NMLA Increases Scholarship

The New Mexico Library Association offers opportunities in education by awarding scholarships for undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education. The Education Committee of the New Mexico Library Association reviews applications and selects recipients for the Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship, the College Scholarship, and for Continuing Education grants.

This year the board of the New Mexico Library Association raised the grant amount of the Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship from $1,500 to $2,500, a significant increase intended to offset the rising costs of graduate education. The scholarship, given in memory of the 1953-54 NMLA president and Kirkland Air Force Base librarian, Marion Dorroh, is for study toward an advanced degree at an ALA-accredited library school. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2001. The College Scholarship fund is for study in an undergraduate college program culminating in an associate’s degree in Library Science which leads to certification or to undergraduate or graduate study towards school librarian certification. Awards of up to $500 per candidate per semester are made twice a year, once for the spring semester and another for summer and fall semesters. Candidates may reapply once for a total of $1,000 in scholarship funds. Deadlines are February 1 for summer and fall term grants and October 1 for spring term grants.

Continuing Education grants to promote professional development are made on the basis of financial need. The awards of up to $200 support requests to attend workshops, conferences, and related activities. Applicants must be NMLA members and can submit requests at any time through an application form. A copy of the workshop brochure, conference agenda, or registration form should accompany the completed application form.

Information and application forms are available on the New Mexico Library Association’s home page http://lib.nmsu.edu/nmla/ under Scholarships. Applications should be sent to one of the Education Committee co-chairs:

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From the President’s Word Processor

I admit I wasn’t crazy about going to the ALA Conference this year in Chicago. I’ve grown weary of traveling so much in the last year, and the only memory I had of Chicago was a summer visit after high school, when the heat and humidity, for an Albuquerque girl, seemed overwhelming. I think I had been reading Nelson Algren at the time too, and anticipated a stockyards and tough-guys ambience, that even then proved to be hopelessly dated. But Chicago held no fond memories for me.

This visit was a pleasant surprise. I arrived at the classic Allerton Hotel off Michigan Ave: on the Near North Side on Friday where I was treated like a visiting librarian – and they LOVE visiting librarians! I prepared to go out and found that my destination, the old Chicago Main Library, (now the Chicago Cultural Center) was within walking distance - "the miracle mile," and that the walk took me through the architectural wonders of downtown Chicago. Every building had some detail that captured my attention, and the streets were full of friendly bustle. My old friend Denise Chavez was reading that night as part of the ALA Public Programs Office series “LIVE! At the Library, and Let’s Talk: Cultural Programming Resources.” Denise, as you probably all know by now, won the National Book Award for her novel Face of an Angel.

The interior of the Cultural Center was an extraordinary rococo/ art deco extravagance. I imagined what it must have been like to work there, running up and down the long, gilded curling staircase, and through the "Egyptian" obelisks; a silent movie setting.

Denise, of course, gave a reading that knocked everyone's socks off. She had her audience enthralled from the moment she opened her mouth and uttered the first sensual groan that is the beginning of her new novel, Loving Pedro Infante. I sat there chuckling and thinking: "She's ours! Aren't we lucky!" as the audience went through all the stages of falling in love.

The next day at the McCormick Center, I was once again delighted by the effects of great modern architecture. Though I love the traditional New Mexico styles, I have missed the "shock of the new" one encounters in places that encourage and sustain new directions in architecture, and surely the McCormick Center is an example of the best of the newest. Just watching the fountain sculpture in the atrium could have held my attention for hours, but the Conference theme demanded my attention.

When I agreed to accept the nomination for NMLA President back in 1998, it was because I felt strongly that our organization should pursue a campaign to promote the importance of libraries and librarians in our state. Clearly we suffer from a lack of understanding on the part of our legislators and even our well-wishers as to the importance of what we do. ALA’s Campaign for America’s Libraries, which was kicked off at this year's opening session, will attempt to rectify this problem by pursuing a plan to "speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and librarians to our communities", to increase funding and support for libraries, to increase America's commitment to libraries, and to bring librarians to the table at public policy discussions on today's burning issues: intellectual freedom, equity of access and "narrowing the gap between the information haves and have nots."

