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Message from the President

Dear Members of the New Mexico Library Association-

I invite you to take time to look at the ALA site, <https://ebooksforall.org/>

The concern of this site is to bring a discussion from ALA to member libraries and librarians regarding the recent Macmillan Publishing decision to change the fee structure and charges incurred when purchasing e-books from Macmillan and Blackstone.

Unfortunately, beginning November 1, 2019, Macmillan Publishers began its library embargo of new eBook releases. This action occurred despite a strong outcry from the library community and the general public for Macmillan to reconsider their actions. If you look on the ALA.org site you will find in the news section updates from the ALA on discussions held with Macmillan Publishing, and the efforts of the ALA to speak with members of the US Congress on this issue.

As we met in Albuquerque for our 2019 Annual Conference with the MPLA also in attendance, a petition of 160,000 signatures was given to Macmillan Publishing, asking Macmillan to reverse their policy which would limit libraries access to e-books. ALA President Wanda Brown, who keynoted our recent Annual Conference stated, "The mission of public libraries across the country is to ensure access to information and content for all, but Macmillan's e-book restrictions will drastically restrict our ability to serve millions of readers. Libraries, publishers, and authors should be allies - not adversaries - in expanding the number of readers and encouraging the exploration of new titles and subjects."

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NMLA/MPLA Joint Conference 2019

Thank you all for making NMLA/MPLA a success! Please see <https://nmla.org/board-business-meetings/> for board and meeting minutes.



Special points of interest:

- Macmillan Publishing Response
- Conference Highlights
- CNM Expanding Technology

Message from the President (continued from page 1)

Following is a letter that I sent to Mr Eli Guinnee, our New Mexico State Librarian, where I protest to the actions of Macmillan and Blackstone.

As a community of Librarians we serve a variety of venues. Tribal, School, Public, Academic and Special Libraries. I sense that the action of Macmillan is a “bellweather” of changes to come. And as some of our Library settings suffer from this move other settings will soon follow.

Concerned, and standing with you as we face issues together,

David E Cox
President, NMLA

Letter to New Mexico State Librarian from NMLA President

Dear Eli,

As the President of the New Mexico Library Association (NMLA), I write in opposition to the proposed change by Macmillan and Blackstone regarding fees charged for their e-books to library institutions.

NMLA's membership is quite diverse and its members represent all aspects of librarianship in the Land of Enchantment: tribal, school, public, academic, and special libraries that serve their communities throughout the state. We are a professional group which upholds one another in legislative and programmatic efforts. We affirm the Right to Read initiatives of the ALA, and support many literacy programs within our state. Even though most library budgets are “thin” we are dedicated to serving the public trust.

My concern is the present direction of Macmillan Publishing and Blackstone and their proposed billing of e-books. In particular, the changes in billing and access to e-books housed in libraries, charging by a different formula, so to steeply raise the expense of this product. As an advocate for the public trust, and supporter of access to reading materials, I fear that the actions of Macmillan and Blackstone will erode the ability for many of our member libraries to purchase their materials. There is no pathway forward for many of our libraries to change their budgetary patterns to accommodate the change proposed.

Because we have an ethical obligation and duty to provide for the literacy and education of the public, we are unable to support Macmillan and Blackstone as we work with our patrons. As trusted stewards of public funds, we must consider other options for access which do not impose unnecessary barriers. It is fiscally irresponsible—and detrimental to other patrons—for libraries to make choices in favor of more expensive products, such as from Macmillan and Blackstone—if there are options to find such products from other vendors. In a time of thin budgets and low financial reserves, I suggest to our members to choose wisely from other vendors, and to serve the public good of their patrons.

I will propose to the NMLA Board that we create a Task Force to continue to monitor not only Macmillan and Blackstone, but to monitor the industry standards regarding the purchase of information, as well as the rights of libraries who hold materials in any format for use with their patrons.

I ask for your support of this process, and your insights as we organize this Task Force. Thank you for your leadership in our state toward many initiatives to support readership, literacy, and the unique cultural and societal diversity we appreciate and support in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

David E. Cox, PhD, MS-LIS

NMLA Annual Conference 2019 Awardees

Please congratulate all of this year's award winners:

Legislator of the Year Award: Representative Gail Armstrong Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino

Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship: Jennifer Guerin

Michener Library New Mexico Library Amigo Award: Shel Neymark

New Mexico Library Leadership Award: Lynette Schurdevin



NMLA Annual Conference Author's Luncheon



UNM University Libraries News

Submitted by Patricia Campbell, College of University Library & Learning Services, University of New Mexico, pcamp@unm.edu

University Libraries collaborated on a new interdisciplinary campus resource for copyright information. The online guide offers students, staff and faculty at The University of New Mexico a central place to learn about copyright-related issues.

