Dear Members,

I know that many of you who have had the chance to watch *The Hollywood Librarian* came away with expressing the wonderful feeling of being in a profession that impacts lives of many Americans on a day-to-day basis. Librarianship is a profession that encourages all people from all walks of life and all ages to enjoy the freedom of living here in the US where books and materials of all types are there for everyone.

But, we need to spread the word. More librarians are needed. We need them at the schools, public libraries, academic libraries and special libraries. To keep up the momentum of the interest in information that the Internet has generated we need new young voices joining our profession.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in our profession, please have them look at our web site and mention to them the scholarships that are available through NMLA.

If you know of anyone who is not a member of NMLA encourage them to join. By having more people join we can become an even stronger organization.

If you have an email address and have not shared it with us, please consider doing so. This is the main way that NMLA communicates the events that are happening in the library world. It is very expensive to send out mailings on all activities. Email allows us to reach a broad base, but to do so we need your email address.

NMLA is currently sponsoring a special LOGO contest open to all residents of New Mexico. If you know of a creative artist who is passionate about libraries this is an opportunity for them to express themselves by creating a new LOGO for our statewide organization. Five hundred dollars will be given to the library with the winning entry, and $1500 will be given to the artist with the winning design. Contest rules are on our web page [www.nmla.org](http://www.nmla.org).

Many of us are now busy spending the funding that came to us from the last GO Bond. Now is the time when our Legislative Committee is busy working on the next Bond to be proposed to the NM state legislature. A special PAC [Political Action Committee] is working on advocacy to help spread the word to support this initiative. Please go to: [www.bondsforlibraries.org](http://www.bondsforlibraries.org) for further information.

This is an exciting time to be involved in the library community.

Louise Hoffmann
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We are once again seeking a vote for general obligation bonds to support libraries in the November 2008 election. This always is a two-stage process. First we need to insure that a bill is approved in the Legislature and signed by the Governor. When this is accomplished, we will begin a campaign to encourage voters to approve the bonds.

A GO Bonds Steering Committee has been meeting to assemble draft legislation that library supporters in the legislature can introduce. Longtime library advocate Representative Edward C. Sandoval will be the prime sponsor. This bill will fund the acquisition of materials, databases and equipment for New Mexico public, academic and public school libraries. The amount of funding will be determined by the legislative process; the 2006 bond provided $9 million, and in 2004 the amount was almost $16 million. Omar Durant and other members of the Steering Committee will present statewide library needs to the Legislative Education Study Committee on Thursday November 15th, requesting $40 million in funding. This hearing will be in Room 307 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe at 4:00 pm.

A group of longtime library advocates has now established a Political Action Committee (PAC) which will go into action as soon as the bill is approved. As in the past we will raise funds for printed informational material, yard signs, radio spots and newspaper ads, all to ask voters to approve the bonds. With generous donations from the New Mexico Library Association and the Friends for the Library in Albuquerque/Bernalillo County, the PAC has already set up a web page, www.bondsforlibraries.org.

As part of the effort to promote the bond issue and other library legislation, library supporters will have the opportunity to visit the legislature on NMLA’s Library Legislative Day, Thursday, January 24th, 2008. The day will start with a briefing at the Santa Fe Public Library Main Library downtown. The Association will have a table in the Capitol rotunda, featuring the New Mexico Library History display created by the New Mexico Library Foundation.

For details, watch for legislative bulletins posted to NMLA's e-list, or contact me at jsabatin@osogrande.com.

Since 1992 the New Mexico Library Foundation has been a tax deductible foundation serving the libraries and library organizations of the state by providing grants and services. Your donations are welcome in your name or to honor another person. Make checks payable to “NMLF.” For grant information, visit www.nm-lf.org.
A Warm Welcome to our New Members!

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A Special Thanks to Our Sustaining Members!

These members give extra each year because they believe in NMLA. Thank you, sustaining members! Your confidence is contagious!

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Conference at the Crossroads Is Biggest Ever!

Judy Feil

NMLA mini-conference “Libraries: Meeting at the Crossroads” in Las Vegas, New Mexico, October 11-12 was the largest attended mini-conference to date with 160 attendees. NMLA president Louise Hoffmann, suggested that the mini-conference be renamed to the NMLA fall conference due to the conference’s success and interest represented by the number in attendance.

The wide variety of sessions offered at the conference provided the opportunity for librarians to attend sessions of interest and need. The special showing of “The Hollywood Librarian” was well attended.

Special thanks to the Las Vegas group for their efforts and work in making the conference a success.

On behalf of the Members at Large, Paulita Aguilar, Jennifer Brown, Valerie Nye, and Laurie Treat, a thank you to all of the presenters, vendors, sponsors, and individuals attending the conference. Networking librarians bring added value to the communities they serve.