This well-planned, research-based campaign will be disseminated consistently over the next 5 years, and will involve cultivating community and national partnerships. As part of the campaign, Sarah Long, the new ALA President has initiated the Libraries Build Sustainable Communities project, which will take the message of what libraries do to promote and sustain our communities to those communities in a hands-on approach. The three major elements addressed are: economy, ecology and equity. Rather than attempt a detailed description of the program in this
limited space, I hope that Mary Pat Kramer and I who represented New Mexico at the ALA conference workshop, may have the opportunity to address your library at some future date. Call us, write us or send an e-mail, and we will try to set up a training at your library.

In short, ALA has the same thought that brought me to this position from which I address you today. It's great to feel that our national professional organization is focused on the same goals that we are here in New Mexico. With the support of a national media campaign, our local efforts will receive more attention, I'm sure. Look for the "@ your library" campaign material to start appearing soon on your local TV stations, and I hope to keep this campaign active and conspicuous in the year ahead.

Laurie Macrae, President
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2001: A Library Odyssey recalls images of Odysseus, the ancient Greek who led his followers through many frightening adventures and along the way encountered strange and life-threatening monsters before reaching his home hearth. Librarians are also leaders and travelers, journeying into the future and navigating in a shifting, turbulent environment. While changes in information and computer technology have had a profound impact on how libraries operate and how librarians perform their work, the conference will explore the human, personal, and social aspects of the technology/human being interface. Some information seekers, especially young adults and computer savvy baby-boomers, unconsciously assume the ubiquitous presence of computers, because they have grown up with home or school computers and computer-based entertainment. As a result, the younger generation has different attitudes toward computer technology, a factor which we librarians must understand in order to shape libraries services and resources that will engage them. In our communities and in our libraries, we sense frequently that we are drowning in data and information; we librarians must help our users equip themselves to become critical consumers of information resources. New technology can exacerbate many issues we have faced in the past, for example, the right to privacy, copyright and intellectual property, and intellectual freedom. Questions of information ethics, for example, the divide between the information rich and the information poor and maintenance of historical information, have all taken on a new urgency.

At the end of the 2001 conference, I hope that you will return to your library feeling stimulated, challenged, energized, and equipped with some practical solutions.

Do you have a topic or presenter you would like to see in the conference program?
Send your ideas to Patricia Froehlich,
Conference Program Committee chair, 476-9723 or patricia@stlib.state.nm.us.

By Kay Krehbiel,
NMLA Vice President

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Conference 2001 Plans Underway

Plans for the 2001 annual conference in Albuquerque, April 18-20, 2001 are well underway. Keep watching the Newsletter for information on programs, speakers, pre- and post-conferences and special events.

The conference theme is "2001: A Library Odyssey." If the theme brings to your mind images from Arthur C. Clarke's 2001: A Space Odyssey, be certain to attend. The Past Presidents' Reception, Wed. evening April 18, will be held in the LodeStar Astronomy Center at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque's Old Town.

Experience a fictional science mission through Virtual Voyages, a system combining powerful media with audience seats that move in six directions. Enjoy the Planetarium's new feature program, A Universe of Change, presented on an entirely dome projection screen using the latest technology to encompass astronomy's new found wonders." The Past President's Reception is open to all.

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Welcome To Our New NMLA Members!

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New NMLA Treasurer Appointed

I want to thank the NMLA Executive Board for the opportunity to serve the second year of the Treasurer’s term vacated by the resignation of Carol Brey. As you may know, I have served for the last two and a half years as assistant director under Carol at Branigan Library. Her departure for new challenges in Texas leaves me with many new and exciting tasks as Interim Director. I am also happy to have the chance to be your treasurer.

I have managed Branigan’s $1.5 million annual budget during my time here, and have also served as treasurer of another non-profit. However, I have never held a state-level office in a professional organization before, so I welcome this new role. Thanks for your faith in me.

