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New Mexico (ST-7 Report)

New Mexico State Representative Bradley Carrington

October 23, 2018 MPLA board meeting, Wichita conference

MPLA activity

- Wichita conference program committee meetings
- Awards committee work
- submitted articles for MPLA newsletter
- submitted listings for MPLA Jobline

NM and NMLA news

- conference takes place next week!
- new State Librarian
- we are running our elections now; no opposition for Vice-President, Secretary or ALA Councilor

attachments:

- extracts from NMLA Newsletter
- NMLA reports: legislation, treasury, newsletter, website, program, intellectual freedom, education, library bond vote, election biographies, minutes from June board meeting,

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**Message from the President**

*Dr. John Sandstrom, NMLA President, [president@nmla.org](mailto:president@nmla.org)*

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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**National Book Festival**

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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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**Special points of interest:**

- Welcome Eli Guinnee as the new State Librarian
- Funding for Library Broadband
- NMLA Continuing Education Grants Available

## Message from the President (continued from page 1)

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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."



## Book Festival (continued from page 1)

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.

## UNM University Libraries News

Submitted by Patricia Campbell, College of University Library & Learning Services, UNM, [pcamp@unm.edu](mailto:pcamp@unm.edu)

### 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 project 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 please 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.”

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## New Proposal to Fund Rural Public Libraries

By Joe Sabatini

An article in the July 1<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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  
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Totah Theater  
6:30 - 8:30 pm Finale

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## 2018 Go Bonds

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

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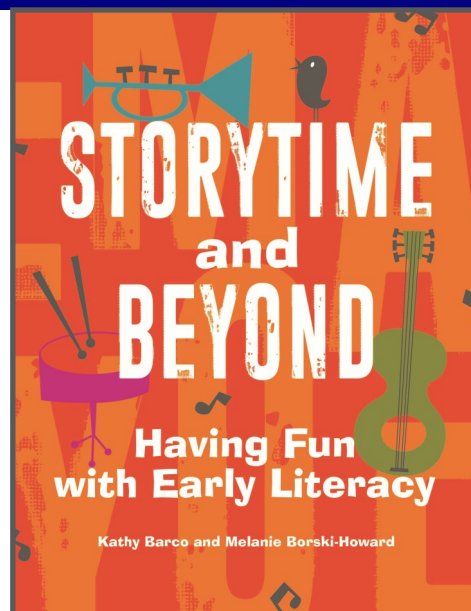
## Local Authors Corner: Orange is the New Book

Submitted by Kathy Barco, [kathy.barco@gmail.com](mailto: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.



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## NMLA Membership Update: Pumpkin Spiced Membership

Submitted by Kathleen Dull, NMLA Membership Committee Chair, [membership@nmla.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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## 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?



## NMLA Membership

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## NMLA Annual Conference: Completing Circles

### When:

October 31 -- November 2 2018

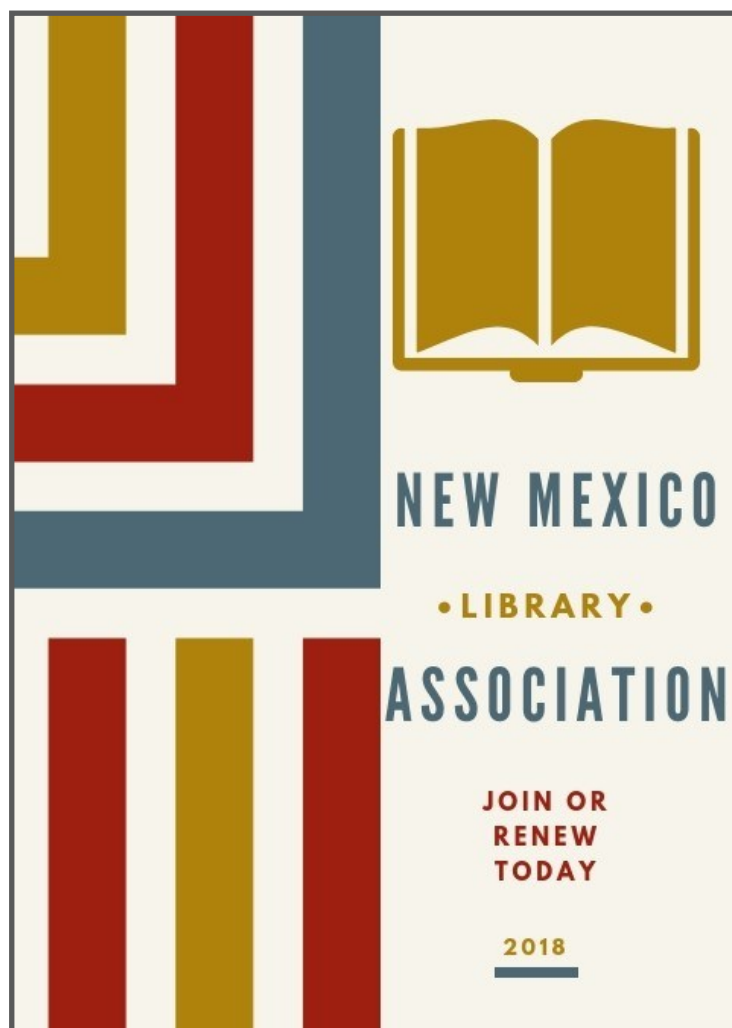
### Where:

