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Message from the President

Welcome January times to you. Library work in the new year- NMLA is on the move with emphases at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe!



On **Friday January 31 we have our Library Legislative Day**. At 8:30 our Legislative Committee sponsors a "How to talk with your Legislator" training time in Room 326 in the Capitol. After this, there will be interaction with other library leaders, and a time where we hope you might gather later in the morning in the seating area for visitors in both the House and Senate chambers. Different Library leaders will be introduced, and it is wonderful to have librarians present. Then, on the afternoon of **January 31, starting at 1:15pm, the NMLA Board will meet at the State Library**.

In all of our activities, as Librarians, we remember that it is people who are the key to the support of libraries. Patrons, businesses, schools, government, and organizations are dependent upon the education and literacy abilities of our communities. Libraries are the place for engagement with information, and engagement for change and growth. As Libraries provide free access to materials, the community is enriched and the public good is promoted. Libraries are the place where the community story is encouraged and individual stories are strengthened.

Librarians are key in promoting and making visible the stories of individuals. How we make space to make these stories visible; how we promote community development through our public programming to tell people's stories is a critical tool to support personal and community transformation. As Librarians we are ones who create a community platform of interest by our Library programs, who through providing access and service to common interests and the development of lifelong learning create a voice for citizens to speak and understand.

Libraries are the place where the community can move beyond boundaries, where people can become advocates for inquiry and create a deeper understanding of information, engage with software, websites, and social media sites to change perceptions of the Library. The library provides an excellent place for engagement: readers advisories, book groups for fiction and non-fiction, workshops for Internet tools and services, and literacy programs. Making these activities more visible and inclusive create platforms for better citizenship - and they do transform our life together in New Mexico.

Thank you for your work to create pathways for engagement with your community. Keep at these efforts! It is all because of you –Librarians and Libraries- that the safety and freedom to read, to learn, to think and to act is assisted and maintained.

David E Cox
President, NMLA

2020 New Mexico Library Legislative Day

By Joe Sabatini, NMLA Legislative Committee Co-Chair

The **New Mexico Library Association will hold its annual Library Legislative Day on Friday, January 31, 2020**, to show support for library funding and a 2020 library bond issue. Library supporters will be in the House and Senate galleries when the sessions begin, and delegations of librarians will be introduced. Supporters will visit with their individual legislators to advocate the importance of continued funding of library programs. NMLA will have a table near the sculpture of former Governor David Cargo at the west end of the rotunda (near the coffee shop). It is recommended that supporters arrive before 8:30 am, as there are opportunities to connect with your local legislators in their offices or at morning committee meetings. Once again, NMLA will be presenting a one-hour orientation session on pending legislation at 8:30 am in Room 326, on the east side of the Capitol building.

All supporters are asked to note the starting times of the House and Senate sessions, and to be in the galleries for the opening ceremonies. This is when our delegations will be introduced by Senator Bill Soules and by Representative Deborah Armstrong. Attendees can park at the public parking garage west of the State Capitol, which is accessible from Paseo de Peralta on Manhattan Street or Galisteo Road.

The NMLA Legislation Committee is giving its highest priority to the placement of a General Obligation Bond Issue for libraries on the November 2020 statewide election ballot.

NMLA's 2020 Libraries GO Bond request includes the following:

\$5.5 million for academic libraries

To be distributed on a formula basis by the Higher Education Department to all academic libraries in the state. This amount will allow academic libraries statewide to purchase supplemental library resources, including books, equipment and resources for academic libraries statewide, as well as investing in consortia database purchases.

\$5.5 million for publicly funded school libraries

To be distributed both with a minimum per school amount and a per student allocation by the Public Education Department. This amount will allow the purchase of resources including library books and library materials resources for public school libraries statewide.

\$5.5 million for New Mexico public libraries

To be distributed on both a minimum per library amount and a per capita basis to New Mexico public libraries by the New Mexico State Library. This amount will fund the purchase of books, electronic resources, and equipment for non-tribal public libraries statewide.

\$1 million for Tribal libraries

To be distributed on both a minimum per library amount and a per capita basis by the New Mexico State Library for supplemental library resource acquisitions, including books, equipment, planning, building and resources for tribal libraries statewide.

This 2014 Bond proposal is supported by the New Mexico Library Association, the New Mexico Municipal League, the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries, and the Advocacy for School Libraries Special Interest Group.

In addition, the Legislation Committee will be working on several substantial library funding items.

