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**2020 NMLA Conference is on the Horizon**



The 2020 NMLA Conference is on the horizon. This will be NMLA's first-ever completely virtual conference! It is both exciting and nerve-wracking to look forward to as this is completely uncharted territory in this state.

The program is shaping up nicely and will have keynote speakers and presenters that are local and from across the country. This will definitely be a conference that isn't to be missed. Our Thursday keynote speaker is Dr. Harrison Hagan "Jack" Schmitt, the Apollo 17 Moonwalker and second to last man to walk on the Moon. Dr. Schmitt is a New Mexico native and an author with lots of enlightening and inspiring visions for the future.



Scheduled for the Friday author "luncheon" is J.C. Cervantes. Jen currently lives in Las Cruces, NM and is a New York Times best-selling author. Her newest books are **The Storm Runner** trilogy listed in the acclaimed "Rick Riordan Presents" series. The final book of this series hits shelves September 1, 2020. She has earned multiple awards, including the New Mexico Book Award and the Zia Book Award.

Many new and exciting things are happening as a result of this conference change. One being that the vendors will have breakout rooms that you can schedule special meeting times linked through the virtual program. There will also be no pre-conference sessions, just sessions scheduled on the Thursday and Friday of October 22-23. All conference goers to be able to access the breakout sessions, speakers and vendor rooms during the scheduled days. There are plans in the works for all conference registrants to get a recorded copy of the entire conference, all sessions and speakers, minus the vendor rooms.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Melanie Templet at [vicepresident@nmla.org](mailto:vicepresident@nmla.org).

## NMLA President's Message

David Cox, NMLA President, [president@nmla.org](mailto:president@nmla.org)

My fellow librarians: the comments expressed within this note are an attempt to call us forward to help ensure and protect the public good of our communities. My comments both echo and resemble those being made through our nation by other Library Associations, and also by professional librarians attempting to be a presence for the health of the communities they serve. The tragic events over the past several weeks, during an already exhausting pandemic, inflame anger, sadness, and fear across our weary nation. Nobel Prize-winning scientist Marie Curie declared, "Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less."

I speak in condemnation regarding the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor at the hands of police officers, and Ahmaud Arbery and James Scurlock at the hands of self-appointed white vigilantes. I also wish to remember those whose deaths have not been adequately covered in the press, or have become suppressed news in some communities. These events may be well beyond the scope of librarians to solve, but we address them nonetheless due to our unique position of being specialists in communication and information for our communities and patrons.

At times as professional librarians we are overwhelmed by our responsibilities, even frightened by the unrest in our communities across New Mexico and the United States. But we are not helpless: in our sphere of influence—librarianship—we believe and support free and peaceful expression, as is guaranteed in the Bill of Rights which informs and becomes a part of the US Constitution. Countless Americans of all ethnicities and backgrounds have given their time, talents, and lives over our shared history in pursuit of the goal of E Pluribus Unum, "From Many, One."

In seeking the hope of a "more perfect Union," we strive for creating an environment of respect and compassion for our patrons, regardless of race, economic status, creed, orientation, or education level. As professional librarians, we value the importance of acknowledging and examining our past, prompting public and private discourse, and supporting a literate, safe, civil, thoughtful society. We need not fear information. We represent the thoughts and memory of humanity in all its diversity. We uphold and support lifelong learning, and contribute to the common good. Facts, no matter how inconvenient or uncomfortable, can lead us to truth, and in facing truths, we can develop as individuals and communities. As Librarians, we support the [Librarians Bill of Rights](#) as the core of our professional.

As a professional association, we are in a position to make statements. In librarianship, we provide education and resources to others; yet in order to effect real change, we need to continually educate ourselves as professionals going forward: Becoming effective allies, examining white privilege, and learning how to be actively anti-racist in our work and community. I propose that our NMLA Executive Board draft a plan of action for the September 2020 Board Meeting which may include: future financial support; a moderated discussion series to occur as a group of librarians online, continuing to feature speakers and content on these topics; becoming curators of the many resources available; and other ideas. As an association, as leaders within the library community, as human beings, I ask that we continue to be committed to further concrete action in the fight against racism. Often, when confronted with times like the ones we face, we ask, "What can I do?" Here are five things librarians can do right now:

- 1) Recommit to promoting the importance of the Census in your community, particularly among hard to count populations. This is an equalizer for all people within your area.
- 2) Make plans to encourage voter registration via your programming, in advance of the fall 2020 elections. Voting is a privilege for our citizenry, and we support this through our actions to support the public good.
- 3) Identify and reach out to one (or one new) antiracist organization in your community to offer partnership and support. Seek these allies for the public good.