The [UNM Copyright Resource Guide](#) is a collaborative effort between University Libraries, Information Technologies, University Counsel and Extended Learning. It covers a wide array of basic information regarding fair use, copyrighted material usage, copyright policies at UNM, trademarks and patents, and a myriad of other topics.

In addition to offering general information, the site includes an email link for those who'd like to confer on a copyright question or request an informational session for their group or department.

"We've already worked with some individuals and groups, and are happy to offer additional sessions," said Cindy Pierard, director of access services & undergraduate engagement at University Libraries.

The website is the latest installment of assets aimed at supporting a growing interest on campus: publication and use of Open Access content. Open Access refers to resources that are free of charge and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.

As applied to teaching and learning, Open Access content is commonly referred to as Open Educational Resources or OER for short. Open Educational Resources have a potential to eliminate the cost of textbooks for some courses, lower the total cost of textbooks over the course of a degree, and ensure that students have access to class materials on day one of the class.

"In addition to being a



great resource for individuals trying to understand copyright protections, the new copyright resource site is a foundational part of a larger initiative to provide better support for Open Access at UNM," said Elisha Allen, director of academic technologies & innovation at UNM Core IT Services.

The website is a one-stop-shop for UNM students, faculty and staff to learn about copyright, fair-use and open access.


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Central New Mexico Community College Libraries Expand Technology and Electronic Resources Collections

Submitted by Mary Bates-Ulibarri, CNM Libraries

Tech-to-Go offers college students the ability to check out a laptop, iPad, calculator or other technological device for short-term use, and is piloting a self-checkout Kiosk at its Jeannette Stromberg Main Campus Library location with the intention of making laptops more easily available. This initiative supports students who may not own a laptop with a device they can use in class, for group or independent study, or for use of CNM's expanding online offerings. Future plans include installing additional Laptop Kiosks in multiple campus locations.



We have also recently added the database Nexis Uni® and an institutional subscription to the New York Times to increase the college community's timely access to news, business and legal information online. Nexis Uni® from LexisNexis features more than 15,000 news, business, financial, government and legal sources—from articles published today to U.S. Supreme Court decisions dating back to 1790. This initiative supports our efforts to educate students about 'fake news' and other kinds of misinformation, and enables students to locate reliable information and diverse viewpoints by providing free access to authoritative sources as an alternative to social media.

Montoya Campus Library's popular Story Time program for preschoolers, coordinated by Library Specialist Allyson James-Vigil, is now partnering with the English as a Second Language program taught by CNM instructor Laura Jijon to enrich the student's learning experience while giving the preschool children an introduction to other cultures. In the Fall semester of 2018, the ESL students, of multiple nationalities, worked together to write and illustrate a multilingual storybook, and then performed it, in English, for the children. A copy of the book is available in the Library. The ESL students also collaborated to produce an international feast consisting of foods from each of the ESL student's home countries to share with the children, their teachers and parents. This holiday season the ESL students will work together to produce a puppet show and international feast. The public is invited.



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NMSU Library News

Submitted by: Dr. Elizabeth Titus, Director of NMSU Library

Ex Libris acquires RapidILL

We are excited to announce that Ex Libris (a ProQuest company) has acquired RapidILL as part of its strategy to broaden its offering of library services, now focusing on resource sharing EX Libris and the RapidILL team will work together to support, grow, and enhance the RapidILL service, while also collaborating on new solutions for resource sharing and interlibrary lending.

NMSU Library hosting a special screening of Change the Subject

The New Mexico State University Library will host a special screening of Change the Subject, a 55-minute documentary film that examines how the Library of Congress subject heading "illegal alien" became a flashpoint in the immigration debate on Capitol Hill. The screening will take place on Tuesday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the CMI Digital Media Theater in Milton Hall Room 171. The event is free and open to the public. A short discussion on immigration, campus activism, and library terminology will take place at the conclusion of the film.

Change the Subject tells the story of a group of students at Dartmouth College, who from their first days at the school, were committed to advancing and promoting the rights and dignity of undocumented peoples. In partnership with staff at Dartmouth College, these students - now alumni - produced a film to capture their singular effort at confronting an instance of anti-immigrant sentiment in their library catalog. Their advocacy took them all the way from their campus library to the halls of Congress, showing how an instance of campus activism entered the national spotlight, and how a cataloging term became a flashpoint in the immigration debate on Capitol Hill. To view the film trailer, visit <https://vimeo.com/294448570>.

