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**Enter to Win a Free Conference Registration**

We are excited about the upcoming joint MPLA/ NMLA Conference (Oct 31- Nov 1 at Hotel Albuquerque) and hope that as many as possible are able to come.

To that end, we’re having a raffle for a free conference registration and all members are eligible to enter by answering a few short questions. All types of answers - serious, funny, succinct, pithy - are welcome. Students and solo librarians are especially encouraged to enter. If you happen to also be a member of MPLA, there is a second raffle you can enter. If your membership for either NMLA or MPLA has lapsed, you can [renew online](https://wildapricot.nmla.org/Joint-NMLA/MPLA-Conference) and be instantly eligible to enter. Join or renew your MPLA membership [here](https://wildapricot.nmla.org/Joint-NMLA/MPLA-Conference). Please note, the raffle is for registration only and does not include lodging or transportation costs. Enter by August 15 for best consideration. One winner from each association will be chosen.
University Libraries Soft Launches New Website

The University Libraries Web Steering Committee has been at work for the last year on the redesign of the main library website. A significant driver of the project was to update the structure of the site to leverage the latest UNM content management system templates and to update the design using the current brand standards. Additionally, the web team is interested in making sure the services used most by students are easy to find, showcasing our unique collections and featuring important collections and services. The new site uses responsive design to support users who are using the library from their mobile devices without having to maintain a separate mobile site. The Beta site is live for users to view and give feedback at goto.unm.edu/web. Feel free to take a look and submit your comments using the link in the banner at the top of the homepage.

Personnel News

Education librarian, Sarah Kostelecky, recently transitioned to the Director of Digital Initiatives and Scholarly Communication (DISC) after the departure of Kevin Comerford. Her appointment began on July 1st.

Current employee, Mel Ribas, has moved into the role of Library Services Coordinator for Information & Reference Services. In her new role, Mel will support the ongoing development and delivery of reference and information services across the University Libraries. She will convene the Reference Working Group and serve on the Access Services Leadership Group. Mel began her new duties July 8.
New Employees at NMSU Library

The New Mexico State University Library has added two new staff members. Please join us in welcoming Patricia Mejia and Alisa Gonzalez. Patricia is the new Library Operation Manager for Access Services. Alisa Gonzales is the new Library Department head of Reference and Research. We want to welcome them to New Mexico and to New Mexico State University Library.

Dime Novels: “The Most Thrilling Stories Ever Published!”

The NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections (ASC) will display numerous colorfully illustrated covers from the library’s extensive “dime novel” collection. Dime Novels: “The Most Thrilling Stories Ever Published!” highlights some of the over 3,800 dime novels held by ASC. The exhibit in Branson Library’s lobby is free and open to the public during normal business hours. Dime novels were works of fiction, often serialized, written for young working-class people during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Easily identified by their cover illustrations and low price, they were described at the time as “lowbrow” or “lurid literature,” and contained melodramatic storylines with adventurous characters. Genres of dime novels included detectives, outlaws, inventors, boy wonders, and Western heroes. To learn more about the Library’s dime novel collection, please go to http://lib.nmsu.edu/archives/specialcollections.html.
NMLA Nominees for 2019-2020
Submitted by the NMLA Nominations Committee: Lynette Schurdevin, Jennnifer Hillsey, and Paulette Arnone

Here is the list of nominees for the open 2019-2020 NMLA positions and their biographical information. Elections will be done electronically using Google forms and will be open for voting the second week of September. More information to follow.

Vice President/President Elect
Greetings! My name is J. Melanie Templet. I have been the Library Director at Sandia Preparatory School in Albuquerque for 10 years. Before that I was the head librarian at Rio Rancho High School until I was able to build the Rio Rancho Mid-High library and then consult on the construction of the Cleveland High library. I am a Louisiana native who moved to New Mexico in 1999 for the clear skies and low humidity and have been a member of NMLA ever since. I have been on the planning committee of several of the NMLA conferences and held several NMLA Executive Board positions - currently By-laws Committee Chair.

My undergraduate degree is in Education with an emphasis in science and my masters in Library and Information Science both from LSU. I have worked in public libraries, special libraries, academic and school libraries in both states I call home.

My interests include needle arts, astronomy, space science, archaeoastronomy, and Middle Ages history. I was instrumental in the building of the Rainbow Park Observatory in Rio Rancho and the Highland Road Observatory in Baton Rouge. Currently I hold the Vice-President and Observatory Coordinator positions for the Rio Rancho Astronomical Society and am past-president of both organizations. I am also an active member in the Society for Creative Anachronism (a Middle Ages living history organization) previously holding local and regional offices. I have organized the “Living History” portion of the Albuquerque Renaissance Faire since its beginning.

