Happy Fall! We are gearing up for our Annual Conference, Completing the Circle, and it looks like a good time will be had by all.

Wednesday starts with a great line-up of pre-conferences, including Mary Keeling, AASO President-Elect, and the day ends with the Opening Reception with the Vendors at 4:30 pm. In light of it being Halloween, I hope you all will join me in dressing for the occasion. Who knows, there may even be some prizes.

Thursday starts with our Keynote Speaker, Jim Neal, Immediate Past-President of the American Library Association (http://tinyurl.com/nmla2018) and finishes with our Annual Awards Banquet. Remember that it isn’t too late to nominate people for our annual awards (https://nmla.org/awards-honors/).

There is a huge variety of great programming on Thursday and Friday aimed at all types of libraries. This will also be a chance to meet the folks on the State Library Commission as well as meeting the new State Librarian, Eli Guinnee. And don’t forget our President’s Luncheon on Friday, featuring John Chrastka, Executive Director of EveryLibrary, speaking on positioning your library for advocacy success.

In other news, ballots for electing the 2019 officers will be out soon. I know that Lynette and her committee are finishing up this process as I write. I hope to see some of you at the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, in Albuquerque, September 26 – 30. Brad is continuing his work on MPLA and getting ready for their conference, which is a week before ours. I will be attending it as we are hosting next year and we really want to show them a great New Mexico time.

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Message from the President
Dr. John Sandstrom, NMLA President, president@nmla.org

National Book Festival
By Katherine Miles, Reference & Illiad Library, New Mexico State Library
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Every year in Washington D.C. the Library of Congress put on the National Book Festival. The festival started in 2001 under the direction of former first lady Laura Bush. The festival has grown every year and for the past seven years librarians from the New Mexico State Library have represented our great Land of Enchantment. Lori Smith Thornton the NMSL Public Services Bureau Chief initiated our state’s participation and how wonderful it is that she did; it is great exposure for New Mexico. Every year you can see our booth in the Parade of States and every year we get copious amounts of compliments on our display, which features mock books representing our many authors and the many books about NM. Additionally, every year one children’s or YA book is chosen as New Mexico’s book of the year. This year the selection was The Secret

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On September 27th, at 4 pm, in Albuquerque, a delegation of school librarians headed by Heather Christensin (ASL-SIG, Chair) will be testifying before the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) on the status and needs of New Mexico School Libraries and Librarians. This meeting is being held at Hawthorne Elementary School. I encourage anyone who can make it there to attend. Their testimony is followed by Community Input if you want to add something for yourself. There are more details about this elsewhere in this issue.

I am still wanting to make visits to libraries around the state. If you would like to sponsor a visit where I can meet Librarians, library staff, and library stakeholders to talk about what NMLA is and what we can do for you, please let me know at president@nmla.org.

Finally, I want to thank those who have already volunteered for the President’s Strategic Planning Committee, but we could really use a few more people. If you are interested, please let me know, again at president@nmla.org.

Thank you all for your help and support through what has been a slightly tumultuous year. As we move forward and I look ahead, I can’t say I see smooth sailing, but I know that we have the people and the talent to keep us moving ahead, working to improve libraries throughout the State of New Mexico.

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Eli Guinnee Returns to New Mexico to Head State Library

Contact Mary Ann Hatchitt, mahatchitt@outlook.com

(Santa Fe, New Mexico) – New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs Cabinet Secretary Veronica Gonzales today announced the hiring of new State Librarian Eli Guinnee, who comes to New Mexico from Jamestown, New York. Guinnee was previously the Executive Director of Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System in Jamestown, overseeing 38 public and tribal libraries in western New York. Mr. Guinnee will assume his new post as State Librarian on Monday, September 10, 2018.

Guinnee’s work focused on helping libraries with strategic planning, sustainability, community engagement, and securing stable funding. During his tenure he brought high speed broadband internet access to libraries in isolated rural communities with the help of federal funding and school partnerships.

“We feel extremely lucky to have found someone with Eli Guinnee’s experience and expansive knowledge to lead our State Library,” said Gonzales. “He has a native’s love of New Mexico, an understanding of the challenges we face with such a large geographic area to serve, and experience in expanding high speed internet to rural communities, an area we must aggressively expand.”

Guinnee has more than 20 years’ experience in libraries, including at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh, the Buffalo Science Museum Research Library, and Patterson Library in Westfield, New York. Born in Truth or Consequences, Guinnee says he is happy to move closer to family in New Mexico.