Albuquerque Marriott 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.**



## NMLA Officers and Committee Chairs

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President's Report  
September 2018

Administrative Assistant

I let the ball drop on this. I have contacted the current applications I have to see who is still interested and have already received a few responses back. I gave them until Friday to respond, so Monday I will send out the packages for those who are still interested and we will go from there.

GoToMeeting

The current subscription is up from renewal in October. Looking though their site, we currently have one (1) host, me, and adding additional hosts increases our subscription by about \$588 each. So for the moment, anyone who wants to host a GoToMeeting session will need to come to me to host it. I will be glad to do so, although it will help to have at least a weeks' notice.

NMLA Comes to You

I am still trying to get this off the ground. I am working with Farmington to schedule a session, NMSU – Main has offered to host a session, but I haven't heard from anyone else. At-Large members, you were asked to help with this, can you do some outreach to your SIGs or where you live?

Strategic Planning

I have some volunteers, thank you Julia Kelso, Joe Sabatini, and Sarah Obenauf. If I missed anyone who has already responded, please remind me, if you are interested please let me know.

Friday Lunch Program

I would like to invite John Chraska from EveryLibrary to come and speak at the luncheon on "Building Grassroots Library Support" or something in that area. Does this meet with your approval? EveryLibrary will cover his travel if we can provide a hotel room.

Travel

I will be at JCLC later this month and October will be MPLA and our conference. I'm looking forward to seeing our members at all three of these.

## NMLA 2018 Election info

### Vice-President/President-Elect biographies

My name is David Cox, and I serve as the Director of the OSL as well as Director of the Joseph R. Skeen Library at NMT. I came to NMT to continue to pursue my deep desire of helping students and faculty to become Information Literate, proficient in the use of communication tools, and invigorated in teaching, research and application of these skills to help others. As the parent of an autistic son (I have 5 children, 5 grandchildren) I have sought to find ways of learning and teaching that are appropriate and applicable to others. I returned to library and information science work after many years of service as a trained philologist, professor, archivist and archaeologist, and a Lutheran pastor. My great loves in the Library are Archives, Manuscript work, and Special Collections. I hold a PhD from the University of St Andrews, St Andrews, Scotland, as well as 3 Masters Degrees and a Bachelor's Degree. I have worked/dug in archeological fields in North America and Asia (Middle East).

My interests include gardening, travel, writing, hiking/spelunking, archeology and paleontology, ornithology, and baseball (I have been an umpire in another life). Throughout my careers I have enjoyed helping others to understand and be aware of the mystery, complexity and beauty of life. I find joy in aiding others to deepen their knowledge and insight in whatever career or discipline of which they are a part. I have been an active participant in the ongoing dialogue of Religion, Culture, Science and Technology. I attempt to avoid green peas.