Sincerely,
Verla Peterson

Candidates For 2001 Election

As the chair of the NMLA Nominating Committee, I would like to ask for your assistance in a very important effort - that of selecting candidates for NMLA offices. The committee is seeking input from members throughout the Association to assist in identifying outstanding NMLA member leaders to stand for election on the 2001 ballot. Please encourage leaders of your unit, past and present, who would be exemplary representatives and advocates for the profession to consider running for office. Members who wish to make nominations should submit the following information: nominee name; present position; institution; address; telephone; fax and e-mail addresses to Charlene Greenwood at cgreen2224@aol.com or 505-256-1379 or 3540 Haines Ave., NE, Albuquerque; NM 87106-1100. Please respond by September 15, 2000.

The Nominating Committee is recruiting candidates for:

- Vice President / President-Elect - one year as Vice President starting April 2001 and one year as President
- Treasurer – two-year term starting July 1, 2001
- Member-At-Large - four candidates - two for one-year terms - two for two-year terms starting April 2001.

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New Mexico Library Association Newsletter
MPLA Survey Results

The Mountain Plains Library Association, our regional association, has been conducting a membership survey from both members and nonmembers. These are being used for long-range planning. You might be interested in some of the results with 47% having been returned. You may also be interested in learning more about and joining this dynamic organization. If so, information is available at http://www.usd.edu/mlpa/

Type of library represented:
- 45% Public
- 37% Academic
- 10% Special
- 8% School

Number of years MPLA member:
- 36% 5 years or less
- 29% over 10 years
- 21% 6-9 years
- 1% Don't know
- 12% Non-member

Greatest area(s) of change affecting your library:
- 87% Technology changes
- 45% Shrinking budget
- 29% Personnel issues
- 12% Rapid population growth
- 9% Shrinking population
- 4% Increasing budget

Other areas listed included:
- Professional Development
- Curriculum support
- Facilities
- Funding
- Library service
- Patron issues

Good/excellent ranking for:
- 91% Annual conference
- 76% Newsletter
- 69% Networking
- 67% Professional Development Opportunities

Level of satisfaction with MPLA:
- 21% Very satisfied
- 52% Satisfied
- 26% Neutral
- 1% Not satisfied

-Charlene Greenwood,
NMLA Representative to MPLA

NMLA General Membership Meeting
April 27, 2000

Call to Order: Outgoing President, Charlene Greenwood, called the meeting to order at 1:05PM. The officers were all introduced to the membership.

Minutes: Joe Sabatini moved to accept the minutes from 4/29/99. Elliane Sampson seconded. Motion passed:

Treasurer's Report: Carol Brey reported that the Association is doing quite well this year and that the Conference is expected to generate several thousand dollars of revenue. The Executive Board approved a budget totaling $84,789 for FY 1999-2000. Some of the income received during this fiscal year was transferred from reserve funds. NMLA has maintained three reserve accounts, including two Bank of America CD's and one Merrill Lynch Ready Assets Trust Account. To meet the budget this year, the Board approved the transfer of reserve funds from two of these accounts. One of the Bank of America CD's matured in September 1999, and the total funds from this CD in the amount of $11,678.88 were transferred to the NMLA Checking Account. In addition, $5,000.00 was transferred from the Merrill Lynch Ready Assets Trust Account to the NMLA Checking Account in July 1999. A balance of $6,957.21 remains in that account. At the end of FY 1999-2000, the NMLA Executive Board is expected to replace reserve funds that were withdrawn from the Merrill Lynch Account. As of the end of the third quarter, only 57.5% of the budget had been expended. The second Bank of America CD
benefits the Marion Dorroh Scholarship fund. This is a 24-month CD that yields an annual rate of 5.55%. The current balance is $24,141.52. All interest income currently remains with the CD because scholarship donations have been sufficient to date to cover scholarship expenses. Scholarship contributions from NMLA members are currently maintained in a savings account at the Wells Fargo Bank in Lovington. This account had a balance of $964.66 as of March 31, 2000. This balance does not reflect $1,016.00 that has been collected in scholarship donations since July 1, 1999. Accounts of NMLA are audited by Tardy and Co., P.C. of Albuquerque. The 1998-99 is currently underway, and a report is expected by the end of May 2000. She reminded current and incoming Board members that budget proposals are due to her no later than May 12. The budget meeting will be held May 26 in Las Cruces.