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4) Promote the titles and resources in your collection that address inclusion, equity, and antiracism via book lists or book talks. Be in conversation with the NM State Library and other groups who provide this material. Here are four suggestions for resources:

[Antiracism: A Starter Booklist](#)

[Disrupting Whiteness in Libraries and Librarianship: A Reading List \(2019\)](#)

[Scene on Radio "Seeing White" podcast \(2017\)](#)

[Black Lives Matter Meditations](#)

5) Promote these various items – and others!-by posting public reviews in your library as well as on your Library's Social Media pages and website.

Together in the New Mexico Library Association we exist as Tribal, School, Public, Academic, and Special Libraries, and as Librarians with a combined purpose- to contribute to the public good, empower patrons with information and literacy, and to be safe community centers providing information and insight. Because of you-Professional Librarians, Library Staff and Libraries-we meet the important need of supporting and informing our patrons in a public setting. In that spirit, and with that hope, I sign this statement of intent, hoping for our leadership in New Mexico Libraries to effect intentional, positive, and long reaching change

## Unique Groundbreaking Held for Albuquerque's International District Library

*By Joe Sabatini*

Over an eight day period The Public Library Albuquerque and Bernalillo County celebrated the start of construction of a large new branch library on the site of the former Caravan East nightclub on Central Avenue between Louisiana and Wyoming Boulevards. On May 13 and 14, fifty individuals and families using shovels brought from home were videotaped breaking ground in front of a symbolic door. On May 21st, Mayor Tim Keller, other officials and community leaders, using social distancing and masks because of the pandemic, held a press conference and made speeches noting the importance of the project to the City's International District. Planned to open in Fall 2021, the library will include computer labs, community rooms for neighborhood meetings and after-school programs, a story plaza, outdoor gardens and more.

The City posted three videos on YouTube to share the ceremony and speeches. Here are the video links:

Mayor Keller, Community Leaders Break Ground on International District Library—This has speeches by Mayor Tim Keller, Cultural Services Director Shelle Sanchez, elected officials and community leaders, as well as architectural drawings of the new library space: <https://youtu.be/kpJA4iX3yZI> (35 Minutes)

International District Library Groundbreaking - Statements by Mayor Keller, Dr Shelle Sanchez, Dean Smith, and others: <https://youtu.be/jM7FwJOTAYg> (4 minutes)

International District Groundbreaking Slide Show - Shows fifty individuals with their shovels: <https://youtu.be/RcfXrju9b6w> (2 minutes)



## Rio Rancho Public Libraries Grab & Go Book Bag Service

Submitted by Deirdre Caparoso, Youth Services Manager, Rio Rancho Public Libraries, [dcaparoso@rrnm.gov](mailto:dcaparoso@rrnm.gov)

On June 22, 2020, Rio Rancho Public Libraries introduced a book bag concierge service for local youth. This service has quickly become popular as it fills a specific current need.

Presently, the library's collection is not available for browsing and when it is, access is expected to be metered for a while. The community's young people are very fond of in-person browsing and checking out books in quantity. Youth librarians encourage this practice as it means a child or teen is more likely to end up with at least a few titles they will truly enjoy. The needs of adult active readers is currently met by the library's hold pickup service. However, youth and their adults are less likely to place holds in the quantities that meet their needs.



How does this work? A young person and/or their adult fills out an online form specific to their age group (0-6, 6-12, or 12-19 years). If they cannot access the website, they can call the library and staff will fill out the form for them. In addition to basic questions (name, library card number, age, etc.), they are asked about preferred formats, genres, comfort with school assigned reading, and previously enjoyed titles and series. A librarian uses this information to create a curated collection of approximately six items that is placed on hold and deposited in a take home tote bag. Then, the customer is contacted and a pickup time is scheduled.

Grab & Go Book Bags have quickly become an essential Rio Rancho Public Libraries community service. As of the afternoon of July 10, 2020, just under three weeks since the program's introduction,

178 requests have been filled and 1135 items distributed to Rio Rancho youth via Grab & Go. Information and online forms can be found at <https://rrnm.gov/4536/Grab-Go-Book-Bags>.