Land of Enchantment & Children’s Choice Awards

Linda Barnett

Are your students involved in choosing the New Mexico Children’s Choice award for their favorite author? You need to be. In 1981, the New Mexico Library Association and the New Mexico International Reading Association in conjunction with the Youth Services of the New Mexico State Library joined forces to create a Children’s Choice award. The committee that was established is made up of 6 members from NMLA and 6 members from NMIRA working together to read books suggested by members of the committee, publishers, librarians and teachers from around the state.

For several years there was only one reading list, but as time went on, it was decided that there was a need for a separation of lists because of the wide range of readers being sought. There is now a Children’s reading list targeting grades 3 through 6 and a Young Adult list targeting grades 6 through 9 although there may be some overlap in them. Perma-bound Books has partnered with the Land of Enchantment Committee to create a poster each year depicting that year’s reading lists.

All of the books on the lists are chosen as books that would appeal to students from a variety of genre and with a variety of reading levels. Students are encouraged to read as many of the books on a list as possible although the criteria to vote in April states that the student must have read at least 3 of the books on a list. Depending on your school and the readers you work with, you might have students reading from both lists and then be eligible to vote for their favorite book from both lists. Authors appreciate this award when receiving it because it is a Children’s choice award.

There are a variety of ways that you can publicize the lists to encourage readers to participate. Book talks by librarians or teachers often are the most enticing ways to hook a reader. A teacher may choose a book to read to the class for them to enjoy and also use it to prompt other projects in their classrooms. The books can also be presented to parent groups at your schools such as Title I PAC meetings or PTO/PTA meetings so that parents are aware of quality books that make for interesting reading for their children.

There are currently 10 books on each of the lists which include both fiction and non-fiction, historical fiction pertinent to New Mexico and fantasy fiction, and these can be found through many of the book jobbers to whom most librarians already have access. If your school has a Scholastic book fair each year, be sure to send your representative a list of the LOE books and they will incorporate them into your fair so that you can obtain copies of books at a reasonable cost.

If you would like to participate in this year’s voting and require more information about what is on this years’ lists, please check out the web site at:

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Library News

ROUTE 66 DOCUMENTATION PROJECT
Russ Davidson

The Center for Southwest Research, in the UNM University Libraries, is compiling a comprehensive inventory of and guide to material documenting the New Mexico Route 66 corridor from 1926 to the present. The inventory (to be published both online and in print form) will list and describe material in all formats. If your repository holds any pertinent documentation, we would appreciate your letting us know, and we will follow up, in order that it not be omitted from the guide. We are also interested in learning about collections of privately-held material, since reference to them will be included as well. For more information, or to submit data, please contact Russ Davidson, Route 66 Documentation Project, University of New Mexico, University Libraries MSC05 3020, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001. Tel: (505) 362-3330, Email: rdavidso@unm.edu

BIG READ CELEBRATION AT NMSU

Musicologist Cipriano Vigil from El Rito, New Mexico, performs at one of the New Mexico State University Library's many Big Read events. He is playing an eerie introduction on a saw to his song about La Llorona. All of our Big Read programs were related to themes in the novel we celebrated, Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya. Our Big Read ran from October 5 through November 3.

People News

NMSU LIBRARY WELCOMES THREE NEW LIBRARIANS
Jeanette Smith, NMSU Library

Three new librarians have joined the New Mexico State University Library staff. T. J. Urbanski, the new Access Services Department Head, comes to NMSU from Illinois State University (ISU). T.J. received an M.L.I.S. from Indiana University in 1998. He served at ISU as the Access Services Division Head for four years while earning a master’s degree in history, which he received in December 2006. He served seven years in the Navy.

Sarah Baker is another of the NMSU Library’s latest acquisitions. A former reference and instruction librarian at California State University, San Bernardino, she is joining the Library faculty as the Education Librarian. Sarah received her M.L.I.S. from San Jose State University in 2005 and her bachelor’s degree from the Hutchins School of Liberal Studies at Sonoma State University in 2000. Her research interests include digital libraries, information literacy/instructional design and intellectual freedom issues.

Alisa C. Gonzalez has joined the NMSU Library faculty as the Social Science Librarian in Reference & Research Services. Alisa was formerly the Public Services Senior Librarian for the West region of the El Paso Public Library and was previously employed as an assistant reference librarian at Youngstown State University. She was the Business Librarian and subject liaison and also the liaison to the School of Engineering. Alisa received her master’s degree in library and information science from Kent State University.

Land of Enchantment & Children’s Choice Awards, continued

http://www.loebookaward.com
Or if you have read a really good book lately by a living American author published as of 2005 or later, and would like to recommend the book, please submit it through the website or contact any member of the LOE committee. In October, 2007, the committee met to choose books for the 2008/2009 reading lists. These are wonderful books for students to read and the time involved participating in choosing this award
2008 NMLA Election Reminder!