### Secretary Biographies

Sarah Edwards Obenauf is currently serving as the Interim Secretary for NMLA. She holds a MA in Medieval History from the University of New Mexico, and a MLIS degree from San Jose State University. She is the Public Services & Instruction Librarian at the Joseph R. Skeen Library at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

### Member-at-Large Biographies

Sharon Jenkins Since earning a Ph.D in Information Science I have happily served the library profession at the local, regional and national levels. Most recently as a past-President of the New Mexico Library Association. I am a past-chair of the Education Committee as well as a past-President of the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries. I am currently Library Director at New Mexico State University in Alamogordo. I look forward to serving our profession in whatever capacity I can for many years to come.

Kayla Kasprzak is the reference librarian at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, NM. She moved from Wisconsin to get a start on her career and is excited to become involved with NMLA. In her free time she likes to crochet, read, and learn about Southwest history. Kayla thinks it's strange about the obsession with chilies in every dish but was quick to get on board! She can't wait to make more professional connections during her time in New Mexico.

Ellen Bosman is Professor and Head of Technical Services at New Mexico State University, a position she has held since 2004. She has held many positions at the national level with ALA –GLBTRT, including Treasurer, chair of The Stonewall Book Awards Committee, a member of the program planning committee, and chair of the Book Awards Program Planning Committee. She hopes to bring her experience working with committees to NMLA. Her research interests in GLBT literature and church libraries.

Ron Gonzales As far as library directors go, I'm a relative newbie. I took over the directorship of the Grants

Public Library - formerly the Mother Whiteside Memorial Library - two years ago this month. And I can say that the two-year ride has been nothing short of a roller coaster...not the kind that you hope will end soon, but the kind that's sort of scary and thrilling, and you can't wait to tell your friends about it afterwards. My path to this directorship was a bit unique; I was a high school English language arts teacher at Grants High School for 10 years (I worked a lot with the School's bilingual and English as second language students) and that gave way to a two-year sabbatical of sorts, where I wrote for the local paper's high school sports section. Four years ago, I began a two-year stint at Los Alamitos Middle School in Grants, teaching reading intervention and other language components, and from there, I was sort of recruited by the Mayor of Grants to take over as director in 2016. I've been a career journalist as well, with an eight-year stint as an Albuquerque Journal entertainment writer under my belt, as well as a one-year stint as an assistant sports media relations director at the University of New Mexico, so it is that journalism is a sort of hobby for me. As is playing drums in a punk rock band with my adult son and high school junior-aged daughter, or camping and traveling with them and my wife Justine, herself a middle school science teacher. My home, 15 miles south and west of Grants in the 7,600-foot Zuni Mountains, gives me ample peace and quiet...my position at the Library offers copious craziness, and I love it!!

Natasha Chides I'm from Charlottesville, Virginia. Growing up as an only child the library was a place of fun, creativity and adventure for me. My first job was in the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library and I have working in public and academic libraries for several years. I have supported libraries and literacy in every community that I have lived in. I have been a member/friend of the ALA for the past 5 years, in addition to supporting the ACRL, the African American Studies Librarians Interest Group, the Anthropology and Sociology section, the University Libraries section, LITA and the Library Research Roundtable.. I am currently serving my second term, as Vice President and as the At-Large member of the Rio Rancho Library Advisory Board of Trustees. I am always eager to serve and support the libraries in my community and state.

#### ALA/APA Councilor Biographies

Dr. Elizabeth Titus Dr. Titus has been a member of both the American Library Association, the New Mexico Library Association, and the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries for over 17 years. In ALA she has had a variety of leadership roles (committee chair, section chair, and division board member) in ALA LLAMA Division committees including the Library Building and Awards Cmt. (Chair), Buildings Safety and Security Cmt. (Chair), FRFDS Fund Fare Cmt. (Chair and FRFDS Section Chair), LOMS Planning and Evaluation of Library Services, and currently on the LLAMA BECOP LIFE (LIFE Community of Practice which looks at library interiors, furnishings and Equipment. At the state level I have worked since 2000 on NMCAL and NMLA legislative committees which jointly have been advocates for legislation associated with the Library GO Bond including library legislative day related activities. In both Illinois and Michigan, I have had experience in representing all types of libraries academic, public, school, and special. I have worked at Detroit Public Library, Detroit, MI., Oakland University Library, Rochester, MI., Northern Illinois Regional Library System(NILS), Rockford Illinois, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. and since 2000, New Mexico State University. It would be an honor represent and be an advocate for New Mexico Library issues as its ALA liaison.