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## Richard W. Clement Announces Retirement from UNM

After six years at The University of New Mexico, Richard W. Clement has announced his retirement and will step down as the dean of the College of the University Libraries and Learning Sciences (ULLS) on June 30. During his time, Dean Clement has overseen the growth of the college in a variety of ways such as the integration of University of New Mexico Press into ULLS, continued development and growth in the Organization, Information & Learning Sciences (OILS) program, the development of the South Campus Repository (SCR), and significant fundraising for ULLS.

Dean Clement began his career at UNM in 2014 and has had a direct impact in the growth and expansion of ULLS. A significant and singular development that has occurred during his time is the incorporation of UNM Press into the college. "Dean Rick Clement provided crucial leadership to the UNM Libraries during a time of important transition in the role of physical and virtual media within university life," said Richard L. Wood, 2018-2019 interim provost. "He collaborated with Nicole Dopson and Melissa Vargas of the Office of the Provost to move the UNM Press into a thriving future as part of University Libraries, where it will continue to contribute to life, the arts, and intellectual work in New Mexico, the Southwest borderlands, and Latin America for decades to come." Since its integration in 2018, the UNM Press has achieved fiscal stability and celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Within the college, the UNM Press is poised to flourish for another 90 years.

In addition to the UNM Press, Dean Clement has championed the OILS program as it enlarged its curricular offerings and moved to online delivery. OILS has become an exemplar for UNM in online education. Further, he spearheaded the development of the South Campus Repository, a facility to preserve the collections of the University Libraries. "The libraries have needed and worked toward this facility for over twenty years. The facility will not only preserve our collections, it will open spaces in the Libraries for enhanced student learning and success," said Fran Wilkinson, senior associate dean. Wilkinson will step in as interim dean of ULLS during the provost's search for a new dean. "I wish Rick all the best in his

transition from dean to enjoying many happy adventures in retirement."

Dean Clement has been dedicated to seeing the UNM community grow by overseeing significant fundraising for ULLS with more than \$13.5 million raised within the last six years and by personally donating \$35,000 to UNM. Clement noted that he believes his greatest contribution to UNM has been in the hiring of excellent staff and faculty that have contributed to the success of ULLS and will continue to do so long after his departure.

Dean Clement is completing a career of 35 years in libraries, 20 of which have been in administration. Prior to UNM, Clement served as dean at Utah State University from 2008-2014. Prior to that he was at the University of Kansas for 22 years, eight as department head in Special Collections. He and his wife, Susanne, will return to Lawrence, Kansas, to enjoy retirement amid family and grandchildren.

The faculty and staff of the College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences would like to thank Dean Clement for his work these past six years and wish him all the best in his retirement.



## Nominations for the NMLA Board

Submitted by John Sandstrom, NMLA Nominations & Elections Committee Chair, [jsand713@nmsu.edu](mailto:jsand713@nmsu.edu)

Come and be part of our Leadership! NMLA is looking for candidates for the positions of:

Vice-President/President Elect  
Secretary  
Two At-Large Board Members

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact John Sandstrom, Chair, Nominating Committee for more information.

If you know someone you think would do a great job in one of these positions, talk to them. You can always nominate them yourself.

Thank you all for your support of our organization.

## NMLA Education Committee Accepting Applications

By Glenn Koelling, NMLA Education Chair

The NMLA Education Committee is now accepting [applications for continuing education grants](#). Grants are considered on a rolling basis and are a max of \$200, so please consider applying!

These would be great for webinars or to support online trainings (you know, since we're all social distancing. . . ). Questions? Email [education@nmla.org](mailto:education@nmla.org)

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## Nominations are being Accepted for NMLA Awards

**Community Achievement Award** – this award is given to librarians (those certified or with a degree) for outstanding library service or achievement at the local level. Also may be given as NMLA's recognition of an award from another source that has enhanced the library, and to the entire library community; thus to a local, school, or academic librarian who has received a community, regional, or national honor.

**Honorary Life Membership Award** – NMLA's highest award is given to individuals for outstanding contributions to the purposes of NMLA, for constructive accomplishment rather than longevity, not limited to librarians, may be given to anyone for helping NMLA and/or libraries in New Mexico. Criteria: Significant contribution to NMLA and its activities throughout the library career. Scope of activity beyond own work location; achievements and contributions to NMLA growth are known within the library community, as well as being recognized by other persons or entities in New Mexico.