Anne Lefkofsky, 
Nominations & Elections Committee Chair

The membership of NMLA will elect officers for the 2008-2009 term in February, 2008. The Nominations and Elections Committee has prepared the following slate of candidates to run for office in the 2008 NMLA Election:

**Vice-President / President-Elect**  
Dan Kammer (NMSU-Alamogordo)

**Secretary**  
Natasha Casteel (Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System)  
Kathleen Teaze (Thomas Branigan Memorial Library)

**Member-at-Large**  
Susanne Caro (New Mexico State Library)  
Owen Ellard (New Mexico Tech)  
Carol Frick (UNM-Gallup)  
Adrian McCulloch (Alamogordo Public Library)  
Susan Pinkerton (Doña Ana Branch Community College)

Please be aware that NMLA allows association members to appear on the slate of candidates through a petition process (Procedural Handbook 410:1-4). Accordingly, “nominations may also be made by the membership, provided the candidate has agreed and one or more petitions for that candidate signed by a total of at least 20 current members of the Association have been submitted. Such petitions must be received by the Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee postmarked no later than January 1st.”

The official petition form and accompanying signature form are available on the NMLA website. A direct link to the forms is: [http://www.nmla.org/about_nmla/forms/Election%20Petition%20Form.doc](http://www.nmla.org/about_nmla/forms/Election%20Petition%20Form.doc)
The forms may also be found in the Procedural Handbook, pages 410:5 and 410:6.

Per NMLA procedures, completed petition forms will be accepted by the Nominations and Elections Committee after announcement of the process in the September/October NMLA Newsletter. January 1, 2008 is the postmark deadline for submitting petitions for additional candidates. The Nominations and Elections Committee will review all petitions for additional candidacies, validate petition signatures and membership of candidates and signers. At the January 2008 NMLA Board meeting, the Committee will report on validation of petition candidacies, and with documentation for Board inspection, if such has been completed.

For further information on this process, please contact Anne Lefkofsky, Nominations & Elections Committee Chair, at anne.lefkofsky@state.nm.us.

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**Book Reviewer Needed!**

Valerie Nye

Do you like new books? Do you like receiving packages in the mail? Do you like sharing your opinion about books with other librarians?

If your answer to these questions is “yes!” please consider this fun opportunity. UNM Press would like to have their books reviewed in the NMLA newsletter.

The Process:
- UNM Press sends selected newly released books to the NMLA newsletter book reviewer.
- The NMLA newsletter book reviewer reads and considers the items sent by UNM Press.
- The book reviewer writes reviews of the books received for each NMLA newsletter. Book reviews are usually between 150 and 200 words in length.

The book reviewer gets to keep the books!

If you are interested in this great opportunity to read UNM Press’s newest books, share your opinion about the books, and add something new to your resume – contact Valerie Nye at vnye@csf.edu or 473-6575.
Scholarships and Grants Available

Kay Krehbiel,
NMLA Education Committee Chair

Are you currently or soon to be enrolled in a Library Science program at a college or university? Or do you simply wish to enrich your librarianship at a conference, workshop or bookfair? The New Mexico Library Association can help you further your career with scholarships and grants we offer each year.

The Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship
(Applications due January 15th)

Up to $2,500 is this award for study towards an advanced degree at an ALA-accredited library school. The scholarship is awarded each year at the spring NMLA Annual Conference. A primary consideration in selecting the recipient is their potential contribution to the profession in New Mexico. Preference is given applicants who are New Mexico residents and members of NMLA.

The NMLA Education Committee Chair (below) must receive the following items: application form (available at http://www.nmla.org), resume, a statement of professional goals and description of past academic, professional and community achievement, plus three letters of reference (at least one of which is from a librarian, please).

The College Scholarships
(Applications due January 31st)

Scholarships of $500 to $1,000 are awarded each spring, intended for undergraduate work towards an Associate’s Degree in Library Science, or study towards the Teacher Librarian Endorsement. This scholarship must be utilized during the upcoming fiscal year (July through June) after it is awarded. Preference is given New Mexico library workers.

The NMLA Education Committee Chair (below) must receive the following: College Scholarship application (available at http://www.nmla.org), information regarding the educational program you plan to attend, a statement of your professional goals and needs, and evidence of your intent to serve libraries in New Mexico.

Continuing Education Grants
(Applications accepted year-round)

NMLA also offers Continuing Education Grants to promote professional development among all New Mexico library employees. These grants are for attending conferences, workshops or related activities. The recipient receives $200.00, on the basis of claimed financial need. A copy of the event brochure, agenda or registration form should accompany the application, available at www.nmla.org. Apply for your grant well before attending your program.

