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Message from the President

Dr. John Sandstrom, NMLA President, president@nmla.org

Happy Holidays Everybody!

First, I would like to thank everyone who made our 2018 Annual Conference a success. While there were more people than I can list here, I want to send out a couple of specific kudos to Kelli Murphy (Chair, Local Arrangements) and Bradley Carrington (Chair, Programming and Site Selection). When I stepped up this past spring, I kind of abandoned them to their own devices and they did great. Thank you both very much.

Second, there are some changes to the committee chair roster. Bradley is stepping down as Chair of Site Selection and Aubrey Iglesias is taking it over. Some of you may remember Aubrey from when she was at the State Library. After a brief exile, she is back in New Mexico as the Head of Cataloging at NMSU. Melanie Templet is stepping up as the Chair, Bylaws Committee, replacing Cassandra Arnold who did a yeoman's work as chair for the past few years. Melanie's service this year on the Nominating Committee showed her where some work needs to be done. Lynette Schurdevin has agreed to stay on another year as Past-president since we don't have one. Finally, it is with a heavy heart that I have accepted the resignations of Mildred Walters and Sarah Kostelecky as Co-chairs of the Awards Committee. If you would be interested in chairing or co-chairing this committee, please let me know.

Third, I would like to welcome the newly elected members of the Board. Sarah Edwards Obenauf, who was appointed to complete term of Secretary, was elected to a full term. Dr. Sharon Jenkins returns as a Member-at-Large after a brief respite from her term as President. She is joined by Ron Gonzales, the Director at Grants Public Library. Dr. Elizabeth Titus, from

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**2018 NMLA Annual Conference:
Completing the Circle**



Photo Credit: Kathleen Dull & Pat Garrett

Special points of interest:

- Go Bond B Passes in Sandoval and Bernalillo Counties
- NMLA Conference Award Winners
- Get involved in NMLA by joining a SIG or committee

Message from the President (continued from page 1)

NMSU, is the new ALA/APA Councilor, and last, but not least, Dr. David Cox is the new Vice-President/President Elect. I also want to thank the outgoing members of the Board, Lynette Shurdevin as ALA/APA Councilor, and Jose Aranda and Kim Barany as Members-at-Large. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for your service for all the Board members.

Finally, we are moving on a couple of projects. First is the NMLA Comes to You. If you would like to host a meeting for me with Librarians, library workers, Board members, and friends at your library, please let me know. I'm willing to go anywhere in the State, with enough warning. Second, we are working on a survey for members and non-members to help us start our strategic planning process. What you email for more information on that. Remember, if you have any questions, comments, or complaints, you can always email me

The Law Library at NMLA

By Gabrielle Montaño, NM Supreme Court Law Library

The NMLA conference is always an enjoyable experience. I attended the conference for my fifth time and my colleague Sango Imai-Hall accompanied me for his first experience. As always, the conference provided interesting workshops and we enjoyed the opportunity to talk with library lovers from across New Mexico.

This is the second year the Supreme Court Law Library has had a table at the NMLA conference. On the table, we had FLDP handouts, New Mexico Constitutions, and small giveaways. Also available were the New Mexico District Court Self-Help Guides. These guides cover topics like name change, divorce, and appeals. The guides were created and approved by the Supreme Court to help the public with common legal issues. While they do not substitute for legal advice, the guides do give a general outline of certain court procedures. They are frequently passed out to people who come to the law library for help. You can find the guides at www.nmcourts.gov/Self-Help/self-help-guide.aspx or you can always give us a call at the law library at 505-827-4850 if you have any questions.



Having a table during the conference has been a great opportunity for the law library and its staff to showcase the library's resources and services and get in touch with other librarians in New Mexico. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

Library Supports Access to Justice

Submitted by Stephanie Wilson, NM Supreme Court Law Library

The New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library joined the Volunteer Attorney Program, the First Judicial District's Access to Justice Committee, New Mexico Legal Aid, and the NM Motor Vehicle Department to work at the Santa Fe Legal Fair on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center. Lawyers helped 77 people free of charge with legal issues such as wills, advance health care directives, power of attorney forms, and other non-criminal topics. One of our librarians took along a laptop and printer to help the attorneys with research and printing needs. Learn more about the Volunteer Attorney Program: <https://www.facebook.com/Volunteer-Attorney-Program-1442943399265999/>