Vice-President/Conference report: Laurie Macrae reported the following statistics: there are 422 registrants for the conference, making this conference the best attended outside of Albuquerque; there are 57 exhibitors, 45 programs, 266 banquet tickets had been sold, 150 luncheon tickets had been sold. Laurie estimates that the conference will make about $17,000!

New Mexico State Library: Ben Wakashige briefly noted that there are 26 different programs that the State Library is currently working on. He complimented the NMSL staff for their hard work. Ben noted that there is a new position at the Library-Advocacy and Marketing Consultant and that Kirsten Shields was hired for that job. She is the one largely responsible for the new Edward Gonzales poster that has been mailed to all libraries. In addition, Ben noted that about 700,000 articles were accessed through ProQuest last year. Most recently, the UNM Health Sciences Center Library helped the NMSL with a contract to provide health articles full-text through Gale's Health Reference Center-Academic. Later in the year, it is hoped that a business database will be made available. Ben invited everyone to attend the Library Commission meeting.

New Mexico Library Foundation: David Giltrow reported briefly on events related to the Foundation: minigrants were awarded to libraries in Taos, Mora, Magdalena, Rio Rancho and Belen plus to the newly organized Friends of the New Mexico Tribal Libraries; the traveling exhibit "New Mexico Library Legacy", was funded and has begun traveling around the state. Charlene Greenwood is coordinating the schedule for the exhibit. Thaddeus Bejnar developed a web site: http://www.nmlf.org. The Foundation joined with other library groups to support April's New Mexico Month of the Library and the Transborder Library Forum. David said that there would be three items raffled off during the Conference: a pair of Southwest Airline tickets, two nights at the Columbine Inn in Taos, and a set of granite bookends made by Thaddeus Bejnar. He invited everyone to the NMLF reception.

ALA Councilor: Ben Wakashige announced that Thaddeus Bejnar is the new ALA Councilor. Ben held the position briefly following the resignation of Drew Harrington.

Mountain Plains Library Association: Charlene Greenwood announced that New Mexico now has 30-40 members of MPLA. There will be a drawing held for ten free memberships. The next conference is in Omaha. In 2007, there will be joint NMLA-MPLA conference in Albuquerque.

Committee Reports: Awards Committee: Mary Pat Kraemer announced the winners of the various annual awards: Community Achievement Award - Robert Upton; Honorary Life Membership - Joe Sabatin; New Mexico legislator of the Year Award - Jose R. Abeyta; New Mexico Library Amigo Award - Maxine and Raymond Schrup; New Mexico Leadership Award - Hal Bogart; NMLA Leadership Award - Ingrid Vollhoffer; Sagebrush Corporation Award - Jennifer Marquardt.

Conference Program Committee: Patricia Froehlich noted that guidelines have been developed for the Committee and for sessions. In June there will be a "call for
proposals" for next year's NMLA conference. Regarding the many people who helped with the programming this year, she said "We have met the conference and the conference is us!"

Conference Site Committee: Susan Deese-Roberts reported that the 2001 conference will be in Albuquerque with the Doubletree as the conference hotel, the 2002 conference will be in Las Cruces with the Hilton as the conference hotel, and that committee members will be traveling to Las Vegas to visit with Highlands University concerning the possibility of having the 2003 conference there.

Education Committee: Nancy Turner announced the following awards: Continuing Education grants were given to Lori Snyder, Dale Frasier, Marilyn Schroeder, and Rita Vargas. A college scholarship was given to Sandra Ferguson. The Marion Dorroh scholarship was given to Tom Moppett. First-time attendee awards were given to Jennifer Brostrom, Tom Moppett, Omar Durant, Barbara Lovato-Gussman, and Amy Pickering.

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee: Joe Sabatini discussed the lack of success of the various library bills this year. He sent out twenty "legislative bulletins" to keep the membership informed. A couple of bright spots included Clovis Community College and San Juan College who will be able to have a bond election. Also, House Joint Memorial 19, which expressed concerns about the status of school libraries, and requested the State Library to conduct a study of their status passed both houses unanimously. Joe reported that 45 librarians attended the "Legislative Day" event in Santa Fe this year.

