Summer is almost here and New Mexico Libraries continue buzzing with activity and implementing new ideas. Check out the new pickup lockers in Rio Rancho!

NMLA is also buzzing with activity. Not a member of NMLA yet or deciding on whether or not to renew? Check out all of the benefits that membership has to offer! This includes Special Interest Groups such as the Archives & Archivists SIG. Still pursuing education in library sciences? Consider applying for an NMLA Scholarship!

If you are attending ALA, don’t miss the ALA President’s Program where Aztec Public Library director, Angela Watkins, will present.

Even though most of us reading this newsletter are librarians, don’t forget to visit other libraries in the state. You might discover a new workshop, event, or a peaceful reading spot to stay cool this summer.

Happy Reading!

Robyn Gleasner
NMLA Communications Chair & Newsletter Editor
The Heart of Our Story: A Celebration of Library Workers

Join ALA President Emily Drabinski; Midwood High School librarian Christina Gavin; Dorchester Road branch manager Gerald B. Moore; adult services librarian Kathleen Nubel; and Aztec Public Library director Angela Watkins at the ALA President’s Program, The Heart of Our Story: A Celebration of Library Workers—a panel session. An invigorating panel session aimed to celebrate the profound influence library workers exert within their communities, highlighting their good work in big cities and rural communities, in the public eye, and just outside it.
**NMLA MEMBER**

**Benefits**

**Special Rates**
Receive discounts on NMLA's annual professional conference.

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Serve on and chair statewide committees and special interest groups which advance the initiatives of the association and professional interests of its members.

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Stay up to date on events, lectures, job postings and library news across New Mexico.

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Enjoy NMLA's bi-monthly publication with special articles, library news and announcements.

**Educational Resources**
Learn about library-specific awards, grants, scholarships and workshops to support your education or advance your library's work.

**Advocacy**
Receive the Legislation Bulletin and a summary of the year's library legislation from NMLA's legislation liaison representing the interests of all New Mexico libraries.

**Networking**
Build community with librarians, paraprofessionals, trustees, friends and others interested in improving library service in New Mexico.

Please contact me at membership_chair@nmla.org with recommendations about how to improve how we promote the benefits of NMLA.

April Kent, NMLA Membership Chair
Associate Library Director, New Mexico Highlands University

NMLA is open to anyone who is interested in supporting and promoting New Mexico Libraries
Rio Rancho Public Library Launches Pick-Up Lockers

4 Pick-Up Lockers at 3 New Locations Expand Access

Rio Rancho Public Library launched four new Pick-Up Lockers in February! The City of Rio Rancho is over one hundred square miles, so the four new Pick-Up Lockers expands access to the Library’s collection to our less mobile community members and those who have a hard time coming in during our open hours.

The Pick-Up Lockers offer 24/7 access to picking up holds. RRPL has incorporated fulfilling these holds into its existing courier route, and the Lockers seamlessly integrate with the current ILS and patron catalog. If you have any questions about how we use our Pick-Up Locker, contact Deputy Library Director Jenna Wells at jwells@rrnm.gov.

rrnm.gov/library
The Archives & Archivists SIG provides a home for those who identify as archivists or who are assigned archival and records management tasks in their work. By archivists, we include anyone who self-identifies as an archivist, librarian, records manager, curator, clerk, etc.

The Archives & Archivists SIG works to collectively organize archivists; create networking opportunities; inspire collaborative projects; and create more archival-specific training. We meet on Zoom every other month and offer professional development activities, such as webcasting courses on general archival knowledge and best practices. Recent activities include ArchivesSpace Part II training with Portia Vescio (UNM Center for Southwest Research) on April 12 via Zoom, a new archival resources/training section on the SIG website, and an archives/preservation advice table at the Historical Society of New Mexico’s annual meeting on April 26.

Upcoming events include:
- The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 3pm-4pm, via Zoom.
- June 7 live webinar via Zoom, Building Cultural Equity with Native Nations, with Jaclyn Roessel.

Please visit our website at https://nmlasigs.org/archives/ or contact either Abbie Olivas (AbWeiser@salud.unm.edu) or Ada Negraru (ada.negraru@dca.nm.gov) for more information and to join our listserv.
Are you currently working towards a Master’s in Librarianship/Information Science? Are you a New Mexico library worker who is pursuing an undergraduate degree in library technology or school library certification for graduate study toward a teacher-librarian endorsement? The Education Committee welcomes applications for the Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship and the College Scholarship Fund.

**Scholarships**

- **Marion Dorroh**
  Supports new library professionals in New Mexico and provides scholarship awards to students enrolled in advanced degree programs in library and information science at ALA-accredited colleges and universities. The scholarship is available to both full-time and part-time students.

- **College Scholarship**
  Supports New Mexico library workers who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in library technology or school library certification. It can also be used for graduate study toward a teacher-librarian endorsement.

**How to Apply**

Application instructions and eligibility requirements can be found at https://nmla.wildapricot.org/Scholarships-Grants.

If you have questions, please contact the Education Committee at education@nmla.org.

**Deadline: June 14, 2024**
GORRE, EDWIN SUE (1884–1961). Edwin Sue Goree, library organizer, daughter of Robert Daniel and Frances Rebecca (Campbell) Goree, was born on May 14, 1884, in Thorp Springs, Texas. She attended the University of Texas from 1901 to 1903 and began her career as a librarian there in 1908. From 1915 to 1917 she was librarian of the university’s Department of Extension Loan Library. During World War I she joined the American Library Association War Service as a hospital librarian at Camp Bowie (Tarrant County) and Fort Bliss. From 1923 to 1930 she was librarian of the Woman’s Board of Trade Library in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Goree returned to Texas as library organizer for the Texas State Library in 1931 and devoted the next nine years to promoting the establishment of county libraries and the improvement of local library service. She traveled around the state speaking to groups, visiting libraries and clubs, and organizing exhibits. She wrote articles and led institutes to educate citizens about obtaining library service. She established demonstration library collections which the State Library lent to small towns without libraries. In 1937 she resigned to become the executive secretary of the Texas Library Association in order to lead campaigns for stronger library legislation. She held this post again in 1938–39. She assisted in the organization of the People’s Library Movement, a predecessor of Friends of Texas Libraries. In 1941 she became the founding librarian of the United States Naval Air Station Library in Corpus Christi, where she remained until 1946. She ended her career in the Burnet County Free Library, where she worked from 1949 to 1957.

In December 1923 she was one of the four librarians who founded the New Mexico Library Association. She was NMLA’s second President in 1924. She also served as President in 1926.

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