Learn more about the Law Library: <https://lawlibrary.nmcourts.gov>

Voters Pass Bond B in Bernalillo and Sandoval County Library Bonds

By Joe Sabatini, NMLA Legislation Committee Co-Chair

Library bond issues were successful statewide in the 2018 New Mexico General Election. State General Obligation Bond B, providing \$12.876 million for public, academic, public school and tribal libraries passed by an unofficial margin of 231,310 votes. With 424,619 yes votes and 193,309 no votes, Bond B won with 68.72% in favor, 3.9 percentage points higher than attained by library bond issue B in 2016. This progress was accomplished through higher margins in all but nine counties, with the greatest margin gains in Grant, Santa Fe, Mora, Harding, Quay and Bernalillo Counties. Only two counties, Catron and Union, rejected the measure. Taos County was once again the banner county for support at 81% yes, followed by Santa Fe at 77.3% and McKinley at 73.4%.

Bond B showed the second highest level of support among the four state bond issues; the \$10.77 million senior citizen facilities Bond A received 70.8%, with library bond (B) at 68.7%. A new category on the ballot is Bond C, providing \$6 million for school busses, which received a 68.8% yes vote. Bond D, providing \$136 million for higher education facilities, passed with a 65.7% yes vote. These are unofficial complete totals, which will be updated when the State Canvassing Board meets later this month.

In Bernalillo County, library bonds providing \$1.75 million to the Public Library Albuquerque and Bernalillo County passed by a vote of 160,977 yes to 56,294 no, a 74.1% margin. This margin is more than the 2017 City of Albuquerque library bond margin of 71.7% and slightly below the 74.4% margin for the 2016 County library bond. Voters in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County have now passed sixty-two consecutive library funding questions dating back to 1892, with an average margin of 69.0% favorable, and totaling \$140.4 million in funding. The drop-off in support in Bernalillo County between the County Library Bond and State Bond B is 1.8%. The Bernalillo County library bond was fourth highest in voter support among the six bond issues proposed to county voters in 2018.

In Sandoval County, voters passed Bond Question 1 providing \$3,385,000 to 15 public and tribal libraries by a vote of 35,220 in favor and 18,305 against, for an approval rate of 65.8%. The margin of victory increased by 6.3% over the 2014 Sandoval County Library Bond Issue, which had passed by a 59.5% margin. The county library bond also ranked highest for Sandoval County among the three county bond issues proposed in 2018.

The library community was mobilized to support Bond B through the activities of the Bonds for Libraries Special Interest Group (SIG). Under the chairmanship of Omar Durant, the SIG promoted the legislation, raised funds, prepared campaign materials and placed advertising. The SIG website provided local library supporters with a variety of media to promote passage of Bond B. Linda O'Connell worked with Robyn Gleasner to replace the SIG website on a new platform; nmbondsforlibraires.org. Chris Schipper and the New Mexico Library Foundation created a webpage charting prospective bond allocations for every library by county. A display ad was also placed on the state's leading political blog, "New Mexico Politics with Joe Monahan." Bond B was endorsed by the Albuquerque Journal and other newspapers around the state. The financial support of the Albuquerque Friends for the Library was especially appreciated.



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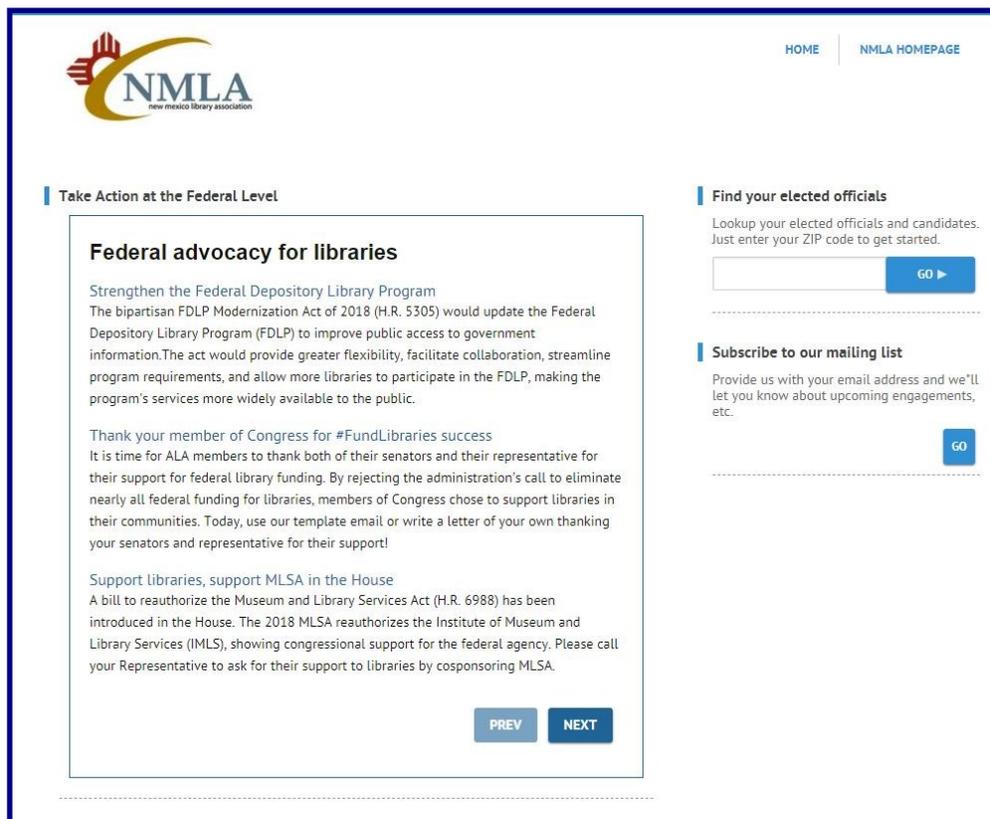
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CQ Engage