“I am thrilled to move back to such a beautiful, culturally-rich part of the country,” Guinnee said. “And to be part of the amazing work New Mexico’s libraries do day in and day out to strengthen their communities.” As New Mexico State Librarian, Guinnee will work to remove barriers to access, improve financial and environmental sustainability, and support childhood literacy.

"Libraries are democratic, inclusive places that preserve history, improve quality of life, and build a brighter future. I feel very lucky for this opportunity to work for our wonderful New Mexico libraries," Guinnee continued. “Our focus has been on meeting the technology and literacy needs of communities and of children after school, on the weekends and during the summers, so that every child has the opportunities and resources they need to succeed.”
Project by Jeanette and Jonah Winter. The book is a non-fiction children’s book about the Manhattan Project. The book was very well received by visitors who were drawn in by the title and then scooped up all the bookmarks representing the book.

As a newbie to the State Library and to the National Book Festival, I experienced for the first time the amazing onslaught of children and adults who tour through the Parade of States to collect stamps and, hopefully, learn a thing or two. At the very least I required them all to identify NM on the map, most did very well. The Parade of States started at 8am on September 1 and ended at 5:30pm. This was just enough time because we ran out of every book list, bookmark and NM poster we brought with us.

PBS was in attendance promoting the Great American Read, IMLS handed out prizes to people for visiting every state booth, C-Span2’s Book TV was there as well, so there is a chance that New Mexico will be represented on the program. Carla Hayden, the Librarian of Congress, stopped by the booth and was very complimentary. Other visitors stopped by to say they were from NM and missed the chile and/or loved the library system here in New Mexico. Way to go New Mexico libraries! You are making a lasting and positive impact! Also in attendance were the National Student Poets, who represent each region of the US. They visited each state booth in their region and then they performed their work on stage for all to hear. These young people were poised, well spoken, and a great inspiration for our youth. The 2018 Southwest Student Poet was from Arizona.

I am so glad I was able to attend this event and I look forward to sharing the great works NM has to offer as long as the National Book Festival is running.

Funding for Library Broadband Supported at Upcoming Hearing

By Teresa Ortiz and Joe Sabatini

Teresa A. Ortiz, Librarian and Media Specialist at Deming High School and chair of the e-Rate and Broadband Task Force and Ben Glickler, Director of Technology for Deming Public Schools will present the case for funding the Library Broadband Infrastructure Fund to the Legislature’s Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee (STT) on September 24th. The fund was created by House Bill 207 in the 2018 Legislature, sponsored by Representative Candie Sweetser of Luna and Hidalgo Counties. Funding will be used for matching money for grants to bring broadband infrastructure to public, tribal and school libraries; to support grant application preparation and compliance and for planning and data acquisition services to support collaborative project implementation.

The committee has invested much time advancing high-speed broadband infrastructure across the state to promote education, solo work employment, and business growth. Ms. Ortiz will show how state investment in library broadband will leverage federal e-rate funding to expand the capability of smaller communities for educational and economic development. The STT Committee meeting will be held at the Andres Z. Silva Conference Center in downtown Deming, NM, on Pine Street by Silver Avenue. “Broadband for Libraries: Implementing the Library Broadband Infrastructure” is scheduled on the agenda at 9:30 am on Monday, September 24. All are invited to attend.
Digitizing Native American language learning resources: The Zuni Language Materials Collection
Did you know that New Mexico is home to 23 tribal nations who speak eight different languages? As with other Indigenous languages, they are vital to the traditions and culture of the people who speak them. Yet many tribal languages are endangered and lack fluent speakers, often the result of government policies meant to assimilate Native peoples and eliminate their cultures.
UNM has a sizeable Native American student population, over 5% (Spring 2018 enrollment report), and many come from New Mexico including Zuni Pueblo, the largest of the 19 pueblos in the state. University Libraries recently digitized books and posters published by the pueblo’s bilingual education department to support learners of the Zuni language. Read the full story.

Parish Memorial Library mural unveiled
The recently re-organized basement in Parish Memorial Library is now a little brighter, thanks to a freshly unveiled mural on one of the walls. “Arid, Mountainous, and Roadrunner” was painted over the course of the summer by MFA student Robbin Lou Bates, who submitted the design to the Parish Memorial Library Mural Competition. It was Bates’ first mural of this size, and she says she’s proud of the work and the learning opportunities that came with it. Read the full story and see the mural here.