Degrees: B.A. in Political Science, Michigan State University-Oakland, A.M.L. S. University of Michigan, Master's in Urban Planning, Wayne State University, Ph.D. Northern Illinois University



NMLA Legislation Committee  
Committee Report, September 10, 2018

By Joe Sabatini and Cynthia Shetter, Co-Chairs

The Committee continues to work with the Advocacy for School Libraries Special Interest Group to organize a presentation on the status of New Mexico school libraries and librarians to the Legislative Education Study Committee. The LESC has put school libraries on the agenda for their meeting on Thursday, September 27. ASLSIG is preparing a presentation by several librarians from around the state. The Legislation Committee will assist in publicizing the hearing to promote a high attendance by interested librarians.

We are prepared to work with the Libraries Transform Broadband Task Force to get funding from the 2019 Legislature to implement HB 207, the Library Broadband Infrastructure Fund.

Linda O'Connell of the Bonds for Libraries SIG worked with Robyn to create the [nmbondsforlibraries.org](http://nmbondsforlibraries.org) website on our new NMLA provider Wild Apricot. Linda, Omar Durant and Joe Sabatini updated the pages on the website so that it is available in support of the 2018 Library Bond Issue. Chris Schipper and the New Mexico Library Foundation provided an interactive chart of estimated bond allocations by county.

An article in the July 1<sup>st</sup> Albuquerque Journal alerted the Committee about legislation to be submitted to the 2019 Legislature by Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino. He 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. 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 it is insufficient. 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 29<sup>th</sup>. One possible alternative is to put funding into the Rural Library Development Fund. This was passed and signed in 2008, 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 or substantially increasing the state grants-in-aid program, which is already weighted toward sustaining the smallest libraries. The Committee will be active in working on this issue in the 2019 Legislature.

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## **Bonds for Libraries**

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The NMLA Bonds for Libraries Special Interest Group has begun its 2018 GO Bond Information Project

**General Obligation Bond funds aid Academic, Public, School, and Tribal Libraries.**

**Bond amount on the November 6 ballot is \$12,876,000. This includes \$4 million each for academic, school and public libraries, \$750,000 for tribal libraries.**

**The SIG has set up a website for the purpose of keeping New Mexico Librarians and citizens informed of the 2018 library GO Bond Issue progress. It will include an interactive map showing the allocation of Bond funds to libraries in each NM County. The map was funded and developed by the New Mexico Library Foundation.**

[www.nmbondsforlibraries.org](http://www.nmbondsforlibraries.org)

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Treasurer Report – September 11, 2018

1. Secretary of State: I have not been able to register myself as an agent with the Secretary of State. Treasurers have secured NMLA’s non-profit status in the past, but I have not been successful. I think they want John Sandstrom to do this. See section 2, part 5 of our procedures:

The President shall file appropriate documentation and/or form with the New Mexico State Corporation Commission to maintain the Association’s non-profit corporation status. The NMLA Archivist will be listed as the Association’s registered agent.

Maybe this is in our procedures because the Treasurer shall be perpetually rejected by the New Mexico Secretary of State.

2. Insurance – Our current policy covers basic liability for slip and fall. Our additional bond covers fraud if we receive a court judgement. In addition, our current policies do not cover Directors (the President), Officers, the Treasurer, etc.

3. Bank Account Balances as of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

NMLA Checking - Main	\$104,467.27
Checking	\$ 24,850.15
Checking	\$ 2,900.00
Savings	\$2,605.91
Savings	\$2,605.91
Savings	\$150.39
Total	\$137,579.63

4. I will send Profit and Loss Statement by Tuesday, September 18. Thank you for your patience.

Submitted by Bridget O’Leary-Storer, Treasurer 9/10/2018

Report to NMLA Board September 2018

### **Conference Programs**

*Bradley Carrington, Chair*

*Members: Tiffany Shirmer (academic), John Sandstrom (VP), Bradley Carrington (public), Kelli Murphy (Local Arrangements Chair)*

Here is your 2018 Program! <http://tinyurl.com/nmla2018>

- Some of the SIG meetings not confirmed, but perhaps some interested people will meet-up anyway.
- Still room for more posters.
- Author Luncheon still not confirmed; NMLA will make this a separate committee. The separate committee will plan the luncheon; similar to how Awards plans the banquet. Land of Enchantment Committee used to plan the Author Luncheon.