Submitted by Robyn Gleasner, NMLA Newsletter & Website Administrator, newsletter@nmla.org

CQ Engage allows NMLA to create an educational, interactive action center that features news and legislative information about libraries. From this platform, members can take action at the federal level by browsing the issues and then contacting legislators. You can find your elected officials by entering your zip code. You can click on the official's name for their contact information including website, email and mailing addresses, and even twitter accounts. This is a great way to get involved with issues that affect our libraries in New Mexico.

If you are interested in upcoming engagements or issues on the horizon, you can subscribe to the CQ Engage mailing list. To get started, go to <http://nmla.org/> and click on "Legislative Action Center".



The screenshot shows the NMLA website interface. At the top right, there are links for 'HOME' and 'NMLA HOMEPAGE'. The main content area is titled 'Take Action at the Federal Level' and features a section for 'Federal advocacy for libraries'. This section includes three paragraphs of text: one about strengthening the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), one thanking members of Congress for #FundLibraries success, and one about supporting libraries in the House. At the bottom of this section are 'PREV' and 'NEXT' buttons. To the right of the main content, there are two additional sections: 'Find your elected officials' with a search input field and a 'GO' button, and 'Subscribe to our mailing list' with a text input field and a 'GO' button.

NMLA Board Reports

NMLA is moving to a new website platform. NMLA Board Reports and minutes will be posted on the new site. Reports are currently on the NMLA Google Drive.

Please contact secretary@nmla.org for more information.



The advertisement for MackinMaker Levelled Kits features a pink banner at the top left that says 'New For 2018-2019!'. The MackinMaker logo is prominently displayed in the center, with a 'Levelled Kits' badge and a green robot character to the right. Below the logo, the text reads: 'Our New Kits Include FREE Challenge Cards and a FREE Maker Journal!'. A paragraph describes the third edition of the kits, which include classic and premium kits for grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12, along with newly developed Challenge Cards and a Maker Journal. A collection of various kits is shown at the bottom left. On the right, a dashed box contains a large '\$50 Off Your Next Purchase' offer, with the text 'Of \$500 Or More On Makerspace Items!' and 'Use code MAKER19 when ordering online.' Below this, a smaller note states: 'Coupon code is valid for one order only per person. Code expires 12/31/2019. May not be combined with other coupons or gift certificates.' At the bottom, a pink banner says 'Order Your New Kit Today at Mackin.com/MackinMaker!'. Contact information for Bobbi Craig is provided at the bottom left, and the MackinMaker logo is at the bottom right.

NMLA Annual Conference Banquet Award Winners!

Submitted by Lynette Schurdevin

New Mexico Library Amigo Award was presented to Debbie Myers, Capitan Public Library volunteer for her work on behalf of the Capitan Library.

New Mexico Legislator of the Year was presented to Representative Candie G. Sweetser for her support of the statewide Broadband Initiative legislation.

Community Achievement was presented to Cheryl Volosin, children's librarian from Ruidoso Public Library for her outstanding library service and programming for children and family of Ruidoso.