Membership Committee: Marilyn Fletcher reported that there are 595 members now. She distributed the proposal for the new dues structure and noted that there had not been a raise in dues since 1984. Marilyn moved that we accept the new dues structure and Carol Brey seconded. Motion passed. (new dues structure is outlined in the minutes of 1/21/00)

Nominations and Elections Committee: Ellanie Sampson told the membership that Paul Miller, the candidate for Vice-President, moved out of the country. New nominees for that position were Kay Krehbiel and Kathy Matter. The election results were: ALA Councilor - Thaddeus Bejin, Members-at-Large - Norice Lee, Olivia Newfield, and Carol Merrill; Secretary - Claire Odenheim; Vice-President/President-Elect - Kay Krehbiel.

Public Relations Committee: Lorie Mitchell, the new chair of the Committee, thanked everyone who sent press releases to her. She is working "get the word out" about libraries in New Mexico. The NMLA web site has recently been updated and she would like comments and suggestions to make the site better. Lorie said she had put up a site for the mini conference this year. Charlene Greenwood also announced that Lorie is the new newsletter editor.

Local and Regional History: Peter Ives sent his report in via e-mail.

SIG Reports:

Native American Librarians SIG: Mary Alice Tsosie reported that the SIG had five meetings last year, with 25-30 people in attendance. They also sponsored a program at the mini-conference. She mentioned that they are working with the State Library to plan a national meeting for tribal libraries. They are also working to increase funding for tribal libraries. The SIG received a grant from the Library Foundation to start a "Friends of Tribal Libraries" group. The SIG most recently sponsored Luci Tappanhos at the conference. They met with the Arizona Library Association to help them set up a similar SIG.

Youth Services SIG: Patricia Froehlich reported that the SIG has taken the Battle of the Book award and the Land of Enchantment talk under its wing.

Public Libraries SIG: Nancy Osterberg noted that the SIG sponsored the fashion show at the mini-conference. Later today the SIG will meet with the New Mexico Municipal League Librarians.

White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services Task Force: Susie Sonfleth reported that the ALA Council voted to support a third Conference. Betty Long is quite active in the Task Force, serving as the Awards Committee chair. The next WHCLIS Task Force meeting will be held in October 2000.
**Strategic Plan:** Carol Brey briefly reviewed the goals of the Strategic Plan (which had been published in the Newsletter): 1) To increase NMLA's influence; 2) To attract, retain, involve, and develop active members and leaders for NMLA; 3) To increase funding resources in order to maximize organizational effectiveness; and 4) To increase and diversify means of communication with NMLA and the library community. Carol moved that we accept the Strategic Plan. Laurie Macrae seconded. Motion passed.

**Bylaws:** Alison Almquist presented several bylaws change recommendations: the addition of two committees, Local Arrangements and Program. Susie Sonfleth moved that we accept the creation of the Program Committee. Mary Pat Kraemer seconded. Motion passed. Betty Long moved that we accept the creation of the Local Arrangements Committee. Susie Sonfleth seconded. Motion passed. Joe Sabatini noted that the Board will define the duties of the two new committees now that they are official.

**Amendments:**

*Article III Section 3 (Membership)*: would be changed to read "Institutional membership is not issued in the name of an individual and has no voting privileges or reduced conference rates." Joe Sabatini moved to accept the change. Carol Brey seconded. Motion passed.

*Article III Section 6 (Membership)*: delete the section that says "The Association does not pay honorarium to members nor reimburse members for expenses incurred while participating in Association program activities." Joe Sabatini moved to delete the section. Ellanie Sampson seconded. Motion passed.

*Article IX Sections 2 and 3 (Relations with ALA)*: change the term of the ALA Councilor from four to three years, in keeping with the recent change made by ALA. Betty Long moved to accept the change. Susie Sonfleth seconded. Motion passed.

*Article XI, Section 2 (Executive Board)*: add one more Member at Large so change the wording to read "the four Members-at-Large..." Ellanie Sampson moved to accept the change. Mary Pat Kraemer seconded. Motion passed.

*Article XI, Section 3 (Executive Board)*: change the term of the Members at Large from one to two years and make them staggered terms. Linda Avery moved to accept the change. Susie Sonfleth seconded. Motion passed.