And here is the 2018 MPLA Program:

[http://kslibassoc.org/content.php?page=Conference\\_Presentation\\_Schedule](http://kslibassoc.org/content.php?page=Conference_Presentation_Schedule)

NMLA committee work timeline, dates estimated:

- April – First call for program presenter proposals
- June 15 – Proposals due
- June 18 and following - two weeks for committee to slot the proposals into the conference grid
- July 2 – this week notify all the accepted speakers; make acceptance letter a form mailed from programs@ and signed by John and Brad
- July 31 – Speaker confirmations due
- Oct. 1 – Speaker registrations due
- Oct. 20 – Program to printers

### **Conference Site**

*Bradley Carrington, Chair*

*Members: Zach McNellis, Carnegie Public Library (Las Vegas)*

2019 Mini-Conference

- Socorro, March 21-22, 2019 (NMT Spring Break) -- details to follow.

2019 Annual (joint conference with MPLA)

- Hotel Albuquerque contract signed 12/21/16 by Lynette

2020 Annual

- Marriott Pyramid contract signed 2/27/18 by Marian

Upcoming dates:

### **New Mexico**

- 2018 -- Oct 31-Nov 2
- 2019 Mini -- Mar 21-22
- 2019 -- Oct 30-Nov 1

- 2020 -- Oct 21-23

#### **Mountain Plains**

- 2018 -- Oct 24-26 (Kansas)
- 2019 -- Oct 30-Nov 1
- 2020 -- (no conf; UT is next after NM and UT meets in spring)
- 2021 ULA/MPLA Joint Conference. Conference will be held at Mountain America Expo Center in Sandy, Utah

#### **Arizona**

- (2017 was Oct 25-27; we've overlapped in the past)
- 2018 -- October 25-26th (conflicts with MPLA) Mesa Convention Center
- For 2019 dates contact Michelle Simon (michelle.Simon@pima.gov) AZ president elect and Christine Dykgraaf (christine.dykgraaf@pima.gov) the conference co-chair that will be involved in next year's conference.

#### **Texas**

- 2018 -- Nov 10 (District 6, El Paso)
- 2019 -- Apr 15-18
- 2020 -- Mar 24-27
- 2021 -- April 20-23

## **NMLA Membership Committee Report September 11, 2018**

Prepared by Kathleen Dull, Membership Chair, [membership@nmla.org](mailto:membership@nmla.org)

### **Summary:**

- Current Member Count: 472, up from 461 in June

### **Progress:**

- During the past 30 days, 15 people have joined and there has been a noticeable increase in activity with conference registration open.

### **Pending items:**

- Increase renewals amongst lapsed members. The issue of a large proportion of the membership having lapsed membership continues. Currently, 217 members are needing to renew.
- We there could be a major overhaul of the newsletter and listserv lists, in which we could take out all of the lapsed members, but that would need to be discussed.

## Newsletter Editor & Website Administrator Report

Robyn Gleasner

[newsletter@nmla.org](mailto:newsletter@nmla.org)

9/10/18

### Newsletter

The deadline for the September/October issue of the newsletter is September 14, 2018. Please send stories and updates to [newsletter@nmla.org](mailto:newsletter@nmla.org).

### Website

Please send an email to [newsletter@nmla.org](mailto:newsletter@nmla.org) if any board members need access to the Board Members Only section or to the Members Only sections of the website. I would like to transition these pages to WildApricot over the next few months.