An increase in the amount allocated annually to state grants-in-aid

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to public and tribal libraries. The 2019 allocation was \$990,000. The administration budget and the legislative budget proposals call for an additional \$250,000. New Mexico currently allocates \$0.47 per capita; the national average state grants-in-aid program is funded at \$3.00 per capita.

One-time funding for the Rural Library Endowment funding of \$50 million. The legislative budget proposes a \$5 million allocation.

Reinstatement of the annual appropriation of \$3 million to the School Library Materials Fund.

Providing a one-time \$10 million appropriation for academic libraries.

Continued support for library broadband capacity improvements.

Tribal library funding for construction, internet access and staffing in response to the needs identified in the Yazzie/Martinez court decision.

NMSU Librarian Accepted to National Leadership Program

Submitted by Ellen Bosman, Professor and Head of Technical Services, NMSU, ebosman@nmsu.edu



Assistant Professor and Metadata Librarian Monika Glowacka-Musial has been selected for the American Library Association's Emerging Leaders Program. This prestigious program selects 50 or fewer applicants per year from a national pool. The program enables newer library workers from across the country to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into the Association's structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity. Glowacka-Musial holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Polish language and literature from Warsaw University, a master's degree in library science from the University of Arizona, and a Ph.D. in anthropology from Temple University. She is the first NMSU librarian to be selected for the program since the program's inception in 2008. For more information visit <http://www.ala.org/educationcareers/leadership/emergingleaders>

NMLA Website Update

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

You may have noticed that the NMLA website is transitioning to a new platform. We hope that the new platform will be more user friendly while still providing useful information. The membership pages, committee and SIG pages, and directories have moved to the new platform. Over the next year the rest of the pages will be moved to the new platform as well. Please be patient as we move information to the new platform and feel free to send any questions to newsletter@nmla.org.

MFK Exhibit at Farmington Public Library

Submitted by Flo Trujillo, Farmington Public Library, fttrujill@infoway.org

MFK Exhibit opens on Thursday, February 21, 2020!

Farmington Public Library will host a traveling exhibition designed to teach kids and their families about money, thanks to a competitive national grant from the American Library Association (ALA) and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

Thinking Money for Kids is a new multimedia experience for children ages 7 to 11, as well as their parents, caregivers and educators. The interactive exhibit uses games, activities, and a fun storyline to help children understand what money is, its function in society, money choices, and money values, such as fairness, responsibility and charitableness.

The exhibit will be on display at Farmington Public Library along with a series of related special events, from February 21 to March 19, 2020, Monday through Thursday from 10am to 7pm, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm, and Sunday from 1pm to 4pm.

School groups and organizations can visit the library's event online calendar at www.infoway.org to schedule a visit and presentation. The library would like to host your school from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, please visit the library events calendar to reserve a space.

Guys Read will share "Finance 101 for Kids" and explore money management skills at the Thinking Money for Kids exhibit. Author/illustrator Joe Wos will design Thinking Money for Kids money maze where participants in the maze can escape by making decisions for a safe economic future. Adults will provide a workshop and database presentation during the evening exhibits. Participants can get creative with the Art Shop purchasing art supplies, using play money, to make and/or take art from the make-believe store.

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Money is such an important topic, and it's one that we often forget to discuss with our kids," said Library Director, Karen McPheeters. "We encourage people of all ages to come explore Thinking Money for Kids, and we're excited to be partnering with our local elementary schools to host field trips, as well."

Farmington is one of 50 sites selected to host *Thinking Money for Kids* on its two-year tour of the United States. [Nearly 130 public libraries across the country applied for the opportunity, according to ALA.](#) FINRA Robert Ganem, Melanie Welch from ALA, and Rebecca Joy Norlander, PhD Evaluation team from Knology.

Author, Illustrator, Joe Vos has been a professional cartoonist since the age of 14. His career path over the past 30 years has taken as many twists and turns as one of his mazes, as he finds new and innovative ways to pursue his passion for the cartoon arts. **MazeToons**, a unique hybrid illustration that is part cartoon and part puzzle — Joe has fulfilled a lifelong dream to appear in the funny pages.



Library Adventures and Walk-in for "A-maze-ing"
Thursday, February 27 – Library Rotunda
9:30am to 11:30am & 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Walk in during the scheduled hours and watch Joe draw and design "A-maze-ing" Thinking Money for Kids money maze. Joe creates a maze in front of your eyes. After the maze is finished see if you escape by making decisions to finish the maze for a safe economic future. The TMFK maze will be on display in the TMFK exhibit beginning Friday.

