

New Mexico Representative MPLA Board Report

- NMLA/MPLA Joint Conference Site Selection – The 2007 Conference Site Committee has recommended a venue to the NMLA board for the joint conference. We have encountered some difficulty communicating with the venue and finalizing a contract, but hope to have a contract signed by the end of October.
- NMLA/MPLA 2007 Conference Task Force – NMLA President, Kathy Matter, has formed a 2007 Conference Task Force in preparation for the joint conference. Task Force members are: Valerie Nye (chair), Anne Lefkofsky (local arrangements), Cassandra Osterloh (program), Joe Becker (treasurer), Linda Morgan Davis (publicity), Lorie Christian (NMLA Administrator). The committee met for the first time in September. A draft schedule for the 2007 conference was agreed upon and “next steps” were outlined.
- NMLA Mini Conference – NMLA’s annual Mini Conference is in Tucumcari NM October 27th-28th. The conference will include 3 breakout sessions for 4 library “strands” (academic, public, school, and general).
- NMLA Website – The site has been updated! Visit: <http://www.nmla.org/> Lorie Christian (NMLA Administrator) and Linda Morgan Davis (Publicity Chair) are working to update the site on a regular basis. The NMLA membership is being called upon to be creative and submit photographs and artwork to make the site interesting. The Association’s newsletter has moved to the website. Hardcopy newsletters are being mailed to individuals who have requested copies, all other members now access the newsletter through the NMLA site by entering a password. The electronic newsletter is allowing NMLA to extend content without additional cost.
- NMLA 2006 Conference – Conference planners are preparing for the 2006 Conference in Farmington. The conference theme is Community Connections, Community Collections. The conference will run March 19-21. MPLA members and librarians in Colorado, Arizona, and Utah are all invited to attend. The deadline for submitting proposals for conference sessions has been extended to 10/26. All proposals are welcome. Proposal forms are available at: <http://www.nmla.org/membership/forms/conferenceproposal.pdf>
- New Public Libraries – Santa Fe Public Library broke ground on a much needed branch library on the south side of the city on September 14th. The \$4.7 million branch will serve the city’s fastest growing area. The branch will be within walking distance of five schools and over 4,000 school age children. The Aztec Public Library hosted grand opening ceremonies for their new building on September 24th. The \$1.9 million new building is more than twice the size of the original library at 9,377 square feet.
- Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS) – The Mountain West and Central Plains Chapters of ARLIS will be hosting a joint conference in Santa Fe on October 27-30. The conference theme is Where Cultures, Museums, and Libraries Meet. Keynote speakers include Barbara Buhler Lynes, Curator at the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum and Emily Fisher Landau Director of the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum Research Center.
- Archives Week Celebration – The New Mexico State Archives and Record Center is celebrating Archives Week October 16-21. The celebration’s theme is Lure of the Land: Records, Promises and Politics. Events include two film screenings and a Land Symposium where participants will discuss some of New Mexico’s 275 documented land grants.

Submitted by Valerie Nye
October, 2005