Below is a chart showing Jan. 2018 – Sept. 2018 use statistics for the [nmla.org](http://nmla.org) website:

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2018	8,091	14,733	52,646	105,012	6.20 GB
Feb 2018	6,881	13,677	62,840	121,570	6.36 GB
Mar 2018	6,670	13,699	60,415	123,600	6.33 GB
Apr 2018	5,347	12,449	53,901	112,340	5.42 GB
May 2018	4,964	12,343	63,844	126,855	8.18 GB
Jun 2018	4,999	11,587	60,941	119,578	7.21 GB
Jul 2018	3,970	8,475	27,431	68,407	4.86 GB
Aug 2018	3,753	8,262	27,813	74,777	5.65 GB
<b>Sep 2018</b>	1,024	2,054	5,747	12,859	937.62 MB
Oct 2018	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 2018	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 2018	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,699</b>	<b>97,279</b>	<b>415,578</b>	<b>864,998</b>	<b>51.13 GB</b>

The store pages that were on Shopsite have been transitioned to WildApricot. Advertisements and out of state job announcements can be purchased through <https://nmla.wildapricot.org/store>.

### CQ Engage

The new legislative action center called CQ Engage has been set up and is available on the NMLA website at <http://cqrcengage.com/nmla/>. I will be working with the membership committee to add our members so that we can see what actions are important to our members.





**New Mexico Library Association  
Education Committee September, 2018 Report  
Tuesday, September 11, 2018**

**Education Committee Members**

Kevin J. Comerford (Chair)  
Paulita Aguilar  
Sarah Allison  
Deirdre Caparoso  
Ron Gonzales  
Sarah Kostelecky  
Alana McGrattan  
Alyssa Russo  
Valerie Valdez

**Scholarship Programs Status**

The committee had an excellent response to the announcements for the scholarship programs this spring, and we evaluated 7 candidates for the Marion Dorroh Scholarship. Stephanie Akau was selected as the scholarship recipient. No eligible candidates applied for the College Scholarship.

**Continuing Education Grant Program**

The committee has not received any new CE grant applications since last winter. We are preparing an announcement for the next newsletter and to go out in email prior to the annual conference.



NMLA Board Meeting  
GoToMeeting Virtual Space  
June 20, 2015  
1:00 – 3:00 pm  
GoToMeeting Web Conference

### **AGENDA**

**Call to order:** 1:11pm

John Sandstrom

**Attendees:** John Sandstrom, Bradley Carrington, Sarah Edwards Obenauf, Bridget O’Leary-Storer, Kevin Comerford, Lynette Schurdevin, Cordelia Hooee, Joe Sabatini, Jose Aranda, Kate Skinner, Kathleen Dull, Robyn Gleasner, [Caller 1, Caller 2, etc.]

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Bridget O’Leary-Storer; seconded by Kevin Comerford. Lynette’s reports moved to beginning of meeting due to events at her library.

**Approval of Minutes from April 2018 meeting:** Motion to approve by Kevin Comerford; seconded by Jose Aranda.

#### **Officer Reports:**

**Secretary** (Sarah Edwards Obenauf): Nothing to report; will submit written report to append to the minutes.

**Treasurer** (Bridget O’Leary-Storer): As far as we know, NMLA is not bonded. Her report includes quotes for bond proposals. A board vote will be forthcoming so we can decide which proposal to go with. Discussed the proposed budget for FY 19; got clarification on line item for meals for mini-conferences vs. meals for annual conference (mini-conference meals were mislabeled).

**President** (John Sandstrom): Still working on written report. Has been busy working on figuring out where he stands as President and what needs to be done on behalf of NMLA.

**Vice President** (John Sandstrom): See notes under “**President.**”

**State Librarian** (Joy Poole): Joy Poole is not here; no written report submitted.

- **Members-at-Large**

- *Kim Barany* – written report for ASL-SIG submitted by Heather Christensen.
  - Advocacy for School Libraries SIG (see attached report)
  - Bonds for Libraries SIG - SIG renewal form submitted by Omar Durant
- *Jose Aranda* –
  - Assessments & Statistics SIG – Still needs a chair, no updates.