Cartooning "Maze Toons" Workshop
Saturday, 10am—11:30am and 2pm—3:30pm

All ages are welcome to participate and learn some cartooning techniques with Joe Vos. No registration is required, and supplies are provided for the hour and a half presentations.



NMLA Strategic Planning Committee

Submitted by John Sandstrom, jsand713@nmsu.edu

Strategic planning is critical for giving our organization direction and setting our goals for the next three to five years. First as Vice President, then as President, and now as Past President I have been trying to put together a group to build a strategic plan for NMLA. Right now there are three members on the Strategic Planning Group, Lynette Schurdevin, Joe Sabatini, and myself. I believe we need a larger, more representative group than this to develop a plan for our future as an organization. If you have volunteered before, please remind me, I had an issue when the campus migrated our email server. If you are interested and haven't volunteered yet and are interested, or even if you just have questions, please contact me at jsand713@nmsu.edu. I hope to hear from many of you soon.

NMLA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Intellectual Freedom Committee is seeking new members! Inquiries can be sent to Deirdre Caparosa at dcaparoso@rrnm.gov

ACRL-NM/NMLA Academic Libraries SIG

Submitted by Alyssa Russo, ACRL-NM President

The NMLA Academic Libraries SIG/ACRL-NM Chapter is working on re-establishing activities and communication in this group, and we are happy to announce our goals for 2020: <https://acrlnewmexico.wordpress.com/2020/01/14/2020-goals/>. Learn more about us through our blog, including how to become a member.

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Local Author News

Submitted by Nicolás Cabrera

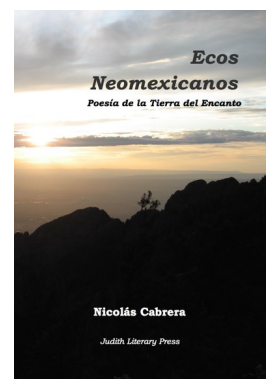
Ecos Neomexicanos: Poesía de la Tierra del Encanto, a bilingual poetry collection written by Albuquerque author Nicolás Cabrera, recently won the 2019 New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards in the Spanish language category. Cabrera, a member of the New Mexico and New York library associations and the American Library Association, graduated in 2019 from St. John's University in New York with a Master of Science in Library and Information Science.

"My poetry was inspired by the unique experience of growing up in the Land of Enchantment," said Cabrera. "I used my bilingual skills to tell stories in two languages, such as my grandfather who worked as a bracero or the excitement of making bizcochitos for Christmas."

His poems capture the significance of family, autumn in the bosque, the beauty of the high desert the Diné call home, springtime in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, and more. Each poem in *Ecos Neomexicanos* has full English and Spanish versions for readers to enjoy in both languages.

"The poems address food, home, love, and spirituality in plain language... (Cabrera) writes at length about New Mexico Christmas traditions, including the symbolic lights of luminarias and farolitos, which guide the way for wanderers on Dec. 24." – Santa Fe New Mexican Pasatiempo

Cabrera writes in Spanish to keep the language and culture of his family and community alive. He grew up in a bilingual household in the historic Los Griegos neighborhood in Albuquerque where Spanish has been spoken for centuries. His work has been published in Mexico and the United States. He previously wrote for the Frontera Norte Sur news service at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces where he studied Spanish literature. He also holds degrees from the University of New Mexico and University of Salamanca in Spain.



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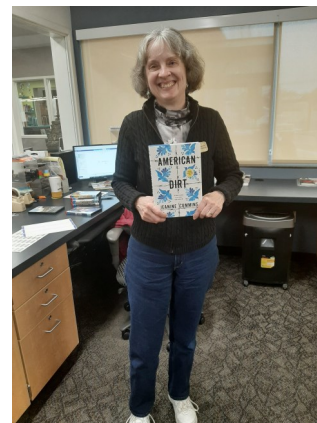
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Kudos Corner

Jennifer Coleman

Submitted by Angela Watkins, Aztec Public Library

Jennifer Coleman has worked for the City of Aztec at the Aztec Public Library for 24 years. Jennifer is our Tech Service extraordinaire. She is an avid reader and her favorite book is "The Testaments" by Margaret Atwood. Her next book to read is "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins. It is our book of the month for our book club, as we are participating with Oprah's Book Club (@oprah'sbookclub) #ReadWithUs)



Dr. Elizabeth Titus

Submitted by John Sandstrom, NMSU Library

Kudos to Dr. Elizabeth Titus on the occasion of her move to the Provost's Office at NMSU. Her 20 years as Dean of the Library saw huge changes including two migrations, increased endowments, and more engagement with students and faculty. Thank you for your service to the NMSU Library.



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