I feel my body of experience gives me a broad range of knowledge that will help me hold the position of President of the New Mexico Library Association.

Treasurer
Kelli Murphy—I’m currently an Area Manager with the Public Library – Albuquerque & Bernalillo County library system. However, if you’re on the NMLA listserv, you’ve probably seen my name in your inbox in my other capacity as chair of the Local Arrangements Committee. For the last five years, I’ve been heavily involved in all aspects of planning for NMLA’s annual conference. I have greatly enjoyed getting to know so many people within NMLA and working with them to make the conference experience the best we can for all the attendees. I’m ready for a new challenge, though, which is why I’m running for Treasurer. I’ve worked very closely with the last two Treasurers to address the many issues that come up related to conference invoices and payments. I have a good understanding of what the role of Treasurer entails and the level of commitment it involves. I’m a detail-oriented person with excellent project management skills and am confident I will be able to juggle the demands of the Treasurer position with my other responsibilities. I would appreciate your vote and hope to see many of you at the NMLA-MTPLA joint conference at the end of October!

Member – at – Large - 2 open positions
Anne Lefkofsky- An inherent strength of the New Mexico Library Association is its ability to catalyze community, communications and connections within the membership and beyond. The Member-at-Large position plays a significant role in advancing the profile and impact of NMLA by:
- Facilitating communication between SIGs and the Board
- Helping members make connections by organizing mini-conferences, and Building the NMLA community through membership promotion and educational activities

Given the opportunity to serve as a Member-at-Large, I’m eager to make contributions toward identifying Association initiatives and solutions that are responsive, inclusive and sustainable for the membership. My professional and service experience brings a unique fit to this position. While I bring depth in public library work, my tenure as NMLA President, as an NMLA Board and committee member, as a conference presenter, and as a member of the New Mexico Library Foundation Board have afforded me an invaluable perspective on all aspects of library and professional issues.
NMLA Nominees (continued from page 4)

An Albuquerque native, I earned a BA from the University of New Mexico, and an MLibr from the University of Washington – Seattle. I began my career with Fort Bend County Libraries near Houston, TX, and have been with the Public Library Albuquerque-Bernalillo County for many years. I’m currently a librarian at Main Library – having also served as Serials Librarian and Acquisitions/Collection Development Manager during my time with the system. I was also on staff at the New Mexico State Library as Development Bureau Director.

As NMLA’s capacity and reach continue to grow, it would be an honor to serve our profession and NMLA’s membership in this capacity!

Jodi Miller
I am a member of NMLA and enjoy attending conferences as part of my professional development. I would like to be one of the NMLA members at large so I can serve libraries in a new capacity. My passion is welcoming people into the library setting with a friendly greeting and getting people excited about reading.

I went to college for my AAS and BBA. Nearing the end of my undergraduate degrees, I decided that I wanted to become a librarian in a public library setting. I attended UT Austin and graduated in December 2002 with an MSIS. I have been a professional librarian in CA, KS, TX and NM. Since October 2017, I have been an Adult Services Librarian for Rio Rancho Public Libraries. I enjoy assisting customers, doing collection development and conducting outreach and programming. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, especially historical romances and Christian fiction. Thank you for considering me!

Ellen Bosman
Ellen Bosman is Head of Technical Services at New Mexico State University, a position she has held since 2004. She has been a member of ALA for 20+ years and has held several office within the organization, as well as positions within state-level library associations prior to coming to New Mexico. As Member-at-Large, Ellen wants to bring her many years of experience to bear to represent the membership and assist in activities such as conference and program planning and writing and revising policies and procedures.

Helen Stein, School Librarian at Albuquerque Public Schools—bio no received by time of publication

Kate Alderete—bio no received by time of publication
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Go to https://mpla.us/quick-links/leadership-institute.html to access more information and application forms.
Direct your questions to Aubrey Madler: coordinator@mpla.us

La Pinta Art and Poetry from the Penitentiary of New Mexico

Submitted by Roseanna Andrade

Spanish slang for prison, this group exhibition features artistic and literary talent by men who are incarcerated at the Minimum Restrict Level II Facility at the Penitentiary of New Mexico.
Through unique traditional prison art techniques, inmate artworks and poems highlight the diverse cultures of New Mexico and the Southwest.

Expressions of sights and sounds that transcend confinement:

Many visual artists collect found materials to produce creative pieces that bring color and beauty to the bland and stark prison setting. One skillfully crafted piece titled Delicate sculpted from toilet paper and bread and painted with acrylic paints renders a realistic bouquet of flowers.