Left to Right: Lynette Schurdevin receiving award for Cheryl Volosin, Debbie Myers, Joe Sabatini, Candie G. Sweetser

Photo Credit: Pat Garrett

NM Library Leadership was presented to Joseph Sabatini, NMLA Legislative co-chair, for his ongoing support and work for the libraries in New Mexico, including but not limited to the State General Obligation bond resolutions, Library Legislative Day, and historical knowledge of the libraries in New Mexico.



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Kathy Barco Wins MPLA Distinguished Service Award

Submitted by Bradley Carrinton, MPLA Representative, Bradley.carrinton@state.nm.us

MPLA Distinguished Service Award: To be given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession, furthered significant development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or performed exemplary service for an extended period of time.

Awarded at the 2019 MPLA Conference, Wichita KS

From Val's nomination:

Kathy Barco is currently a library consultant and book author. Kathy has been a library advocate for children and reading her entire career. One of her favorite reading philosophies is from Ranganathan's Five Laws of Library Science, "For every book a reader, for every reader a book." Kathy has spent her library career making sure that children find themselves in books. Kathy started her library career working as a Children's Programs Coordinator at the Andersen Air Force Base Library in Guam. She moved back to her home state of New Mexico and worked in various roles with books and children for the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System. She also worked as the Youth Services Coordinator for the New Mexico State Library where she served children and youth librarians from all over the state of New Mexico.



Kathy's professional life has not slowed down since her retirement from the Albuquerque/Bernalillo Library System. She has continued to work as a library consultant on various projects including providing consulting services to librarians as they plan summer reading programs in Kansas. She recently co-authored a book with Melanie Borski Howard called *Storytime and Beyond - Having Fun with Early Literacy* (Libraries Unlimited 2018). Kathy attends ALA's Midwinter and Annual conferences almost every year. One of her strengths as a conference attendee is her tenacious ability to comb the vendor hall for new ideas that she can share with teachers, librarians, colleagues, and friends.

As Kathy's nominator I can speak most specifically about Kathy's career as a Youth Service Coordinator at the New Mexico State Library. As a coordinator, Kathy worked with her friend and artist Mike Jaynes to invent the summer reading program for New Mexico's libraries each year. The summer reading planning was a year-long project in which they came up with a theme, developed characters, and created activities for children and teens. Their New Mexico-specific summer reading programs included *Once Upon a Planet*, *READiculous!*, and *READiscover New Mexico*. Both Kathy and Mike took each of their summer reading programs "on the road" as they provided training and creative inspiration to librarians as they prepared to launch summer reading programs in their communities. The unique programs they developed and marketed were used by hundreds of librarians and created learning and creative opportunities for thousands of children in New Mexico.

As a colleague with Kathy at the New Mexico State Library, I know children's librarians depended on her. They called her to get consulting advice on a wide range of subjects. Kathy was always kind, professional, patient, and prepared to take action. One noteworthy example of this was when the State Library's consulting office was contacted about conducting an intellectual freedom workshop for library staff in New Mexico's four corners region. At the time the request came into the office, the organization was severely understaffed with only three consultants. No one on the staff had the expertise to do an intellectual freedom workshop. Instead of saying "no" to the request, Kathy said she would think about it. As she thought about it she developed a structure that included performing book talks as creative inspiration for the librarians. While everyone had fun talking about books the presentation also had sections that included important intellectual freedom information. Something that would have been an easy "no" at the time turned into a "yes" and has inspired more than 40 intellectual freedom presentations and the book I co-edited with Kathy, *True Stories of Censorship Battles in America's Libraries*.

I know Kathy has supported and mentored at least two young New Mexico librarians

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Banned-Tastic Display

Submitted by Kathy Campbell, Librarian, Rio Rancho public Library, kcampbell@rrnm.gov



Jenny Gregg, Lynette Schurdevin, and Kathy Campbell

The Rio Rancho Public Library looks forward to Banned Books Week each year, where the librarians use their creativity to come up with different displays. This year Youth Services Librarian Jenny Gregg and Adult Services Librarian Kathy Campbell created a new and novel display.

Jenny envisioned a video featuring a variety of citizens reading from banned books in front of a police lineup background. She approached city councilors, Friends of the Library, public safety officers, journalists, students, and others. The result was a display with an 11-minute video, surrounded by actual challenged books and “flames.” Kathy designed an informative brochure to go along with the video, explaining why each of the 12 featured books had been challenged. The display was positioned near the entrance of the library, across from the circulation desk. The video was quite the attention getter among patrons. The circulation staff heard such comments as “I can’t believe the dictionary was banned!,” “Hop on Pop? Really?!” and “Look! There’s the Fire Chief!”

