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New Mexico Representative MPLA Board Report

NMLA/MPLA Joint Conference – NMLA is preparing to make arrangements for the 2007 NMLA/MPLA Joint Conference. NMLA President, Kathy Matter, has appointed Valerie Nye and Cassandra Osterloh a committee to locate a suitable site for the conference. Anne Lefkofsky, current NMLA Vice President/President Elect will be assisting the committee in the site search. The committee is planning to meet with two venues in Albuquerque on July 28th.

Libraries Lend a Hand – The New Mexico Library Association had a very successful conference in Albuquerque March 30th – April 1st. Noted speakers included Lt. Governor Diane Denish, children’s book illustrator Rosemary Wells, and WebJunction Project Manager Marilyn Mason. The exhibit, From Goodnight Moon to Art Dog: The World of Clement, Edith and Thacher Hurd was held at the Albuquerque Museum in conjunction with the library conference. The conference attracted 476 attendees and 64 exhibitors.

State Aid to Public Libraries – The New Mexico State Library did not receive sufficient monies to fully fund State Aid in FY 2006. In FY 2005 76 public libraries received a total of \$350,000 in State Aid. In FY 2006 79 public libraries will share a total of \$273,000 in State Aid.

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