With mastery of language, a skill highly regarded in prison, the verbal artists bring aural calm and composure to the often noisy and chaotic prison space. One poem titled Hatch Chilies plays with words and rhyme to create a delightful ode to this New Mexico specialty.

Rounding out the exhibition are mixed media drawings by featured artist Albert Medina.

The inspired sights and sounds by these prison artists attest to the humanity that resides in La Pinta.

On view at the gallery space at the Santa Fe Public Library from June 7th through July 31, 2019.
And the Land of Enchantment Book Winners Are...

Submitted by Diane Guiett, LOE Co-Chair

We would like to announce the winners of the 2018-2019 Land of Enchantment Book Awards. This year we had a variety of genres for our readers. Shown above are the winners with the Storyteller award that is sent to each author. The Roadrunner award (ages K-2) was the largest voting category this year, with 4,325 votes, with the winner being The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors, by Drew Daywait and illustrated by Adam Rex, published by Balzer + Bray. The Coyote award, with 1,958 votes in the category, goes to The Book of Mistakes, by Corinna Luyken, published by Dial Books. The Lizard award, with 45 votes in the category, goes to The Iron Trial (Magisterium #1), by Holly Black, published by Scholastic Press. The Black Bear award, with 23 votes in the category, goes to Scythe (Arc of a Scythe), by Neal Schusterman, published by Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

We want to thank all of those that voted and promoted the books for our students to read. And now is the time to get ready for the 2019-2020 voting. To find a list of the books by category, please go to: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sFz3l-4HxpofC8IO-0zDY-ONvih04NaFWb9XiXkvV1k/edit

Access to Legal Information

By Rebecca Potance, Law Librarian 1, NM Supreme Court Law Library

In May of this year, the New Mexico Compilation Commission upgraded its website, www.nmonesource.com, providing free legal information to the public in an easy-to-use manner. This is an important resource for people who represent themselves in court to have equal access to the law. In addition to official state laws, NMOneSource includes a searchable database of court opinions from both the New Mexico Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Attorney General Opinions and official forms for use in various courts throughout the state. Users who do not know the citation of the law they are looking for can use the search bar and see suggestions based on their search terms. There are training videos on YouTube to help users navigate the database. Those who need to do in-depth legal research can create a free account to add notes, highlight text, bookmark pages and create alerts to be notified of updates. This research tool is available to anyone with an interest in New Mexico law, and the New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library encourages librarians throughout the state to refer users to it. For access to more information, visit our website at https://lawlibrary.nmcourts.gov or email our law librarians at libref@nmcourts.gov.
Rediscovering Historical Resources

By Gabrielle Montano, Law Librarian 1, NM Supreme Court Law Library

The librarians at the Supreme Court Law Library have taken on the task of inventorying the library’s print collection. This is a huge endeavor for a library that has three levels, plus a basement, and has been in its current location since 1937.

One of the fun aspects of an inventory is going into parts of the library that do not get much traffic and rediscovering historical resources. For example, the library collects New Mexico legislative material during each legislative session so it was no surprise to see bound volumes of the House and Senate Bills shelved in the Archive. What was surprising, and what the inventory revealed, is how far back the library’s collection goes.

The initial survey of the New Mexico Bills collection shows the library has legislative material starting with the 34th Legislative Assembly in 1901. This is a historical resource from territorial times. New Mexico officially became a state in 1912. The inventory has also shown the law library has House and Senate Bills from the very first state Legislature.

What is fun about looking at these historical resources is comparing what is available today to what was done over a hundred years ago. For example, we have the convenience of the New Mexico legislative website that allows everyone access to legislative materials and actions and enables us to see updates to specific bills. A hundred years ago, the bill itself was typed on a typewriter, the actions were handwritten, and they were only available in print.

The inventory in the Archive has reminded us in the law library that we have the unique benefit of being able to access legislative materials that are online, as well as to print materials that date back to Territorial New Mexico. The goal is to find out exactly what resources our collection holds so that we can make them accessible by cataloging and preserving them for future generations. Currently, the New Mexico legislative material is in the library’s Archive. An appointment to use Archive material is required. To request an appointment you can e-mail the library at libref@nmcourts.gov.

To view the cataloged portions of the law library’s collection, you can visit the OPAC at https://n10045.eos-intl.net/N10045/OPAC/index.aspx.

As they continue the inventory process, the librarians at the Supreme Court Law Library hope to rediscover more hidden gems within the collection and share them with everyone.

NMLA Awards and Honors

NMLA has been giving awards since 1957 to honor those who have made an important contribution on behalf of New Mexico Libraries. NMLA presents 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 the end of January to make sure information is included in the awards program and ceremony. The deadline for submissions is August 16, 2019. Please see https://nmla.org/awards-honors for more information.
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