**Legislator of the Year Award** – given to a New Mexico state legislator who has demonstrated leadership in the advancement of libraries throughout the state. Criteria: Notable legislative contribution to library funding, the issues of intellectual freedom, and/or access to library services.

**New Mexico Library Amigo Award** – given to an individual (friend, volunteer, trustee, board member, other citizen, or other non-certified personnel) whose work on behalf of the local library has resulted in significant progress and/or achievement for that library; or in recognition of work in the promotion of library service within the state.

**New Mexico Library Leadership Award** – given to librarians who have rendered outstanding service beyond the local community. Criteria: Notable contribution to the advancement of libraries within the state, known and recognized in more than one community. Contributions of a nature that bring recognition and/or enhance the image of libraries in general within New Mexico. Activities and efforts that have helped other librarians to improve their service capabilities.

These awards will be presented at the virtual **2020 NMLA Annual Conference scheduled for October 22 -23**. To nominate someone for an NMLA Award, please complete and email the form indicated below to Monika Glowacka-Musial, Chair of the NMLA Awards Committee, [monikagm@nmsu.edu](mailto:monikagm@nmsu.edu) . The deadline to submit nominations for this year's NMLA Awards is **August 24, 2020**.

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## NAAS offers Scholarships to Native American/Tribal Archivists

The Native American Archives Section (NAAS) is excited to announce that we have five (5) scholarships available for Native American/tribal archivists. These scholarships will cover a one-year membership in the Society of American Archivists (SAA) as well as registration at SAA's fully virtual 2020 Annual Meeting.

Interested applicants should submit a one- to two-paragraph statement to NAAS explaining why joining SAA and attending the Annual Meeting would benefit them and/or their community and support their professional goals. Applicants should email their statements of interest to the NAAS Steering Committee at [NativeArchSAA@gmail.com](mailto:NativeArchSAA@gmail.com) by 5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, July 31. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Legislative Bulletin—June 19, 2020

*Submitted by Joe Sabatini, NMLA Legislation Committee*

The Special Session of the 2020 New Mexico Legislature convened yesterday, called to make reductions to the FY 2021 budget due to reduced revenues from the pandemic and the drop in gas and oil prices. Action on the budget, capital outlay appropriation and other issues in the Governor's call is now proceeding, with the expectation that they will finish sometime on Saturday.

One issue that will impact state agencies, public education and higher education budgets is the proposed cutback in the amount of the salary increases passed during the regular session. The bill which reverts unspent money from previous capital outlay projects deletes three library-specific projects. Senate Bill 5 passed the Senate this afternoon, and is now in the House Appropriations and Finance Committee.

SENATE BILL 5 54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2020  
INTRODUCED BY George K. Munoz and Stuart Ingle  
AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE; VOIDING GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SHORT TERM SEVERANCE TAX BONDS, SHORT-TERM SUPPLEMENTAL SEVERANCE TAX BONDS AND STATE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT BONDS; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN TRANSFERS TO THE GENERAL FUND AND TO THE APPROPRIATION CONTINGENCY FUND FROM OTHER FUNDS; REPEALING LAWS 2020, CHAPTER 64, SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 4; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SECTION 1. REVERSION OF BALANCES FROM LAWS 2019 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS.-- Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this 2020 act, the requirements for reversion contained in Section 6-29-9 NMSA 1978 or in Laws 2019, Chapter 277, Section 1, on the date occurring ninety days after the effective date of this act, the unexpended or unencumbered balances of appropriations made from the general fund in Laws 2019, Chapter 277 to the following agencies for the following described projects shall revert to the general fund and the department of finance and administration shall transfer such unexpended or unencumbered balances to the general fund:

- (1) fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to purchase resources for the library at Milagro middle school in the Santa Fe public school district in Santa Fe county;
- (2) three hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$360,000) to plan, design, construct, furnish and equip an education complex, including a library, for the Pueblo of Santa Ana in Sandoval county; and
- (3) six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to plan, design and construct phase 1 of the Cibola loop community complex, including a library and multigenerational center, in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county;

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### Bonds for Libraries 2020

Bonds for Libraries will be posting information resources on their website:

<https://www.nmbondsforlibraries.org/>



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Deadline to submit applications for NMLA Awards: August 24, 2020

2020 NMLA Annual Conference: offered virtually October 22 – 23, 2020