

New Mexico (ST-7 Report)

January 4, 2013

Los Lunas, NM

MPLA Activities

- Sent news items to Newsletter editor
- Posted MPLA information and announcements on NMLA list server/wiki
- Posted on MPLA Facebook page
- Reported on MPLA Conference to NMLA Board in October

New Mexico Library Association News

The Annual Conference will be April 17-19, 2013 at the Albuquerque Sheraton Upton. Registration and other details is available at <http://nmla.org/annual-conference/>.

The Association continues to deal with difficult financial issues. The administrator's salary and hours have been reduced.

In October the Board decided to transition the Annual Conference from spring to fall. This will require some by-law changes and membership approval.

Legislative Issues

The 2012 GO Bond Issue B passed by an unofficial margin of 160,506 votes. With 413,419 yes votes and 253,134 no votes, Bond B won with 62.0% in favor, 9.6 percentage points higher than attained by library bond issue B in 2010. The Bond will provide \$9.7 million for public, academic, public school and tribal libraries.

Legislative Day is February 7, 2013.

Other Information

In New Mexico the Taos Public Library, Pueblo of Isleta Library, Embudo Vally Library & Community Center in Dixon, Eleanor Daggett Memorial Library, Chama, and Tularosa Public Library have received star ratings from LJ.

Mary Ellen Pennington (NMLA Vice President) is one of the 10 2012 I Love My Librarian Award winners.