This program is sponsored by the New Mexico State University Library, the Creative Media Institute for



Film and Digital Arts, and the Department of Anthropology. For information regarding parking at NMSU, visit <https://park.nmsu.edu/visitor>.

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Local Author News

October saw the one year "book-aversary" of *Storytime and Beyond - Having Fun with Early Literacy* by Kathy Barco (retired literacy coordinator at Albuquerque Public Library) and Melanie Borski-Howard (librarian at Boulder Public Library), published in 2018 by Libraries Unlimited/ABC-CLIO. It's been a fun year. *School Library Journal* gave the book a super review in their April issue. In June, Kathy appeared in the publisher's booth at ALA Annual in Washington D.C. to demonstrate her balloon letters literacy activity. The book was selected as the textbook for "Storytimes and Early Literacy," an online course being offered by the University of Southern Mississippi School of Library and Information Science starting in January 2020. Most recently, the book was the winner in the Best Activity Book category New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards, and was a finalist in Best Cover Design (larger than 6" x 9").



Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Denise Staab, was selected as Community Services Employee of the Quarter for the Village of Ruidoso.



Free College Entrance Test Prep Materials

The New Mexico State Library and Albuquerque Bernalillo County (ABC) Public Libraries provide free access to online platforms offering state and local residents self-paced learning materials, test-preparation and graded practice tests for high school equivalency tests, college entrance and placement exams.

[BrainFuse Help Now](#) is made available through [NM State Libraries via El Portal](#)

[Learning Express](#) is made available through [Albuquerque Bernalillo County Libraries](#)

Voters Pass Albuquerque Library Bonds by Large

By Joe Sabatini, NMLA Legislative Committee

On November 5, 2019, City of Albuquerque voters once again passed a library bond issue, providing \$8.765 million for The Public Library Albuquerque and Bernalillo County for books, media and buildings. The bond passed by a vote of 59,794 yes to 23,154 nos, a 71.6% margin. This margin is almost as high as the 2017 City of Albuquerque library bond margin of 71.7% and slightly below the 72.4% margin for the 2018 County library bond. \$5.5 million from the bond will go towards construction of the International District Library at Central Avenue and San Pablo Street NE, between Louisiana and Wyoming Boulevards.

Voters in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County have now passed sixty-three consecutive library funding questions dating back to 1892, with an average margin of 69.0% favorable, and totaling \$149.2 million in funding. The library bond question received the fifth highest level of voter support among the eleven bond issues proposed to city voters in 2019.



Tribal Librarians Work on Funding and Construction Priorities

by Joe Sabatini, NMLA Legislative Committee

Over the years, New Mexico's tribal librarians have identified their greatest need as new, expanded and renovated buildings for almost all tribal public libraries. In the 2019 Legislature, Rep. Darrick Lente introduced House Bill 670, which would have appropriated \$36,043,122 for 41 construction and internet projects. Rep. Lente's proposal was developed by Regis Pecos of the Santa Fe Indian School Leadership Institute. The Institute sponsored a the Pueblo Education Convocation held at the Santa Ana Star Hotel and Casino on July 22-24. Over 100 educators, government officials and community activists worked to develop resources and programs to improve academic and life outcomes as part of the Yazzie/Martinez court decision on New Mexico public education. Among the eight groups making recommendations to implement the decision was one focused on Tribal Libraries and Internet Access. Janice Kowemy, Maureen Wacondo, Teresa Naranjo, Joe Sabatini, Kimball Sekaquaptewa and Geraldine Jojola were among the participants who developed a set of recommendations on tribal library buildings, staffing, equipment, utilities and information technology.

At the August 23rd meeting of the Native American Libraries Special Interest Group, over thirty participants discussed ways to gain support from tribes and legislators for the critical needs identified at the Convocation. State Library Tribal Libraries Coordinator Faye Hadley and tribal librarians Janice Kowemy, Teresa Naranjo and Maureen Wacondo presented these needs to the Legislative Interim Indian Affairs Committee on September 11th in at Navajo Prep School in Farmington. Committee members were appreciative of the efforts of tribal librarians in all aspects of community affairs, and were supportive of the librarians working with their tribal governments to plan and build new or renovated libraries.



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Cowboy Christmas: December 12, 2019, at Roosevelt County Museum

NMLA Library Legislative Day: January 31, 2020

George Orwell and Food, Lecture: Feb. 20, 2020, 5:30 p.m. | Frank Waters Room, Zimmerman Library: