility of Integrating the University of New Mexico Press within the University Libraries (Darrin Pratt and Michael Spooner), July 17, 2017, will serve as a detailed resource to integrating the Press into the College. It provides a roadmap to putting the Press on a firm foundation for the future. The ultimate goal is to enable the Press to succeed without any deficit.
Join us at the Farmington Public Library March 10 - April 22, 2018, for a celebration of the iconic author and illustrator Maurice Sendak! Presented by the Farmington Public Library Foundation.

The Maurice Sendak Memorial Exhibition is a retrospective of original works by Maurice Sendak. The collection has been on tour since 2013, the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Where the Wild Things Are*. This collection is exclusive to one location in each state, and the Farmington Public Library is the only place in New Mexico where you will be able to see rare and exclusive works by Maurice Sendak.

http://www.infoway.org/sendak/

Farmington Public Library, Farmington, NM
NMSU Library News

Submitted by Dr. Elizabeth Titus, NMSU Library

NMSU Library Staff Member Tiffany Schirmer was selected as the recipient of the 2018 Border Regional Library Association Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee found her achievements and commitment to the library field commendable, and are very pleased to name her a BRLA Scholar. She will be receiving a $1,000.00 award during the BRLA Awards Banquet. Professor Susan Beck was recently selected the Border Regional Library Association 2017 Librarian of the Year. She was selected by the nominating committee who said “Your accomplishments and dedication to your job, patrons, BRLA, and the Library profession, make you an outstanding choice for this award.”

New Mexico State University and the City of Las Cruces recently receiving a Big Read Project award from the National Endowment for the Arts. NMSU Library has launched an online guide offering more in-depth information about the chosen common read book, Into the Beautiful North by Luis Urrea. The guide, available at http://nmsu.libguides.com/BigRead2018, provides background and synopsis of Into the Beautiful North, as well as a list of characters found in the book.

A researcher from Norway recently made his way into the NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections in pursuit of a childhood fascination. At age 10, the researcher read Helge Ingstad’s book The Apache Indians: In Search of a Missing Tribe, first published in Norway in 1939. The fascinating book relates Ingstad’s travels from Norway to Arizona in order to live with Apache families and learn of their first-hand experiences with the great leader Geronimo. This book sparked a lifelong interest for the researcher in the Apache and in particular their relations with Spanish explorers, settlers and soldiers. In the NMSU Library, the researcher was introduced to the vast collections the Archives and Special Collections department microfilmed in Durango, Mexico between 1991 and 2009. This unique material, particularly the microfilm of the Historical Archive of the Archbishopric of Durango, proved extremely fruitful to the researcher, who encountered a cache of primary source documents of the 18th and 19th centuries that provides details on Spanish/Apache relations. The Archives and Special Collection department produced more than 1,100 reels of microfilm from Mexican sources in Durango. The films have been used by scholars from around the world.

NMSU Library’s Archives and Special Collections Department is participating in the 3rd annual #colorourcollections hosted by The New York Academy of Medicine. #colorourcollections is a social media outreach event with over 100 special collections, public libraries, and historical societies taking part in the week-long event! Institutions all over the country have developed a virtual coloring book of material from their collections and want the public to color!

New Mexico State Librarian Position

The State Library of New Mexico, a Divison in the Department of Cultural Affairs, seeks an enthusiastic advocate for libraries to fill the position of State Librarian. We seek a leader with experience and capacity building skills for librarians throughout a state with rural, urban, and Tribal libraries. The New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) is one of the largest and most respected cultural affairs agencies in the nation. The DCA and the New Mexico State Library (NMSL) are in beautiful, historic Santa Fe – New Mexico’s heart of governmental, artistic, and cultural activities. The successful candidate will administer relevant and valued services to over 100 public and Tribal libraries in New Mexico and will generally promote an effective statewide library system.

Culture and Innovation: We seek an individual with knowledge of cultural sensitivities and best practices in working with Native American, Hispanic and rural populations. The State Librarian will advocate for and oversee the provision of services directly to New Mexico’s culturally diverse and special

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populations; and will foster positive and cooperative working relationships with other educational services and state and national library agencies. Understanding the roles of contemporary libraries in today’s societies, the State Librarian will move progressively toward a future with innovative programs and services while continuously evaluating and supporting those of value that currently exist. **Partnerships:** The State Librarian will have expansive partnering opportunities with other divisions within DCA including museum education programs and collections, preservation, arts, and archaeological programs. The State Librarian will foster positive and cooperative working relationships with educational institutions, the State Public Education Department, the Higher Education Department and state and national library agencies. The New Mexico State Library Commission advises the State Librarian on programs and services. The newly established New Mexico State Library Foundation raises funds and supports grants for the State Library. The State Librarian plays a leadership role in the New Mexico Library Association.

**Staff and Resources:** The New Mexico State Library has a staff of 38 full time employees and an annual budget of $5.7 million. The State Librarian will be responsible for rural Bookmobile service, administering grants-in-aid, library extension, books for the blind and physically handicapped, the Southwest Collection, the Tribal Libraries Program, development and consulting services statewide, and the State Documents depository program. The State Librarian will perform other duties as provided by the law and assure that NMSL meets all statutory requirements of the State of New Mexico.

**The Successful Candidate:** The demonstrated ability to communicate effectively to a wide variety of culturally diverse audiences will be essential to the candidate’s success as the State Librarian, as support of New Mexico public, rural, and Tribal libraries is central to the mission of the State Library; accordingly, some public or Tribal library experience will be preferred. A strong and positive record in policy administration, strategic planning, budget planning and execution, capacity building, and personnel management is sought. The candidate will also possess the desire and ability to construct effective coalitions and to work successfully with legislative, governmental and other policy-making bodies. Knowledge and understanding of current library technologies are valuable assets an ideal candidate will bring to the position. A demonstrated ability to communicate effectively to a wide variety of culturally diverse audiences will be essential.

**Minimum requirements include** a Master’s Degree in Library or Information Science from an ALA-accredited library program, eight (8) years of progressively responsible experience in libraries that includes at least five (5) years of experience in library management and/or administration; a record of successful experience in policy administration, budgeting, and planning for a governmental entity; and demonstrated ability to direct an organization, evaluate program performance, and implement effective solutions to ensure ongoing program refinement and improvement.

**Compensation.** The position offers a hiring salary range of $80,000-$90,000 (dependent upon experience and qualifications) and an attractive benefits package.

Apply via email with a meaningful cover letter and your resume as Word or pdf attachments to Michael Delello, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs.

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**Local Authors Corner**

Submitted by Shari Maret

Are you interested in hearing about a Farmington NM FHS and College of Santa Fe graduate former teacher/library media specialist of 20 years having a picture book published and making it as a finalist for the Oklahoma Book Award? I am very excited and looking to showcase all the educational activities on my website [www.sherrimaret.com](http://www.sherrimaret.com).

The Cloud Artist was published last fall and has been getting great reviews. I even did a Book Care Basics video to help little ones learn to care for books. Let me know if you would like more information. Thank you for your time!
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