*Article XIII, Section 8 (Executive Board nomination, election, and vacancy)*: regarding the Members at Large: change the wording to read "...shall fill the vacancy by appointment from not more than two names submitted by the Nominations and Elections Committee, and the person so appointed shall serve until the next regular election or until a special election is deemed advisable by the Executive Board. If there is to be a special election, the Nominations and Elections Committee will present not more than two names for mail ballot, with prior notice for names to be added to the ballot by petition." Mary Pat Kraemer moved to accept the change. Betty Long seconded. Motion passed.

*Article XIV, Section 1 (Interest Groups)*: change would require a SIG to submit a budget proposal each year. Ellanie Sampson moved to accept the change. Carol Brey seconded. Motion passed.

*Article XIV, Section 3 (Interest Groups)*: change would assign a Member at Large to represent a SIG. Susie Sonfleth moved to accept the change. Linda Avery seconded. Motion passed.

*Article XIV, Section 4 (Interest Groups)*: change would allow SIGs to request a program or meeting time at the mini-conference as well as the annual conference. Betty Long moved to accept the change. Susie Sonfleth seconded. Motion passed.

*Article XIV, Section 5 (Interest Groups)*: delete "chair" as the person who would submit the annual written report. Laurie Macrae moved
to accept the change. Marilyn Reeves seconded. Motion passed.

*Article XVII Section 4 (Conference Site Committee)*: change will allow Committee to locate sites for mini-conference as well as annual conference. Betty Long moved to accept the change. Ellanie Sampson seconded. Motion passed.

*Article XVII, Section 7 (Membership Committee)*: change would add "along with the administrative assistant" with regards to sending out notices for dues, etc. Marilyn Reeves moved to accept the change. Carol Brey seconded. Motion passed.

Charlene Greenwood passed the gavel to Laurie Macrae. Marilyn Reeves moved that the meeting be adjourned. Carol Brey seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Warmoth, Secretary

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**Albuquerque Prepares To Celebrate Centennial**

On May 1st, 1901, interested citizens of Albuquerque gathered at a former school building on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Edith Boulevard to celebrate the opening of the new city-operated public library. They viewed a collection of 1,200 volumes of purchased and donated books, primarily adult fiction. The Raynolds Public Library was named in honor of attorney Joshua Raynolds, who had donated the land and building to the City. From that modest beginning, the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System has grown to 18 agencies serving 550,000 people.

Planning is underway on a yearlong celebration of this historic event. During the NMLA Conference in April, there will be a gala dinner with a major author/authors. The New Mexico Library Foundation's traveling exhibit, "One Book at a Time," will be shown in several A/BCLS branches. At the Old Main Library, there will be a public ceremony on May 1st, officially opening an exhibit of many of the books in the 1901 opening day collection. A poster is being commissioned. Children's events, such as a writing contest and a storybook character parade, are being considered. Exhibits and talks will be presented at each branch library. The celebration is being supported by the Friends for the Library, which budgeted $15,000 for Centennial activities.

The Centennial Committee (Meloney Baty, Jeff Bantly, Kathy Barco, Eileen Longsworth and Joe Sabatini) is trying to assemble library tools and memorabilia for a possible exhibit at the Albuquerque Museum. We are asking New Mexico librarians to look in your closets and basements for obsolete equipment, forms and supplies which could illustrate the changes in the library "business" over time. Particularly desirable are a Brodart edge-notch circulation machine and a Kodak Recordak camera unit. If you have items of interest that you would be willing to loan to us, please contact Joe Sabatini at the Special Collections Library, (505)848-1377, or e-mail libjds@cabq.gov

By Joe Sabatini

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**NMLA Gears up for Legislative Day**

Librarians - especially library directors - now is the time to make an appointment to take your legislator to lunch and alert that person to the upcoming library legislative agenda. Long before Library Legislation Day we need to make contact with legislators and keep them informed about what we are doing. Taking along some member of the community who is a library user/supporter is a good idea.

For more information about Legislative Day, please contact the Chair of the Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee: Joe Sabatini at 505-848-1377.
Would you like to become an NMLA member?

Just fill out this form and send it in!

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