- Digital Collections SIG – Renewal form & report submitted by Kevin Comerford
    - ACRL – Still needs a chair, no updates.
  - *Kate Skinner* – nothing to report for the two SIGs listed below
    - Local & Regional History SIG
    - Technical Services SIG – Per Brad Carrington, no report for this SIG and he will send the renewal form soon.
  - *Cordelia Hooee*
    - Native American Libraries SIG – will be meeting quarterly and include professional development
    - Government Information SIG – no news to report
- **ALA/APA Councilor**
  - *Lynette Schurdevin* -
    - 2 resolutions from ALA: first is cessation of separation of families arriving at US/Mexico border. Motion to approve by Lynette, seconded by Bridget. NMLA board adopted resolution/support of NMLA. Second is to honor the African American librarians who fought against Jim Crow laws/library segregation. Motion to approve by Lynette, seconded by Kevin Comerford. NMLA board adopted resolution/support of NMLA. John expressed thanks to Lynette for stepping in to take over position when Stephanie had to step down with little notice.

**Representative Reports:**

- **AASL Representative** (Sara Cook): No report; Sara not in attendance
- **MPLA Representative** (Bradley Carrington): Joint conference with KLA this fall. Would like to endorse Kathleen Dull for MPLA Secretary. There will be a joint conference between MPLA & NMLA in 2019—board members should take a look at the agreement (sent by Brad on June 12<sup>th</sup> to the board’s Yahoo! Group) and be prepared to vote on it in July.
- **Newsletter Editor** (Robyn Gleasner): Written report submitted; Robyn had to leave early.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Archivist** (Jonna Paden): No report submitted
- **Awards Committee** (Mildred Walters & Sarah Kostelecky): No reports submitted
- **Bylaws Committee** (Cassandra Arnold): No reports submitted

- **Conference Site Selection Committee** (Bradley Carrington): Updated list of upcoming conferences. Still looking for a location for mini conference in April 2019. Annual conference location agreements/contracts signed for 2018-2020.
- **Education** (Kevin J. Comerford): Evaluating Marion Dorroh scholarship applications. No college scholarship or continuing education grant applications. Announcement forthcoming about availability for continuing education grants (applications will be due before annual conference). Members are also interested in more fundraising initiatives for Marion Dorroh scholarship fund, will be discussed at future committee meetings.
- **Intellectual Freedom Committee** (Deirdre Caparoso & Margaret Neill): Written report submitted by Deirdre Caparoso
- **Land of Enchantment** (Rose Flores): No report submitted
- **Legislation Committee** (Joseph Sabatini & Cynthia Shetter): Written report submitted. No other news to report.
- **Membership Committee** (Kathleen Dull): Written report submitted. Question/notification for board: when memberships lapse, there is no way to let the members know that they lose access to the list-serv, etc. It is a lot of work to take members off and then add them back as they renew. If anyone has any thoughts on this, please get in touch with Kathleen. At John's request, the board will discuss this over email.
- **Nomination & Election Committee** (Lynette Schurdevin): Nominating report has been submitted; we do not have a nomination for Vice President/President Elect. If you have any ideas on nominations for that position, please let John and Lynette know so they can do some outreach. Google Doc will be sent out in August so votes can be solicited in September.
- **Program Committee** (Bradley Carrington): Written report submitted. There are 48 slots to fill for NMLA conference in ABQ (doesn't count SIG meetings or pre-conference workshops). A little over 50 proposals have been submitted.
- **Public Relations Committee** (Marian Frear): No report submitted

### **Old Business:**

**NMLA Administrative Assistant plans** (John Sandstrom) – position was announced again, with a June 12<sup>th</sup> deadline. No applications! Will repost (with revised dates) and/or try to find someone who is qualified and willing to take the position.

**Wild Apricot and Membership issues** (Kathleen Dull) – We are up and running! Thank you to Bridget for all her hard work.

**GO Bond** (Joe Sabatini) – Joe, Linda O’Connell, and Omar Durant are meeting on 6/21 to review what is on the Bonds for Libraries website, and determine what needs to be updated.

**Web conferencing Services** (John Sandstrom) – John sent out a writeup to the board on what he was able to find. Briefly went over the specs for different web conferencing platforms (GoToMeeting, WebEx, Adobe Connect, Skype). Brad will send along more information on Zoom, which is used by MPLA. Board members are asked to take a look at the writeup again, discuss over email, and be prepared to vote on this in July.