You can see the video on RRPL’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/165415853659946/videos/241511226714138/>

Kathy Barco wins MPLA Service Award (continued from page 6)

through library school and into their professional careers. Both people were librarians in rural New Mexico. Both have gone to library school, graduated, and are back in New Mexico severing as professional librarians in youth service fields.

Kathy has always been a supportive colleague to me personally (and I know she has mentored and supported many people in her professional journey). At an especially difficult point in my career when I was laid off from a library job I loved, Kathy applied for the two of us to speak at a children's book festival, set up our travel, and negotiated reduced rates for us to attend the conference. Her creativity and joy inspired me to stay in the field of librarianship and introduced me to the power and brilliance of children's writing and children's book authors.

In all of these examples, Kathy is a supporting cast member. She is not usually the star of her creation. She encourages others to teach, learn, be creative, and strive. Her mentoring, her inspiration, the books she writes, and the tools she creates are meant to inspire others to reach their goals.

Dr. Sharon Jenkins wins New Mexico Academic Librarian of the Year

Congratulations to NMSU-A Librarian Dr. Sharon Jenkins for being recognized as the New Mexico Academic Librarian of the Year (2018-19) by the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Librarians (NMCAL)!



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NMLA Membership Update: Pumpkin Spiced Membership

Submitted by Kathleen Dull, NMLA Membership Committee Chair, membership@nmla.org

Welcome to all the new and renewing members! It was great to see everyone who was able to make it to the conference and we hope to see everyone else at a future meet up.

Conference time ushers in new officers and committee/SIG leaders. It is a good time to think about what groups you might be interested in joining. There a variety of topics and time commitments, so hopefully one fits your interests and availability. No experience needed, and participating is a good way for those new in the field to meet others from around the state.

Next year's conference will be in combination with the Mountain Plains Library Association. If you want to be part of planning the event and welcome people from the 11 other member states, think about joining the Local Arrangements committee and help our conference stand out.

If you would like to get an insider look into the organization, consider running for office. Elections will take place next year and the term would start in November 2019. If you are curious about the responsibility of each role, we would be happy to put you in touch with current or former board members.

The Awards Committee is also looking for a chair or co-chairs. Nominations for awards go out in early fall and awards are presented at the annual conference. NMLA presents five awards each year and it is an exciting way to acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional work happening in our state.

To express your interest in any (or all) of the SIGs, Committees, and running for Elected Office, please complete the form by November 30, 2018. <https://goo.gl/forms/0LlkgYNtF6Pqu21X2>. If you know of anyone who may be interested but is not yet a member, feel free to forward them the link and we would be happy to get them signed up.

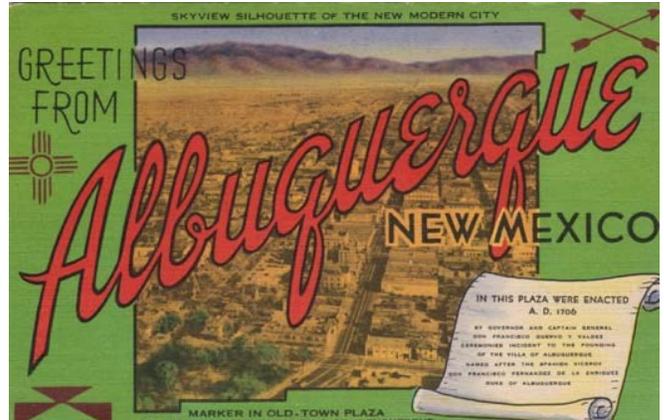


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MPLA Memberships Awarded to NMLA Conference Attendees

Submitted by Bradley Carrinton, MPLA Representative, Bradley.carrinton@state.nm.us

The Mountain Plains Library Association gives 10 free first-year memberships to NMLA conference attendees. The raffle box was stuffed! We drew these names -- congrats to the newest MPLA members!

Sever Bordeianu, UNM
 Cheryl Hardesty, Desert Star Elementary
 Christine Mathias, Placitas Community Library
 Ann Bentley, Public Library of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County
 Joseph Angelo, New Mexico State Library
 Dawn Hite, Rio Rancho Public Library
 Lisa Wishard, looking for a library position!
 Amy Gillingham, Aztec Public Library
 Joe Sabatini, retired volunteer
 David Cox, New Mexico Tech

In Memorium: Carol Ann Myers

Submitted by Debbie Myers

Carol Ann McClary Myers was born in Dawson, New Mexico on June 2, 1928. Carol grew up with her older brother, Robert McClary, and a younger sister, Marcia McClary. After graduating High School in Dawson, Carol attended the University of Redlands in California.