South Campus Repository
Each year University Libraries adds more than 20,000 physical items to our collections without the possibility of adding more square feet to existing buildings. That amount of new material requires nearly ½ mile of shelving – the distance on Central Ave. between Yale Blvd and Girard Blvd.

We are now planning for the occupation of a new library facility on South Campus. Having additional space in the South Campus Repository will allow us to maintain and continue to build our strong print collections.

A team of library faculty and staff are embarked on a months-long planning effort. The complex projects involves every library unit. Modifications to the building need to be made before any materials can be moved. It is possible the first books will be moved to the space in June of 2019. Updates and more information on the project can be found on the Library website.

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NMSU Library News

NMSU Library is pleased to announce Sarah Babins, Aubrey Iglesias, and Erin Wahl have recently joined the library team. Sarah Babins is the new Library Development Officer. Aubrey is the new Cataloging Librarian for Technical Services. Erin is the new Instruction Coordinator for Reference and Research. We want to welcome them to New Mexico and to New Mexico State University Library.

New Mexico State University Library moving towards ProQuest

NMSU Library in collaboration with the Graduate School, have taken the first steps in moving towards e-submission of the UMI/ProQuest Publishing Agreement for Dissertations and Theses as of September 11, 2018. NMSU graduate students have already begun to use the new e-submission process.

Previously, the dissertations and theses publishing agreement was a lengthy and costly process for our students. The new electronic version is easier to use and more convenient. No publishing fees for authors, greater security, as well as electronic payment options for copyright and print copies are just a few of the benefits.

“Songbird of the Southwest”

NMSU Library, Archives and Special Collection Department, has recently acquired original 1916 sheet music of “Cloudcroft” and “O, Fair New Mexico the official state song of New Mexico.”

Elizabeth Garrett was the daughter of former Lincoln County Sheriff Pat Garrett. She was born in 1885 on the Garrett’s ranch, in Little Creek Canyon, north of the village of Alto. She lost her eyesight a few hours after birth, due to an over-application of “blue vitrol” to her eyes to prevent infection. She was one of seven children.

She loved to sing and worked her way east teaching and singing. Audiences were appreciative of her talents and her interesting compositions about the far-west land of New Mexico. Elizabeth Garrett, the blind teacher/singer/songwriter soon found herself performing in respected theaters in Chicago and New York. She was called the “Songbird of the Southwest.”

While New Mexico she was persuaded to sing her composition, “O, Fair New Mexico”, for the New Mexico Legislature. (The song was published by Gamble Hinged Music Company, Chicago, Illinois, and copyrighted by Elizabeth Garrett in 1915.) Her performance impressed the Legislator so much that they voted unanimously, to make “O, Fair New Mexico” the official state song. It was adopted as the state song of New Mexico by an act of the legislature, approved on March 14, 1917. The legislation was signed by Governor Washington E. Lindsey.”

Source: http://www.netstate.com
New Proposal to Fund Rural Public Libraries

By Joe Sabatini

An article in the July 1st Albuquerque Journal described legislation to be submitted to the 2019 Legislature by Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino, which will propose a $50 million permanent state fund to provide some $50,000 per year for more than 40 rural community libraries across New Mexico. This would be submitted to voters in the 2020 General Election. There is an active group promoting this proposal, led by Shel Neymark, an Embudo artist who helped start the Embudo Valley Library in Dixon. There are thirteen public libraries, including five in Rio Arriba County, which are non-profit organizations in unincorporated areas, receiving little support from their county governments. They raise most of their budget through foundation grants and local fund raising activities. They do receive state grants-in-aid and general obligation bond funding, but the amounts are insufficient to sustain effective service. Mr. Neymark and Senator Ortiz y Pino have already been working with the Legislative Finance Committee and the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs to develop their proposal. The Libraries Transform Public Funding Task Force made recommendations on increasing state aid and GO bond funding, but did not specifically address the question of providing basic support to libraries serving the smallest communities.

The proposal was reviewed at the NALSIG meeting on August 24th and at the Librarians Section meeting of the New Mexico Municipal League on August 29th. One possible alternative is to put funding into the Rural Library Development Fund. This was passed and signed in 2007, but never funded because of the Great Recession. Given the reluctance of the Legislative Finance Committee leadership to fund early childhood education through the Severance Tax Permanent Fund, which would require voter approval of a Constitutional Amendment, getting legislative and voter approval for a new Rural Libraries Endowment Fund would be a major struggle. It could be more productive in the short term to obtain appropriations for the 2008 Rural Library Development Fund. However, that funding is limited to a three year period. Another approach would be to substantially increase the state grants-in-aid program, which is already weighted toward sustaining the smallest libraries. The NMLA Committee will be active in working on this issue in the 2019 Legislature.