Mail all applications to:
Kay Krehbiel, chair
NMLA Education Committee
705 Fitch
Socorro, NM 87801
Online Courses Available through NMSU and Doña Ana Community College

Registration will start in November for online graduate and undergraduate courses in Library Science at New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College in Las Cruces. Sign up early so you don’t miss out! Several 3 credit courses, only 8 weeks long, will be starting in January and March. All courses are offered ONLINE! There are also several short month long one credit courses, with no text required. Two of those are brand new, and we are also offering an opportunity to get credit for assisting with the NMLA Conference in April!

Online courses being offered in the spring semester include:

16 Week, 3 credit NMSU Upper Division/Graduate Course for School Library Endorsement (Jan. 16 – May 9):

EMD 412 M70 (CRN#18396)  Administration of the School Library
EMD 512 M70 (CRN#18397)  Administration of the School Library

THREE (3) CREDIT COURSES starting in January and March:

Courses Scheduled January 16 – March 10:

L SC 100 D01 (CRN#20145)  Introduction to Library and Information Services
L SC 110 D01, D02 (CRN#20148, 20149)  Reference and Information Resources I
L SC 111 D01 (CRN#20150)  Introduction to Information Literacy
L SC 200 D01 (CRN#20129)  Collection Development and Management
L SC 203 D01 (CRN#20130)  School Library Media Specialist
L SC 260 D01 (CRN#20141)  Advanced Cataloging

Courses Scheduled March 11 – May 9:

L SC 100 D02, D03 (CRN#20146, 20147)  Introduction to Library and Information Services
L SC 111 D02 – D05 (CRN#20151-20154)  Introduction to Information Literacy
L SC 140 D01, D02 (CRN#20155, 20156)  Multimedia Materials and Presentations
L SC 150 D01 (CRN#20157)  Library Services for Children & Young Adults
L SC 250 D01 (CRN#20137)  Reference and Information Resources II
L SC 270 D01 (CRN#20142)  Library Science Capstone

ONE (1) CREDIT COURSES starting in February, March and April:

L SC 205 D01 (CRN#20131)  Preservation Basics for Libraries (February 4-29)
L SC 255 D01 (CRN#20139)  Grant Writing for Libraries – NEW COURSE!!  (February 4-29)
L SC 155 D01 (CRN#20124)  Award Winning Books for Children (April 1-25)
L SC 165 D01 (CRN#20125)  Interacting with the Public in Libraries – NEW COURSE!! (March 3-20)
L SC 168 D01 (CRN#20126)  Managing Library Volunteers  (March 3-20)
L SC 233 D01 (CRN#20136)  Library Privacy & Confidentiality (April 1-25)
L SC 255 D02 (CRN#20140)  Library Conference Internship
  (requires assistance at the NMLA Conference April 9-11)

ONE – THREE (1-3) VARIABLE CREDIT COURSES starting in January or March:

L SC 175 D01, D02 (CRN#20127, 20128)  Civic Involvement (requires community service)
L SC 221 D01, D02 (CRN#20132, 20133)  Cooperative Experience (requires work in a library setting)
L SC 222 D01, D02 (CRN#20134, 20135)  Cooperative Experience (requires work in a library setting)
Opportunities, continued

Non-degree seeking students who desire single classes for professional development are always welcome, however students may also choose to complete coursework leading to an Associates Degree in Library Science or a Certificate of Completion in Library Science. Additionally the program offers courses that fulfill State of New Mexico requirements for Library Media Specialist Endorsements.

It’s easy to be admitted and enroll in our reasonably priced courses. For further information about courses or degree options, go to the web site at http://dacc.nmsu.edu/bis/libtec/ or contact: Susan Pinkerton: Phone: 575-527-7567 or 800-903-7503 ext. 7567 or Email: spinkert@nmsu.edu

UNM OFFERS COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT COURSE IN LOS LUNAS

The College of Education at UNM will offer EMLS 437/537: Library Collection Development in Los Lunas in the spring semester of 2008. Leslie Chamberlin will be the instructor. Registration will be available soon from the UNM home Page's LoboWeb system. Textbooks for the class will be The School Library Media Manager by Blanche Woolls and The Collection Program in Schools by Phyllis Van Orden. Please feel free to contact Leslie at 505-277-7260 or saticyo@unm.edu for additional details.

INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

Planning to come to the Mountain Plains Library Association/Utah Library Association joint library conference? If so, please share your knowledge by submitting a poster session or program proposal. The conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Salt Lake Hilton, April 29-May 2, 2008. The conference theme is "Where Paths Meet: Connecting Libraries and Our Communities." Librarians from all types of libraries and all areas of librarianship will be coming, so any and all proposals are welcome. To submit a program, please go to http://www.ula.org/conference/2008conf/programs/

See you in Salt Lake in 2008!!!
Please check out the website at www.NMLA.ORG

You can find all sorts of information on NMLA — Awards, Continuing Education, Events, Grants, Jobs, Scholarships, etc.