**ALA’s Engage Advocacy Tool** – Google “ALA Engage Advocacy Tool” – there are a lot of nice graphics for use

**NMLA comes to You** – John would still like to do this and visit libraries throughout the state. Would like help from Members-At-Large and will be sending out emails. Would also like one, if not two, online/web-based meetings.

### **Annual Conference Planning**

- **CCSW Contract** (John Sandstrom) – needs to be signed. Contract with the convention services group for this year’s conference (Convention Services of the Southwest). Board will need to discuss over email and vote on this later this month so that vendors can make arrangements.
- **Keynote Speaker** (John Sandstrom) – Jim Neal, ALA President (will be former president in October), has agreed to speak.
- **Programming** (Bradley Carrington) – program on engagement outside of NMLA will tentatively be scheduled to immediately follow the keynote. Currently working on scheduling proposals, and alerting presenters.
- **Local Arrangements** (Kelli Murphy) – Kelli, John, and Brad will be meeting next week to discuss local arrangements for the conference.
- **Luncheon** (John Sandstrom) – is there a volunteer who would like to coordinate this luncheon? John’s idea: this could be a President’s Luncheon. If you would like to volunteer, please let John/the board know within the next week.

## **New Business:**

**ALA Resolutions** (Lynette Schurdevin) – ALA resolutions voted on and passed earlier in the meeting.

- Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation
- Resolution on Cessation of Family Separations for Refugees

**Strategic Planning** (John Sandstrom) – John will be sending out a call to form an ad hoc strategic planning committee. Would like stakeholders other than board members on this committee. Would also like to get input from conference attendees in October. John would like a new plan in place for 2019. Please let John know if you are interested in participating in this.

**Proposed Budget** (John Sandstrom) – John went over the proposed budget for FY 19. Motion to accept budget as proposed issued by Lynette Schurdevin, seconded by Bridget O’Leary-Storer, approved by board.

**Other business?** – (from earlier in the meeting) New SIG for Public Library Directors; no funding needed. John will appoint this SIG to a member-at-large. Motion to approve this SIG issued by Kevin Comerford, seconded by Bridget O’Leary-Storer, approved by board. Lynette will take care of the necessary paperwork.

**Announcements** – Costume party for opening reception at NMLA Conference. John will also be hosting NMLA happy hour at ALA’s conference hotel in NOLA.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn issued by Bridget O’Leary-Storer, seconded by Kevin Comerford. Adjourned at 3:24pm.

**From:** [nmlamembership](#) on behalf of [Carrington, Bradley, DCA](#)  
**To:** [nmlamembership@mailman.nmsu.edu](mailto:nmlamembership@mailman.nmsu.edu)  
**Subject:** [NMLA] MPLA Awards! Conference!! Newsletter!!!  
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Hello Mountain Librarians,

Here is the new Mountain Plains Library Association newsletter:

<https://www.mpla.us/documents/newsletter/2018/august-september-2018.pdf>

The correct link for the Wichita conference:

[https://kslibassoc.starchapter.com/Conference\\_Presentation\\_Schedule](https://kslibassoc.starchapter.com/Conference_Presentation_Schedule)

At least that's a link to the conference pages that works at the moment. KLA has a new website, so be patient and explore :)

***Registration rates for MPLA members coming soon, so don't register unless you see that rate.***

And! New Mexico keeps winning prizes, so let's keep the momentum going:

- Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award Winners -- 2017 -- Michael Delello
- Innovator Award Winners -- 2016 -- Deanne Dekle
- Dan Chaney Unsung Hero Award Winners -- 2015 -- Jean Whitehorse
- <https://mpla.us/services/awards/>

#### **Nominations Now Open for the 2018 MPLA Awards**

Do you know a colleague or organization in your area that deserves region-wide recognition? Has work been done that needs recognition beyond its immediate impact in your library or community? If so, please consider nominating that person, library, or organization for one of MPLA's six awards.

MPLA members are eligible for the Dan Chaney Unsung Hero Award, the Beginning Professional Award, and the Distinguished Service Award. Everyone in the MPLA member states are eligible for the Innovator Award, the Carl Gaumer Champion Award, and the Literary Contribution Award.

Nominations forms are available at <https://mpla.us/forms/award-nomination.html>.

***Nominations close on August 31, 2018.***

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