Continuing Education Grants Now Available to pay for attendance at NMLA

The NMLA Continuing Education Grant program provides funds to New Mexico library workers to promote ongoing library training and professional development. Grants may be used to attend the NMLA annual conference, workshops, other professional association meetings, or any type of library-related training activities. Awards of up to $200 are made on the basis of financial need.

Please apply in advance of the event for which you are seeking funds – No reimbursements for events already attended will be issued.

There is no deadline for Continuing Education Grant applications, however funds available are limited and are distributed in the order that applications are received.

Continuing Education Grant Application forms are available on the NMLA Scholarships and Grants web page: nmla.org/scholarships-grants.
Four Corner Storytelling

By Flo Trujillo, Farmington Public Library

Sponsored by the Farmington Public Library, the Four Corners Storytelling Festival features professional storytellers, Andy Offutt Irwin, Sunny Dooley, J. Omar Hansen and Lori Prescott Hansen, Anne Rutherford, and youth storytellers. The free storytelling event on October 12 & 13, is scheduled outdoors, along the banks of the Animas River in Berg Park beginning at 9:30am. The storytelling festival continues into the evening with bedtime stories and ghost stories on Friday, and a storytelling finale on Saturday at the Historic Downtown Totah Theater, beginning at 5:30pm.

FCSF Schedule
Friday, October 12
Berg Park
9:30 - 2:00 pm Storytelling

Totah Theater
5:30 - 6:15 pm Bedtime Stories
6:30 - 8:30 pm Ghost Stories

Saturday, October 13
Berg Park
9:00 - 3:15 pm Storytelling
Totah Theater
6:30 - 8:30 pm Finale

2018 Go Bonds

2018 Library General Obligation Bond B will provide $12,750,000 for libraries statewide. Vote on November 6th.

For details, check out our website at nmbondsforlibraries.org.
Local Authors Corner: Orange is the New Book

Submitted by Kathy Barco, kathy.barco@gmail.com

I’ve always thought it would be fun to have a Halloween birthday party . . . and this year I get to do just that! October 31 is the official “Book Birthday” of my new book, Storytime and Beyond – Having Fun with Early Literacy, co-authored with Melanie Borski-Howard from the Boulder Public Library. The publication date hadn’t been set when I first saw the book’s cover back in December 2018, but it seems auspicious that the designers chose orange as the predominant color.

Join me at NMLA November 1 for a presentation based on the book: “All I Really Need to Know I Learned from ABC Books.” There will be balloons and cookies, not to mention birthday presents for attendees and discount order blanks. In the meantime, information about the book can be found at https://www.abc-clio.com/ABC-CLIOCorporate/product.aspx?pc=A5545P Don’t miss the “Review/Endorsements” tab on the URL. Famous NM author Vaunda Micheaux Nelson graciously agreed to “blurb” the book.

A “Having Fun with Early Literacy” basket will be a raffle item at NMLA. It will contain an assortment of what I refer to as “Literacy Doodads” . . . a box of alphabet cookies, ABC flashcards, ABC stickers, ABC rubber stamps, a bag of long balloons (plus a pump) for making balloon letters, alphabet blocks, a package of alphabet pasta, alphabet beads, and some other surprises plus not one but TWO copies of the book.
NMLA Membership Update: Pumpkin Spiced Membership

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

Pumpkin spiced flavored products are sneaking onto the shelves, so fall must be here and with it comes our most anticipated event of the year, the annual conference. The conference is a fun time to meet new people and reconnect with friends and colleagues. In order to maximize your conference dollars, we encourage you to take advantage of the member rates. The discount you receive benefits you and helps keep the organization going. There are also special rates for students and retirees, and we hope this makes it accessible for as many people as possible to attend.

This year we are using our new platform for both membership and event planning, making it easy to register for the conference and either join or renew your membership. If you’re unsure when your membership expires, you can login and check it online. We’re also happy to check it for you and you can reach us at: membership@nmla.org.

We’d like to give a special acknowledgment to our active Institutional Members: Bayard Public Library, Clovis-Carver Public Library, and the Village of Fort Sumner. Included in this membership are two registrations to the annual conference. In order to make this as flexible as possible, the two attendees do not have to be specified at the time the membership is purchased.