Carol met Dwight Myers when she was a senior and he was a freshman at Redlands. They married on September 16, 1950. Carol graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree in Education. She taught for two years at Barstow Junior High School as well as in the elementary schools of the little outlying communities of Daggett, Yermo, and Hinkley.

Dwight enlisted in the Air Force in 1952. He was then assigned to Lawson Air Force Base in Columbus, Georgia. There, Carol took a civil service job in the Armament Shop of Ft. Benning. Before being reassigned to Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, Dwight and Carol had their first son, Robert Andrew, in Georgia. Debra Ann Myers & James Andrew Myers were then born in Albuquerque.

The family moved to New Jersey for ten years where Carol taught private piano lessons while raising three children. In 1970 the Myers' family moved back to Albuquerque. Soon after, Dwight and Carol started the New Mexico Book League and its magazine, *Book Talk*. Carol also began employment at the University of New Mexico Press in late 1973, and continued until her retirement in 1988. Carol was the Sales Manager at UNM Press. Dwight and Carol both came to retire in their beloved Albuquerque, NM.

In 1988, the New Mexico Library Association gave Dwight and Carol Myers their highest honor – Life Membership. They continued to be very involved in NMLA and its interests. Carol served as Treasurer for NMLA and Dwight served on the Board as Awards and Education Chair.

Carol passed away on July 31, 2017, and is survived by her eldest son, Robert, and his wife, Lorraine, of Albuquerque, NM; daughter, Debra Myers and partner, Ray Parrish of Alto, NM; and son, James, and his wife, Jennifer, of Albuquerque, NM; James' daughter, Brianna, and son, Taylor, of New York. Robert is owner of The Albuquerque International Rattlesnake Museum of Old Town, Albuquerque. Debra is now Assistant Director and Children's Librarian of the Capitan Public Library. James is Director of Business Development at OnPointe Senior Care, Albuquerque.



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March 21-22, 2019

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Joint MPLA/NMLA Conference

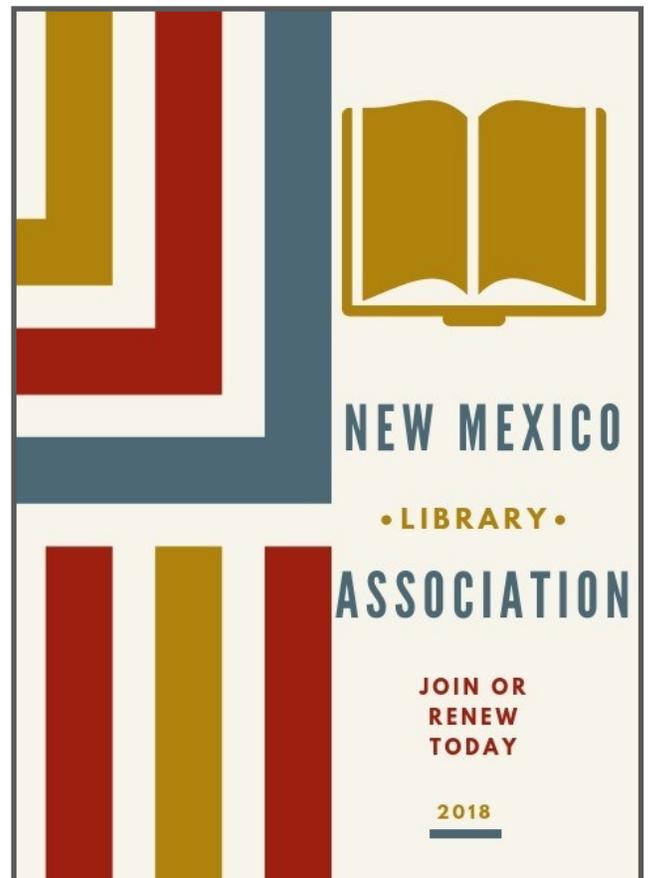
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October 30 - November 1, 2019

Where:

Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town

More information coming soon!



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NMLA Board Meeting - February 8, 2019, 1:00pm at State Library

NMLA Mini Conference - March 21-22, 2019

Joint MPLA/NMLA Conference - October 30 - November 1, 2019