Full details on all membership levels can be found here: https://nmla.wildapricot.org/Join-us. We appreciate your support of the organization and hope to see you in November. If there’s extra time in between sessions, maybe we can even meet for a cinnamon and clove spiced coffee.

School Librarians to Advocate Needs at Legislative Education Study Committee

By Mary Chappell and Joe Sabatini

School librarians, teachers, administrators, and community supporters are encouraged to attend as leaders of the Advocacy for School Libraries present their concerns to the Legislative Education Study Committee. The hearing is on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at Hawthorne Elementary School, 420 General Somervell St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123, with the school library segment scheduled for 4:00 pm.

The presentation, entitled “The Status and Needs of New Mexico School Libraries and Librarians,” will address the essential role librarians play in helping New Mexico’s students achieve college and career readiness, and how the legislature can best support librarians in this endeavor. Speakers plan to address the substantial impact of school libraries on school performance, the importance and changing roles of certified school librarians, funding levels, and administrative concerns with the Public Education Department.

The ASL SIG panel of speakers includes Heather Christensen, Chair, Advocacy for School Libraries Special Interest Group (ASL-SIG), District and Secondary Librarian, Portales High School; Mary Chappell, Vice-Chair, ASL-SIG, Librarian, S.Y. Jackson Elementary School, APS; Rachel Altobelli, Director of Library Services and Instructional Materials, APS; Teresa Ortiz, Library Media Specialist, Deming High School; and special guest NMLA President John Sandstrom.

This is the first time since the passage of the School Library Materials Act in 2003 that there has been legislative activity focusing specifically on school libraries and librarians. Anyone who cares about the future of school libraries should attend this hearing.
Displaying the Law
By Gabrielle Montaño, Law Librarian I, New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library

What comes to mind when you think of a law library?

Many times it is assumed a law library is all electronic and any print books in the library are outdated and never used. It is assumed a law library is not useful to you unless you are a lawyer or in law school. Often it is assumed there is no point going to a law library since all legal resources can be found on Google.

These assumptions, of course, are far from the truth. Yes, the New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library has many legal databases available for the public and Google can be a useful tool. However, legal resources need to be properly analyzed, and access to reliable legal information is hard to come by at a reasonable price. The Law Library offers many legal treatises in print that have been vetted by a librarian and are available for anyone to use.

The law has the potential to touch every aspect of a person’s life. From the environment we live in, to the art we create, the law is present. The Law Library has books to help those with no legal training, as well as legal treatises for those who actively practice in the law. In fact, last year, 2,080 people used a book from the Library’s collection—an amazing number considering it is a specialized library located in Santa Fe.

Displays in the Law Library are used as a way to highlight the print collection. They highlight different aspects of the law and illustrate how the law can be interpreted based on different topics and situations. The wide variety of legal topics provides opportunities to create unique displays showcasing the law.

Join the Great American Read

By Ann McGinley, Branch Manager, Rio Rancho Public Libraries

The Great American Read (TGAR) has started up again on PBS. After the spring premiere in May followed by a summer of reading, the fall kick-off aired on September 11. If you missed either episode, you can watch them online: https://www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/watch/. Albuquerque and Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya were featured prominently on the fall kick-off, and Taos will be mentioned on the Other Worlds episode on October 16. The episodes air on Tuesday nights at 7 pm.

Rio Rancho Public Libraries conducted a local vote to determine Rio Rancho’s favorite book. Harry Potter was the local winner followed in second place by To Kill a Mockingbird. What is your community’s favorite? Our customers have really enjoyed chatting about the books on the list; no doubt yours will too.

Besides conducting your own local vote, there are four ways to vote in the national poll: at TGAR website, on social media, by text message, or by phone. You can find the unique hashtags and phone numbers for each book here: https://www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/about/voting-methods/. The last day to vote is October 18.

My personal favorite is Clan of the Cave Bear by Jean M. Auel. I first read it in high school, rediscovered it many years later as an adult, and then proceeded to read every book in the series. The Valley of Horses is my favorite because Ayla is such a strong character who solves problems, tames animals, and has to rely on herself to survive. #VOTECAveBear.

Even though I vote for Clan of the Cave Bear, I predict that Harry Potter will be named the ultimate winner. What do you think?
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NMLA Annual Conference: Completing Circles

When:
October 31 -- November 2 2018

Where:
Albuquerque Mariott Pyramid North

What:
Network with librarians and learn about topics ranging from intellectual freedom and social media in the library to summer reading programs and improving workflows. See the preliminary program at http://nmla.org/annual-conference/

Register today! Early registration rates good until September 23.
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